



MID to provide update on developing long-range plan at an upcoming public workshop in Merced

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MERCED, CA – The Merced Irrigation District will present the latest information about its developing Water Resources Management Plan at a special public workshop later this month.

The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. Nov. 17 at the Merced Civic Center, 678 W. 18th St., in Merced.

The Water Resources Management Plan has been in the works for more than a year. When finished, it will serve as a roadmap to help MID leaders make the best decisions possible – with the best information available – for decades to come. At the workshop, the MID Board of Directors and its Advisory Committee will receive an update about the Plan's development.

Technical analysis and field work over the past year have examined farming practices, future land-use projections and potential improvements to be made within the MID water delivery system. Input has been received from local growers, business interests, local elected officials, the Merced Irrigation District Advisory Committee, and many other community leaders. Numerous water industry leaders and experts across the state have also been consulted. During this workshop, additional input from MID growers and other interested members of the public will be accepted.

A key component of the planning effort has been the development of computer models which are able to help examine future water and the financial management aspects of MID's operations. The water model allows for examination of local groundwater, how and where it is used by the local community, and its replenishment by MID surface water from Lake McClure. The financial model will allow MID to examine the influence that various decisions would have on MID's finances.

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