

MERCED AREA GROUNDWATER POOL INTERESTS
APPROVED BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 28, 2015, 2015

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

At 2:03 P.M., Chairman Eltal welcomed those present and called the meeting to order.

A roll call was taken with the following Board Members present:

Name	Organization
BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:	
Hicham Eltal, Chairman	Merced Irrigation District
Bob Kelley, Vice/Secretary	Stevinson Water District
Doug Welch and Mark Wolfshorndl	Chowchilla Water District
Ron Rowe	County of Merced
Johnny Baptista	City of Merced
Cindy Lashbrook	East Merced Resources Conservation District
Clay Skinner	Turner Island Water District
Kole Upton	LeGrand Athlone Water District
Richard Kilgore II	LeGrand Community Services District
Tony Ortiz	City of Livingston
Carlos Valencia	Winton Water District
Annmarie Felsing	Merced Irrigation District, MAGPI Coordinator

At 2:14 P.M., Chairman Eltal recognized that there was a quorum.

ROLL CALL

The above listed board members were present.

WRITTEN PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None.

CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Meeting Minutes March 26, 2015

On motion by Secretary Bob Kelley, seconded by Mr. Richard Kilgore III, the Board unanimously approved the consent calendar item: March 26, 2015 minutes as written.

REPORT ITEMS

Chairman Eltal presented to the Board and attendees from the public a background overview of the Merced Area Groundwater Pool Interests (MAGPI). Chairman Eltal's presentation gave details on when MAGPI was formed, the 16 members, objectives of the 1997 Memorandum of Understanding, and activities from 1993 to present. Chairman Eltal stated his presentation can be located on the MAGPI

website at www.mercedgroundwater.org under the tab: Meetings/2015 Meetings/Introduction to MAGPI PPT.

Mr. Ali Taghavi presented the Board with an update on the MAGPI Water Resources Model (WRM) project. Mr. Taghavi's presentation focused on a review of the technical items, including, hydrology, land use, and water supply and demand. Mr. Taghavi also discussed the preliminary calibration results of groundwater levels. Mr. Taghavi and Chairman Eltal jointly addressed questions from the Board and the public. Chairman Eltal stated that the presentation is posted on the MAGPI website at www.mercedgroundwater.org under the tab: Meetings/2015 Meetings/Merced Water Resources Model for Merced Groundwater Basin Area PPT.

Mr. Dane Mathis, an engineer with the Department of Water Resources, presented the Board with an overview of the Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGMA) Act/Program. Mr. Mathis' stated that it is recognized that groundwater management in California is best managed locally. Additionally Mr. Mathis covered SGMA's framework, roles for both local GSA's/state, milestones, schedule and funding opportunities for critically overdrafted basins. Mr. Mathis stated his presentation can be located on the MAGPI website at www.mercedgroundwater.org under the tab: Meetings/2015 Meetings/Sustainable Groundwater Management and SWRCB Funding Opportunities PPT.

Chairman Eltal acknowledged that the meeting was behind schedule and gave the Board the option to continue or to end the meeting. Based on the feedback from the Board the meeting came to a close.

ACTION ITEMS

None.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting was tentatively scheduled for early November.

ADJOURN

Mr. Richard Kilgore II moved to adjourn the meeting. Secretary Kelley seconded the motion. MAGPI Meeting adjourned at 4:30 P.M.