

MERCED AREA GROUNDWATER POOL INTERESTS
APPROVED BOARD MEETING MINUTES
December 19, 2012

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

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

The sign in sheet showed the following present:

Name	Organization
PRESENT:	
Hicham Eltal	Merced Irrigation District
Bob Kelley	Stevinson Water District
Richard Kilgore, II	Le Grand Community Service District
Ron Rowe	County of Merced
Mark Wolfshorndl	Chowchilla Water District
Cindy Lashbrook	E. Merced Resource Conservation District
Kole Upton	Le Grand-Athlone Water District
Mike Wegley	City of Merced
Clay Skinner	Turner Island
Amanda Carvajal	Farm Bureau
Jason Preece	DWR
Ali Taghavi	RMC
Vicki Jones	County of Merced
Connie Farris	Meadowbrook Water Co.
Chris White	Central Valley Irrigation District
Parry Klassen	East San Joaquin Water Quality Coalition
Garth Pecchenino	Fremming, Parson & Pecchenino
David Bean	Geomatrix
Mike Jensen	Merced Irrigation District
Ann-Marie Felsing	Merced Irrigation District, MAGPI Coordinator

At 2:24 P.M Chairman Eltal recognized that there was a quorum.

ROLL CALL

See above.

WRITTEN PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None.

CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Amended Meeting Minutes August 11, 2011.
2. Meeting Minutes June 4, 2012.

On motion by Mr. Bob Kelley, seconded by Mr. Clay Skinner, the Board unanimously approved the consent calendar item: August 11, 2011 minutes as written/amended.

On motion by Mr. Bob Kelley, seconded by Mr. Mike Wegley, the Board unanimously approved the consent calendar item: June 4, 2012 minutes as written/amended.

REPORTS

Chairman Eltal updated the Board with the groundwater pumping levels for the following: Atwater utilized 631 AF but does not appear to have all data included, Black Rascal holding steady only utilized 113 AF, Livingston utilized 6835 AF down from 2011, Merced utilized 24,829 AF the highest since 1998, Le Grand had a small drop at 322 AF, Meadowbrook utilized 1361 AF down from 2011, Planada held steady at 1157 AF, Winton held steady at 1627 AF, Merced Irrigation District utilized 17,075 AF, and the total urban consumption for 2012 was at 36,874 AF.

Mr. Kelley requested that an annual automatic calendar event get mailed out to all the Districts requesting data prior to the necessary due date required.

Mr. Jason Preece with the Department of Water Resources presented the Board with an overview on the State of California grant program process as well as an update on the IRWMP grant process and the outstanding action items the MAGPI Board needs to take to move forward with the grant submittal.

Mr. Chris White with Central California Irrigation District (CCID) discussed with the Board the subsidence discoveries in the southwest quadrant of the basin. Mr. White acknowledged that subsidence is occurring in the Red Top Area at a rate of more than .75 feet per year and that Corcoran Clay is a prevalent underlying formation throughout the Red Top Area, at a depth of about 250 feet below the ground surface. In addition, the Chowchilla Canal and Eastside Bypass Levee systems have subsided as much as five feet in four years. CCID is looking to work together with out of district landowners to come up with solutions, including recharging the shallow aquifers. Mr. White informed the Board that continued information will be available on their website at www.ccidwater.org.

Mr. Preece informed the Board that the the MAGPI grant application for instrumentation on El Nido and CASEGEM wells is still in progress.

Mr. Parry Klassen with East San Joaquin Water Quality Coalition presented the Board with an overview of its Regional Water Quality Control Board Irrigated Land Regulatory Program update. Mr. Klassen explained the intent of the program is for growers to implement management practices to protect water quality. The new program applies to discharges to both surface water and groundwater. The groundwater component addresses waste (i.e. salt, nitrate or pesticides) percolating past the root zone into groundwater. Additional information can be found at the ESJWQC website located at www.esjcoalition.org.

Mr. Eltal gave the Board an update on the status of the Implementation Grant under the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan. Mr. Eltal invited everyone to identify and submit projects that are believed to be important to the Region. Mr. Eltal informed the group that all projects submitted are available to view at the IRWMP website at <http://mercedirwmp.org/projects.html>.

ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Eltal requested the adoption of Resolution 2012-3 concerning MAGPI authorizing Merced Irrigation District to execute the necessary documents with DWR for the undertaking of an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan for the Merced Region.

On a motion by Mr. Kelley, seconded by Mr. Skinner, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 2012-3.

Mr. Eltal requested the adopt of Resolution 2012-4 authorizing Merced Irrigation District to execute the necessary documents with DWR for the processing of a grant under Proposition 50 for the development of a Water Resources Model for the Merced Groundwater Basin as defined by MAGPI.

On a motion by Mr. Kelley, seconded by Ms. Cindy Lashbrook, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 2012-4.

NEXT MEETING

There is no set time frame for the next meeting. Mr. Eltal suggested that we allow IRWMP to run its course of action and for MAGPI to meet as necessary.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 4:41 P.M. by Chairman Eltal.