



# Merced Integrated Regional Water Management Authority (MIRWMA)

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## APPROVED BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 9, 2017

### CALL TO ORDER

At 3:32 P.M., City of Merced (Mayor Mike Murphy) called the meeting to order.

### ROLL CALL

Present: City of Atwater (Justin Vinson and Brian Shaw), City of Livingston (Jose Antonio Ramirez) City of Merced (Mayor Mike Murphy), Merced County (Supervisor Daron McDaniel), Merced Irrigation District (Hicham Eltal), and Stevinson Water District (Chuck Lyons).

Absent: None

Acting Clerk: Merced Irrigation District (Annmarie Felsing)

### WRITTEN PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None

### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

### BOARD ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

**Clerk's Note:** Since this was the first meeting, Board agreed to have flexibility in the sequence of the items in the agenda.

### ACTIONS

1. Election of Chair and Vice Chair.

City of Merced (Mayor Mike Murphy) was nominated as Chair and Stevinson Water District (Bob Kelley) was nominated as Vice Chair. The motion was made by City of Livingston (Jose Antonio Ramirez) and was seconded by City of Atwater (Justin Vinson).

**Motion was approved unanimously.**

2. Election of Secretary.

Merced Irrigation District (Scott Koehn) was nominated as Secretary. The motion was made by County of Merced (Supervisor Daron McDaniel) and was seconded by City of Livingston (Jose Antonio Ramirez).

**Motion was approved unanimously.**

3. Elect an agency to be the treasurer.

Merced Irrigation District was nominated as Treasurer. The motion was made by City of Livingston (Jose Antonio Ramirez) and was seconded by County of Merced (Supervisor Daron McDaniel).

**Motion was approved unanimously.**

## **REPORTS**

1. Review of history and accomplishments of the Merced region.

Merced Irrigation District's Hicham Eltal, provided an overview presentation an introduction and the history of Merced's Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM).

2. Review of status of Merced IRWM and required activities to best compete for implementation funds.

RMC's, Alyson Watson gave an overview on IRWM past grant funding, local projects that benefitted from the IRWM grant funds as well as upcoming Proposition 1 grant funding opportunities (\$28M in the San Joaquin Funding Area). Proposition 1 grant funding will be in two phases, Round 1 in early 2018 and Round 2 in 2018/2019.

3. Discuss reimbursement of administrative services.

Merced Irrigation District's Hicham Eltal started the discussion with recommending that any of the agency's hourly staff time spent on IRWMJPA activities such as meeting set-up, minutes, accounting, etc. should be compensated by the JPA.

Assistant Merced City Manager, Stephanie Dietz recommended that a budget be put together from each agency that covers administrative as well as legal fees and should be brought back to the board for discussion/approval

## **ACTIONS**

4. Direction regarding the Regional Advisory Committee (RAC).

**After brief discussion, it was recommended by the Board to keep the existing RAC and replace participants as necessary.**

5. Request approval of letter of support for a grant to be submitted by the San Luis Delta Mendota Authority on behalf the San Joaquin Region to ensure involvement of Disadvantaged Communities (DACs), economically distressed areas (EDAs), and/or underrepresented communities effectively participate in Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) planning efforts.

RMC's, Alyson Watson presented an overview on the San Joaquin River Funding Area (SJRFA) Disadvantaged Community Involvement Program. She stated that there is \$3.1M in funding available with no funding match required and expects six regions to participate. She also explained that an opt-in and specifically defined participation is required.

**After brief discussion, the Board directed for Chair Murphy to sign the letter of support.**

6. Request effectuate the MIRWMA to sponsor and support Black Rascal Creek Flood Control Project efforts under the "Special Activities" term in the approved JPA, and set at time date for a public hearing.

After a brief discussion by the Board, Merced Irrigation District (Hicham Eltal) motioned for the Public Hearing to take place at the next IRWMJPA Meeting on September 20, 2017 at 2 P.M. Merced County (Supervisor Daron McDaniel) seconded the motion.

**Motion was approved unanimously.**

7. Request extending existing agreement with RMC to pursue funding grant to update plan and situate the Merced Region to compete for IRWM implementation funder per Proposition 1 requirements.

**After brief discussion, the Board directed that RMC deliver a proposed budget by the next Board meeting.**

8. Request setting the second Wednesday of every month between 2 and 4 P.M. as a regular JPA meeting.

Merced Irrigation District (Hicham Eltal) motioned that regular JPA meetings to be held on the second Wednesday of each month at 2 P.M, except for the next meeting (due to schedule conflicts), which will be held on September 20, 2017 at 2 P.M. in the City Council Chamber.

The motion was seconded by Stevinson Water District (Chuck Lyons).

**Motion was approved unanimously.**

**BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD**

None

**ADJOURN**

Stevinson Water District (Chuck Lyons) moved to adjourn the meeting. The City of Livingston (Jose Antonio Ramirez) seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 3:25 P.M.