



July 13, 2020

Ms. Carmel Brown
Chief, Financial Assistance Branch
Division of Regional Assistance
California Department of Water Resources
P.O. Box 942836
Sacramento, CA 94236-0001

RE: Proposition 1, Round 1, Award Notification Letter Requested Documents
Sent via Email only to: DWR_IRWM@water.ca.gov

Dear Ms. Brown,

This letter is in response to your request for required documents dated July 7, 2020, as described in the Proposition 1, Round 1, Award Notification Letter. The Merced Integrated Regional Water Management Authority (MIRWMA) is pleased to receive a funding award of \$2,333,535 from the Proposition 1, Round 1, grant solicitation and accepts the grant award. MIRWMA anticipates securing local cost share in the amount of \$321,874.

As you may know, MIRWMA is a joint powers authority created in May of 2016, governing the Merced IRWM Region area. MIRWMA's Board members are public elected officials serving the County of Merced, Merced Irrigation District, and the Cities of Merced, Atwater and Livingston.

MIRWMA works closely with local interests and pursues grants that may benefit one or multiple parties to undertake projects benefitting the region. After completing the public review for projects, MIRWMA can assign the pursuit of a certain grant to the Merced Irrigation District (MID), the IRWM Region Coordinator. MIRWMA can also assign the pursuit of the grant to the project sponsor, if that was the only project pursued in a grant.

This letter confirms MIRWMA as the grantee with MID acting on its behalf to administer and execute all grant related documents and tasks. MIRWMA Resolution Number 2019-3 and MID Resolution 2019-37 are enclosed for your records.

Further, MIRWMA does permit and consent to utilizing DocuSign to execute any and all transactions related to this grant agreement, including agreement execution, amendments, invoices and various other documents. A letter from MID regarding DocuSign is also enclosed.

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MIRWMA looks forward to proceeding with the proposed projects and working with DWR to improve our local water resources and infrastructure. In the future, please expect all communications to come from MID on MIRWMA's behalf. MID will be following up with the other documents requested in the near future. Should you have any questions, please contact Kevin Padway with MID at (209) 354-2849, or, kpadway@mercedid.org.

Sincerely,



Hicham ElTal,
Merced Region Coordinator

Enclosures (3): MIRWMA Resolution 2019-3
MID Resolution 2019-37
MID DocuSign letter dated July 13, 2020

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**MERCED INTEGRATED REGIONAL
WATER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY**

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-3

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MERCED INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER
MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF A GRANT
APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES FOR THE 2018
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT GRANT PROGRAM. ROUND 1 FUNDING;
AUTHORIZING THE MERCED IRRIGATION DISTRICT TO ADMINISTER SUBMITTAL AND
IMPLEMENTATION THEREOF; AND AUTHORIZING OTHER ACTIONS RELATING THERETO**

WHEREAS, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) is soliciting applications for Round 1 of the 2018 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Grant Program Pursuant to the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (Water Code § 79700 *et seq.*); and

WHEREAS, the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 is funded by Proposition 1; and

WHEREAS, the Merced Integrated Regional Water Management Authority (MIRWMA) has solicited projects from local interests through the process of updating the Merced Region Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP); and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Water Resources has determined that the Merced Region's IRWMP is consistent with the 2016 IRWM guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) agreed, by consensus, for certain high priority projects to be included in the 2018 IRWM grant application; and

WHEREAS, said selected projects were determined to fit multiple objectives identified in the IRWMP, including but not limited to addressing disadvantaged community needs and preparing for climate change impacts; and

WHEREAS, MIRWMA's core function is to solicit and work with various stakeholders to select the most efficient projects providing multiple benefits for the local community and solicit funding for such projects; and

WHEREAS, MIRWMA will not request advanced funding for the implementation work and will request and authorize the Merced Irrigation District to administer the submittal, execution and administration of agreements similar to previous grants undertaken by the Merced IRWM Region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Governing Board of the Merced Integrated Regional Water Management Authority hereby authorizes a proposal to be executed and submitted to

the California Department of Water Resources to obtain a Round 1 2018 Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Pursuant to the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (Water Code § 79700 et seq.); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Governing Board of the Merced Integrated Regional Water Management Authority authorizes the Merced Irrigation District (MID) and endorses the actions by the MID to prepare the necessary data, conduct investigations, and all necessary documents to file such application, and to execute and administer a grant agreement with the California Department of Water Resources for and on the behalf of the Merced Integrated Regional Water Management Authority and the Merced IRWM Region.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of the Merced Integrated Regional Water Management Joint Power Authority, this 23 day of October, 2019, by the following vote:

Ayes:	Members:	Murphy, McDaniel, Creighton, Marchini
Noes:	Members:	None
Abstain:	Members:	None
Absent:	Members:	City of Livingston



Mike Murphy
Chair
City of Merced



Daron McDaniel
Vice Chair
County of Merced

**MERCED IRRIGATION DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 2019-37**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR ROUND 1 OF THE 2018 INTEGRATED
REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT GRANT FUNDED BY PROPOSITION 1, AND
EXECUTION OF AGREEMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION OF GRANT IMPLEMENTATION AS
REQUIRED**

WHEREAS, Merced Irrigation District (MID) is a member of the Merced Integrated Regional Water Management Authority (MIRWMA) representing activities related to integrated regional water management (IRWM) within the DWR recognized Merced IRWM Region, resulting from cooperation between agencies and interest in the region; and

WHEREAS, the Merced Region is the hydrologic area that includes the entire Merced Groundwater Basin area in addition to the Merced River watershed north and contiguous to the Merced Groundwater Basin; and

WHEREAS, MIRWMA is a joint powers authority composed of MID, Merced County, and the Cities of Merced, Atwater, and Livingston; and

WHEREAS, a Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) was created and together with elected officials and support staff from the member agencies make up the governance body of MIRWMA; and

WHEREAS, MIRWMA updated the existing Integrated Regional Water Management plan to meet Proposition 1 requirements to be eligible for funding under the DWR IRWM program; and

WHEREAS, MIRWMA is interested in pursuing funding under the 2018 Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Program, Round 1, Pursuant to the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (Water Code § 79700 et seq.) for selected projects approved by the RAC; and

WHEREAS, MIRWMA requested through authorization for Merced Irrigation District to be the applicant and sign any documents with DWR to pursue such grant on MIRWMA's behalf, and

WHEREAS, the Merced Irrigation District Board of Directors recognizes and supports the multi-benefits of the Merced Integrated Regional Water Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Merced Irrigation District Board of Directors supports such projects for local and statewide resource benefits; and

WHEREAS, the Merced IRWM Region intends to submit a competitive grant proposal for \$2.3 Million which include projects sponsored by MID; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of Merced Irrigation District that pursuant and subject to all of the terms and provisions of the Grant Application in accordance with the final DWR Integrated Regional Water Management Implementation Grant pursuant to the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (Water Code § 79700 et seq.), under Proposition 1 guidelines and amendments hereto, the General Manager of the Merced Irrigation District, or his designee, is hereby authorized to prepare and submit necessary documents to pursue an IRWM grant on behalf of the Merced Integrated Regional Water Management Authority, and execute the necessary agreements with the California Department of Water Resources to implement the proposed projects if successful.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of November 2019, by the Board of Directors of the Merced Irrigation District, by the following vote:

Ayes:	Directors:	Hultgren, Koehn, Long, Marchini, Weimer
Noes:	Directors:	None
Abstain:	Directors:	None
Absent:	Directors:	None



Scott Koehn
President
Merced Irrigation District



Jeff Marchini
Vice President/Secretary
Merced Irrigation District



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Re: DocuSign

Dear Ms. Brown,

As requested in your Award Notification Letter dated July 7, 2020, please accept this letter as Merced Irrigation District's permission and consent to utilizing DocuSign to execute any and all transactions related to the Proposition 1, Round 1, IRWM Grant. Should you have any questions, please contact Kevin Padway at 209-354-2849, or, kpadway@mercedid.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bryan Kelly".

Bryan Kelly
Deputy General Manager, Water Resources