



Merced Integrated Regional Water Management Authority (MIRWMA)

APPROVED BOARD MEETING MINUTES December 13, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

At 2:00 P.M., City of Merced (Mayor Mike Murphy) called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Present: City of Atwater (Councilman James Vineyard), City of Livingston (Jose Ramirez) City of Merced (Mayor Mike Murphy), Merced County (Supervisor Daron McDaniel), Merced Irrigation District (Robert Weimer), and Stevinson Water District (Bob Kelly).

Absent: None

Acting Clerk: Merced Irrigation District (Dominique Zuniga)

WRITTEN PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

BOARD ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

ACTIONS

1. Consider approval of Stevinson Water District request to vacate its seat as a Board Member of the Merced Integrated Regional Water Management Authority, and election of a replacement Vice Chairman.

Merced Irrigation District's Hicham ElTal presented the letter from Stevinson Water District on October 30, 2017 requesting to withdraw from the Agency. MR. Eltal outlined the bylaws and procedure impacting the request. Stevinson Water District's Bob Kelly mentioned that from an economic standpoint it does not make sense to continue its membership with MIRWMA due to the fact that they are a small agency with irrigated land totaling 6,000 acres. A motion was made by City of Livingston (Jose Ramirez) and was seconded by City of Atwater (James Vineyard).

Motion was approved unanimously

2. Replacement of a Vice Chairman

City of Merced Mayor (Mike Murphy) requested for an Agency currently sitting on the Board to fulfill the spot as Vice Chairman. Merced County Supervisor Volunteered to serve as Vice Chairman. A motion was made by City of Merced Mayor (Mike Murphy) and was seconded by City of Livingston (Jose Ramirez).

Motion was approved unanimously

3. Consider introduction of a special allocation and reimbursement process to funding for the development of the IRWMP update.

Merced Irrigation District's Hicham ElTal discussed the importance of implementing a reimbursement process to ensure the agencies of this Board don't take the full burden of updating these costly plans. Staff proposed for entities (not a member of the Board) who benefit from the update to also share the costs proportionally based on their received share of a grant and reimbursing the members of the agency for the cost of the update. The Board is Authorizing staff to amend the special allocation of the reimbursement process to the JPA. A motion was made by City of Livingston (Jose Ramirez) and was seconded by City of Atwater (James Vineyard).

Motion was approved unanimously

4. Consider approval of fiscal budget

Merced Irrigation Districts Hicham ElTal requested the Board approve the fiscal budget with the option of allowing each agency to pay in one lump sum or in installments. A motion was made by City of Livingston (Jose Ramirez) and was seconded by City of Atwater (James Vineyard).

Motion was approved unanimously

5. Consider approval for MIRWMA to apply and acquire an insurance policy through the Association of California Water Agencies Joint Powers Insurance Authority (ACWA JPIA).

Merced Irrigation District's Hicham ElTal notified the Board of the benefit of partnering with ACWA for quality insurance at an affordable price to the Agency. City of Livingston (Jose Ramirez) made a motion to apply for ACWA JPIA membership along with see if there are any other competitors to provide insurance and was seconded by City of Atwater (James Vineyard)

Motion was approved unanimously

REPORTS

1. Woodard and Curran Workshop outlining needed, component and effort required for updating the Merced IRWMP to Prop. 1 standards

Woodard & Curran's Alyson Watson, provided an overview about the importance of an IRWMP update in order to be eligible for grant funding and what it entails. An IRWM plan update is necessary to be eligible for implementation project funding of up to \$28 million in the San Joaquin Area. The plan was completed in 2012 per Proposition 84 requirements, but since then the Department of Water Resources (DWR) has updated the plan standards to meet Proposition 1 requirements, SB985 (Stormwater Plan),

and AB 1249 (address nitrate, arsenic, perchlorate, and hexavalent chromium in groundwater). The cost of updating the plan is \$210,000. Ms. Watson expressed the efficiency of preparing a combined Integrated Regional Water Management Plan along with a Storm Water Management Plan. By doing so, the same stakeholder groups can be used, public outreach forums accessed along with other benefits. The proposed compensation is maximum not-to-exceed.

2. Review status of the candidates for the Merced Integrated Regional Water Management Advisory Committee

Merced Irrigation District's Hicham ElTal, explained the importance of developing a Regional Advisory Committee that provides information to the management group who will then appoint a liaison to express their interests. A driving factor is to get a list of names approved which can then be split into Primaries & Alternates.

BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD

None

ADJOURN

City of Livingston (Jose Ramirez) moved to adjourn the meeting. The City of Atwater (James Vineyard) seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 3:00 P.M.