

# MERCED AREA GROUNDWATER POOL INTERESTS (MAGPI)

## WELCOME TO THE MAGPI GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Hicham Eltal, Chair  
Bob Kelley, Vice Chair/Secretary

AGENDA  
March 4, 2009  
2:00 PM to 4:30 PM  
Second Floor Executive Conference Room  
Merced Irrigation District  
744 West 20<sup>th</sup> Street, Merced, California

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Any person who has any questions concerning any agenda item may contact the Chairman of the Governing Board at the office of the Assistant General Manager, Water Resources, Merced Irrigation District

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- A. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME
  - B. ROLL CALL
  - C. WRITTEN PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS
  - D. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS
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At this time, members of the audience may comment on any matter that is not listed on the agenda.

Please state your name and address for the record. The Board will not take action on any item that is brought to their attention during the meeting. If it requires action, it will be referred to staff and/or listed on the next Board agenda.

Please be brief and to the point – preferably speaking a maximum of 5 minutes. Avoid repeating what previous speakers have said.

E. BOARD ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

F. BOARD CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Acceptance of Draft Minutes by consensus: Board Meetings of October 29, 2008

G. REPORTS

1. Review MAGPI activities & Groundwater Model update (Hicham Eltal,; 10 minutes)
2. DWR Status report on items pertinent to MAGPI's activities. (DWR; 5 minutes)
3. Water Statistics Report (Hicham Eltal: 10 Minutes)
4. Update on IGSM Development (Hicham Eltal, 5 minutes)

H. DISCUSSION

1. Merced Water Supply Plan: recommends actions that need to be undertaken, if the plan is to be used by any entity. (Hicham Eltal: 10 Minutes)
2. Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) Region Acceptance Process (RAP) Kick-off meeting and future agenda (Hicham Eltal: 110 Minutes)

I. BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD

J. NEXT MEETING

K. ADJOURN

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Discussion Item 2 –Attachment

Region Acceptance Process (RAP)  
&  
Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP)

**Tentative Agenda:**

Introductions  
What is RAP  
What is IRWMP  
Discuss IRWMP boundaries  
Discuss RWMG structure and organization  
Stakeholder outreach and participation process

**What Is RAP:**

RAP is the Region Acceptance Process that all IRWMPs must go through in order to be recognized by DWR for project funding. RAP materials are due to DWR around the middle to end of March.

**What Is IRWMP**

IRWMP is the Integrated Regional Water Management Program which is intended to promote and practice integrated regional water management to ensure sustainable water uses, reliable water supplies, better water quality, environmental stewardship, efficient urban development, protection of agriculture, and a strong economy. Two types of grants are available through this plan, Planning Grants and Implementation Grants.

**Planning Grants:** The Planning Grants are intended to foster development or completion of IRWM Plans or components thereof, to enhance regional planning efforts, and to assist more applicants to become eligible for Implementation Grant funding.

**Implementation Grants:** The Implementation Grant is designed for projects that are ready for or nearly ready to proceed to implementation.

**IRWMP Boundaries:**

An IRWM region is not based solely on geographic considerations or characteristics. It is also defined by water management issues, its stakeholders, and water-related conflicts. An IRWM region must be designed or configured to diversify and strengthen the regional water management portfolio.

While there is no quantitative definition of a region (such as a certain number of acres), it is possible to define the region too narrowly in terms of geography, participants, water resources, water management strategies, and water management objectives. A narrowly defined region would limit opportunities to integrate water management strategies or diversify a region's water management portfolio.

The IRWM region must consider the broad variety of the water systems being managed in the planning area, including:

- Water supply;
- Water quality;
- Environmental stewardship;
- Flood management;
- Drought preparedness;
- Wastewater treatment;
- Watershed management;
- Recycled water;
- Groundwater management;
- Land use;
- Natural habitat and conservation;
- Conjunctive use; and
- Emphasis on reduced dependence on imported water.

**What is RWMG:**

RWMG is a Regional Water Management Group which is made up of at least three local agencies, two of which have statutory authority over water supply management. A governance structure must be outlined as well as the roles and responsibilities of the governing body.

**Stakeholder outreach and participation process:**

Any other Stakeholders that should be involved in the RAP or the IRWMP

For more information please visit DWR website

(<http://www.grantsloans.water.ca.gov/grants/irwm/integregio.cfm>) ;

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