

MERCED AREA GROUNDWATER POOL INTERESTS
APPROVED BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 21, 2013

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 Board Members present:

Name	Organization
BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:	
Hicham Eltal, Chairman	Merced Irrigation District
Bob Kelley, Vice/Secretary	Stevinson Water District
Johnny Baptista	Winton Water & Sanitary District
David Nervino	Merquin County Water District
Ron Rowe	County of Merced
Cindy Lashbrook	E. Merced Resource Conservation District
Mike Wegley	City of Merced
Daniel Chavez	Planada Community 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. Meeting Minutes December 19, 2012.

On motion by Secretary Kelley, seconded by Mr. Nervino, the Board unanimously approved the consent calendar item: December 19, 2012 minutes as written/amended.

REPORT ITEMS

Chairman Eltal updated the Board with the groundwater levels for the following:
Atwater - no update, Black Rascal - no update, Merced – 77 AF, Planada - no update, Winton - no update.

Chairman Eltal updated the Board with the groundwater well production for the following: Atwater - no update, Livingston – no update, Merced – 22,143 AF, LeGrand – no update, Meadowbrook – no update, Planada – no update, Winton – 1,429 AF, MID – 23,671.

Chairman Eltal stated that values shown reflect the outcome of a very dry year with higher than average temperatures. Chairman Eltal stated he would like to work with the City (Mike Wegley) and come up with a better process in getting groundwater data from the City and improve our self managed groundwater reporting.

Chairman Eltal confirmed that the Merced Integrated Water Management Plan (IRWMP) was completed in May 2013. The effort was funded by the State Department of Water Resources and inkind contribution from the County, the City of Merced and MID. The Regional Advisory Committee approved the draft and the MID, County and City of Merced voted to adopt the plan in November 2013. Planada Community Services, East Merced Resources Conservation District, and UC Merced have also adopted the plan.

Chairman Eltal stated that apart from the planning grant, Merced applied for an implementation grant under Proposition 84, which required approval of the IRWMP as a condition to receive funds. Merced competed for the grant and was approved to receive 2.4 million dollars that will cover 75% of the cost of five projects including: watershed management, monitoring the watershed, education, flood control, and a ramp for small vessel safety into Merced River.

Mr. Jason Preece gave an update of DWR Recommendations regarding Merced Integrated Regional Water Management Implementation Grant competitive application for Prop 84 funds.

Mr. Ali Taghavi of RMC gave an update on the goals and objectives of the water resources model. The water resource model goals include, among others: safe drinking water quality, optimized water supply conditions, and basin management operations. Mr. Taghavi also presented an overview on the integrated hydrologic system, the general model area and how we will utilize a proven consensus-based approach to determine model needs as the foundation for development.

Mr. Taghavi discussed the importance of having unbiased participants of an independent technical group for the creation of the water resources model. The members would have no personal gain or interest in the water resources model. Mr. Taghavi stated that we are working on getting representatives from United States Geological Survey, California Department of Water Resources, and University of California.

ACTION ITEMS

None

NEXT MEETING

February 2014

ADJOURN

Chairman Eltal moved to adjourn the meeting.
Mr. Nervino seconded the motion.
Motion to adjourn approved.
Meeting adjourned at 4:41 P.M.