

MERCED AREA GROUNDWATER POOL INTERESTS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 29, 2010

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

At 2:08 P.M., Chair Eltal welcomed those present and called the meeting to order.

The sign in sheet showed the following present:

Position/Organization	Name
Chairman/Merced Irrigation District	Hicham Eltal
Stevinson Water District	Kevin Kelley
East Merced Resource Conservation Dist.	Cindy Lashbrook
Le Grand-Athlone W. D.	Kole Upton
Merced County Environmental Health	Ron Rowe
City of Merced	Mike Wegley
AMEC	David Bean
San Joaquin et al.	Maureen McCorry
CA Dept. of Water Resources	Tanya Meeth
San Joaquin Valley Conservancy	Bill Hatch
Merced County Public Works	Kellie Jacobs
Chowchilla Water District	Doug Welch
Department of Fish and Game	John Shelton
Merquin Water District	Dave Nervino
DWR Sacramento Office	Trevor Joseph
DWR Sacramento Office	Keith Wallace

Chair Eltal recognized that at this time there is a quorum.

ROLL CALL

See above.

WRITTEN PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

BOARD ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

BOARD CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1. Acceptance of Draft Minutes by Consensus: Board Meeting of February 3, 2010.**

Mr. Nervino moved to accept the minutes as amended

Mr. Upton seconded said motion

Minutes from the February 3, 2010 meeting were unanimously approved as amended.

REPORTS

1. Water Status Report:

Mr. ElTal reviewed the water statistics for the MAGPI region. The overall health of the groundwater is good. Mr. Eltal stated that groundwater pumping is lower during winter and spring; this is largely seen due to landscape irrigation. Mr. Eltal stated that with the expected surface water supply MID is expecting to recharge approximately 2,000 acft. The MID Board of Directors has approved the construction of the full basin which would allow 10,000 – 20,000 acft of recharge.

2. DWR Status Report on Items Pertinent to MAGPI's Activities:

Mr. Wallace will be the point of contact regarding the IRWM process. Mr. ElTal asked for a process update regarding to the IRWMP. Mr. Wallace stated that the public comment period had just closed and stated that there was a large amount of feedback provided. Mr. Wallace stated DWR was expecting to have final Proposal Solicitation Packets (PSP) out towards the end of summer. Mr. Wallace stated that the AB303 funding will be released towards the end of 2010 or the beginning of 2011. Mr. Joseph stated that recent bond sales looked promising and DWR is trying to partially fund existing projects to keep them moving.

Mr. ElTal informed MAGPI about the IRWM open house and was pleased with the turnout and the amount of people interested in being a part of the IRWM. MAGPI explained the discomfort regarding being forced into a group with Mariposa and Madera. DWR has a meeting to discuss the issues within the three areas.

3. Review SBx7-6 and its potential impacts on MAGPI area:

Mr. ElTal provided background regarding SBx7-6. SBx7-6 was signed into law by the Governor of California which requires the consistent and standardized monitoring of groundwater elevations within groundwater basins designated in Billiton 118. Mr. ElTal stated that more information will be provided to MAGPI after the workshop and draft guidelines are released. Groundwater elevations will be reported to DWR and provided for public use.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

1. Request authorization for execution of Resolution No. 2010-1 an Authorizing Resolution, to submit a grant application package (AB303 – Local Groundwater Assistance) to DWR for a groundwater recharging/monitoring site:

Mr. Bean addressed MAGPI regarding a proposed recharge basin project in El Nido. The project solicitation will be similar to the previous submittal. AMEC has studied the proposed

site and is revamping the application. Mr. ElTal stated that the basin will be comprised of evaporation pan and inflow so an accurate accounting of recharge can be tracked.

Mr. Rowe motioned to authorize the execution of Resolution No. 2010-1.

Ms. Lashbrook seconded the said motion, motion was unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION

1. Participation by MAGPI and MAGPI members in the IRWM process; constituency formation and potential financing options for IRWM and MAGPI:

Mr. ElTal stated that the members of MAGPI are involved with more than just groundwater therefore it is understood individual MAGPI members will play other roles in the IRWM process.

Ms. Lashbrook wanted to point out that it would be beneficial to some of the group as well as other interested parties if the IRWM meetings could be held in the evenings after work hours. Discussion took place regarding the involvement of Merced County planning.

2. Provide an update on MAGPI involvement with IRWM, discuss options for financing:

MAGPI is talking with DWR to see if it is possible to use separate out overlapping tasks within the groundwater model and IRWM planning grant. This would free up some local funding that could then be applied to the cost share portion of the IRWM planning grant.

BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD

None

NEXT MEETING

The next MAGPI meeting is scheduled for August 18, 2010 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm.

ADJOURN

At 4:03 P.M., Mr. Nervino motioned to adjourn, Mr. Upton seconded said motion, and Motion was unanimously approved.