



**APPROVED** BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

**November 9, 2022**

The Board of Directors for the Merced Irrigation-Urban Groundwater Sustainability Agency (MIUGSA) met on the above date, pursuant to notice, at 9:00 A.M.

**CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME**

At 9:00 A.M., Chair Hicham Eltal welcomed those present and called the meeting to order.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. Eltal led the Board and public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll call showed the following MIUGSA representatives present:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>
Hicham Eltal	Merced Irrigation District (Chair)
Joe Angulo	City of Merced (Vice Chair)
Justin Vinson	City of Atwater
Tony Avina	City of Livingston
Carlos Valencia	Winton Water and Sanitary District (WWSD)
Cynthia Benavidez	Le Grand Community Services District (LGCSD)
Daniel Chavez	Planada Community Services District (PCSD)
Jennifer McMaster	Board Coordinator

Roll call showed the following MIUGSA representatives absent:

None.

**CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

### 1. Cash Transaction Report

On a motion by Director Benavidez, seconded by Director Vinson; the Board voted unanimously to accept the Consent Calendar, as presented. The votes were as follows:

Ayes:	Eltal, Angulo, Vinson, Avina, Valencia, Benavidez, Chavez
Noes:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	None

## **REPORTS**

Mr. Beaman presented the Board with MIUGSA's Quarterly Financial Report. He noted the Report had been drafted by MIUGSA's financial consultant and covers the quarter ending September 2022. Mr. Beaman discussed the process for collecting fees and revenues anticipated in January 2023. He then highlighted expenses for professional services and discussed overall expenditures totaling approximately \$40,000.

Mr. Beaman summarized variances from budgeted versus actual costs to date and discussed a number of miscellaneous and anticipated future expenses. Mr. Beaman discussed the development of a web portal for well registration and noted that he anticipates the platform will be functional toward the end of January 2023. Mr. Beaman also discussed hand bills and noted potential options for handling minimum charges. The Board discussed the report and Mr. Beaman responded to several questions.

A member of the public addressed the Board regarding well registration and asked questions regarding the purpose of registration and process. Mr. Eltal responded to questions generally, but also invited the individual and any other interested party to attend an upcoming workshop where the topic would be discussed at length.

Mr. Beaman provided an update regarding the development, and action from the MID Board of Directors adopting a new Developed Water Supply Policy. Mr. Beaman summarized the policy and also summarized several MID workshops scheduled to inform MID customers about the new policy. He said the first workshop will be held on the upcoming Monday, November 14, 2022 at 9AM.

Mr. Eltal noted MIUGSA's consultant that has been working on the development of GSP implementation policies would also be present at the MID workshops. He discussed the importance of having MIUGSA's consultant present and discussed anticipated costs. Mr. Eltal and Mr. Beaman indicated they both planned on attending each of the workshops to answer any questions that may arise relating to MIUGSA.

## **ACTION/DISCUSSION**

Mr. Beaman provided an update of grant funding made available by DWR under its SGMA Implementation Grant Program – Round 2, which he previously provided the Board at its last meeting. Mr. Beaman and the Board discussed projects proposed to be included in the application for grant funding. He reminded the Board of the differences between Round 1 and Round 2 and

noted the deadline to apply for funding under Round 2. He said Round 2 funding will be highly competitive amongst basins and that DWR can pick and choose projects to fund rather than funding the entire package. He noted a single application requirement for each basin and letters of support needed from the other local GSA's. He noted the Coordination Committee recommended an addition \$200,000 for grant administration at its meeting held yesterday. He discussed an approximate funding request of \$16,835,000. Mr. Eltal encouraged member agencies to bring forward any additional projects that may benefit from funding.

Following further discussion and on a motion by Director Vinson, seconded by Director Valencia; the Board voted unanimously to approve authorizing staff to apply for grant funding under DWR's 2021 SGMA Grant Implementation Program (Round 2); and authorize other actions relating thereto, as presented. The votes were as follows:

Ayes:	Eltal, Angulo, Vinson, Avina, Valencia, Benavidez, Chavez
Noes:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	None

**ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:40AM.