

MERCED AREA GROUNDWATER POOL INTERESTS
APPROVED BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 26, 2015

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

At 1:12 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/Mark Wolfshorndl	Chowchilla Water District
Ron Rowe	County of Merced
Johnny Baptista	City of Merced
Daniel Chavez	Planada Community Services District
Brian Shaw	City of Atwater
Cindy Lashbrook	East Merced Resources Conservation District
Clay Skinner	Turner Island Water District
Annamarie Felsing	Merced Irrigation District, MAGPI Coordinator

At 1:14 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.

REPORT ITEMS

Chairman Eltal updated the Board with the groundwater depth with information missing from the City of Atwater and Black Rascal Water Company-since 2011. Chairman Eltal stated it has been very difficult to get data from these agencies and he would like to see a higher commitment to get data to MAGPI to improve MAGPI's self managed groundwater reporting system.

Chairman Eltal updated the Board with the groundwater well production for the following Atwater - no update since 2012, Livingston – 7,370 AF in 2014, Merced – 25,234 AF in 2014, LeGrand – 351 AF in 2014, Planada – 1,087 AF in 2014, Winton – 1,612 AF in 2014, MID groundwater wells – 45,749 AF in 2014.

Chairman Eltal stated that values shown reflect the outcome of a very dry year with higher than average temperatures.

Mr. Ron Rowe updated the Board on Merced County's Groundwater Mining & Export Ordinance (GM&EO). Mr. Rowe stated that Merced County and its Board of Supervisors approved the adoption of the GM&EO and that this approved Groundwater Ordinance will manage the mining and export of groundwater inside Merced County.

Mr. Ali Taghavi presented the Board with an update on the MAGPI Water Resources Model (WRM) project. Mr. Taghavi's presentation focused on the model structure, hydrology, land use, and water supply and demand. Mr. Taghavi discussed the technical issues, challenges and schedule moving forward. Chairman Eltal added that Mr. Taghavi's presentation can be located on the MAGPI website at www.mercedgroundwater.org under the tab: Meetings/2015 Meetings/Merced Water Resources Model Presentation.

Chairman Eltal updated the Board on DWR's release of a draft Groundwater Sustainability Plan. The draft plan describes DWR's responsibilities and vision for carrying out the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, laws that aim to protect the groundwater basins. He directed the Board to The draft plan available on DWR's website at:
http://water.ca.gov/groundwater/sgm/pdfs/DWR_GSP_DraftStrategicPlanMarch2015.pdf

Mr. Marco Bell (MID) delivered a presentation on CASGEM outlining objectives and the monitoring schedule. Mr. Bell also covered basin priorities, updated well data and challenges such as, implementing the Data Gap Closure Plan. Mr. Bell's stated his presentation can be located on the MAGPI website at www.mercedgroundwater.org under the tab: Meetings/2015 Meetings/CASEGEM Update Presentation.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Meeting Minutes September 18, 2014

On motion by Secretary Bob Kelley, seconded by Mr. Richard Kilgore II, the Board unanimously approved the consent calendar item: September 18, 2014 minutes as written.

ACTION ITEMS

None.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting date was not scheduled but will tentatively take place over the summer.

ADJOURN

Secretary Kelley moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Clay Skinner seconded the motion. Motion to adjourn approved. Meeting adjourned at 3:34 P.M.