



Merced Integrated Regional Water Management Authority (MIRWMA)

APPROVED BOARD MEETING MINUTES June 25, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

At 2:08 P.M., Merced Irrigation District (Scott Kohen) called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Present: Merced Irrigation District (Scott Kohen), Merced County (Daron McDaniel), City of Atwater (Paul Creighton)

Absent: City of Merced, City of Livingston

Acting Clerk: Merced Irrigation District (Jennifer McMaster)

WRITTEN PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

BOARD ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

1. Acceptance of draft minutes by consensus: March 13, 2019 Board Minutes

Motion tabled to next meeting of the Board.

ACTIONS

1. **Review and approve the FY 2019-2020 Budget**

Lacey Kiriakou (Merced County) presented and discussed the proposed FY 2019-2020 Budget. Ms. Kiriakou indicates that the budget is similar to FY 2018-2019, with a decrease to the overall budget due to the removal of Secretary under Support Services. Ms. Kiriakou noted that the proposed FY 2019-2020 budget is \$61,329 with a majority of the budget being used to fund special projects.

Ms. Kiriakou indicated that the budget has been updated to remove Secretary from Support Services, as such duties and services are currently being provided for under the Board Coordinator. The annual expense for the Board Coordinator was left similar to the prior years budget. Ms. Kiriakou

indicates that Legal Counsel was added as a placeholder for outside services. Special projects include grant proposal development for IRWM Round 1. Ms. Kiriakou noted that both the Intergrated Regional Management Plan update and the Storm Water Resources Management Plan development were completed in FY 2018-2019 and are not included in the current budget. Once the FY 2019-2020 budget is adopted, each member agency shall approve contributions. Ms. Kiriakou noted that MID as the Fiscal Manager for MIRWMA, will invoice each of the member agencies for the actual costs similar to last year.

Ms. Kiriakou requested the Board approve the FY 2019-2020 Budget, as presented. Merced County Board Representative, Daron McDaniel solicited public questions and comments, none were provided.

On Motion by Paul Creighton (City of Atwater) and seconded by Scott Kohen (Merced Irrigation District), the FY 2019-2020 proposed Budget was approved unanimously.

REPORTS

Ms. Kiriakou provided an update on the ongoing grant applications of the Merced Integrated Regional Water Management Authority. Ms. Kiriakou indicates that Member agencies in the Merced Region have been working with the IRWM in the San Joaquin funding area on the Proposition 1 IRWM Implementation Grant Program. Ms. Kiriakou reported that the proposed solicitation package (PSP) and the final PSP was released earlier this year and included a timeline for submittal of grant applications for funding projects.

Ms. Kiriakou reported the Merced Region has approximately \$3 million available for projects, and the funding will be split between Round 1 (2019) and 2 (2020). Preapplication materials for Round 1 must be submitted to the Department of Water Resources (DWR) by August 9, 2019. Ms. Kiriakou reported that each project sponsor in the Merced Region is working on their own pre-application materials to be submitted as part of the funding area.

Ms. Kiriakou noted that DWR will be holding a pre-application workshop on August 28, 2019, which will allow each region the opportunity to present their projects and solicit feedback. Ms. Kiriakou reported that the San Joaquin River funding area is expected to present at the upcoming workshop and all of the Merced Integrated Regional Water Management Authority Round 1 projects will have the opportunity to be presented as well. Ms. Kiriakou revisited the MIRWMA Board approved projects for inclusion in both Round 1 and Round 2 of the implementation, and discussed anticipated timelines.

Ms. Kiriakou discussed additional grants available: Prop 1 Storm Water Grant program; Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant (FMA); and, FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant (PDM). Merced County, Daron McDaniel inquired whether the grants would work in conjunction with current Merced projects, Ms. Kiriakou responded that more information will be provided at a later date.

BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD

None

ADJOURN

Merced Irrigation District (Scott Kohen) moved to adjourn the meeting. City of Atwater (Paul Creighton) seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 2:22PM.