

MERCED AREA GROUNDWATER POOL INTERESTS
APPROVED BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 16, 2016

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

At 9:07 A.M., Chairman Eltal welcomed those present and called the meeting to order.

Chairman Eltal gave an introduction of what MAGPI is and explained that MAGPI is more of a technical group and does not focus on policies. Additionally, Chairman Eltal explained that the MAGPI meeting was not a Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Forum and stated that there is no conflict with MAGPI members also being their own Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA).

A roll call was taken with the following Board Members present:

Name	Organization
BOARD MEMBERS ROLL CALL:	
✓ <u>Hicham Eltal, Chairman</u>	<u>Merced Irrigation District</u>
✓ <u>Bob Kelley, Vice/Secretary</u>	<u>Stevinson Water District</u>
✓ <u>Kole Upton</u>	<u>Chowchilla Water District</u>
✓ <u>Ron Rowe</u>	<u>County of Merced</u>
✓ <u>Ken Elwin</u>	<u>City of Merced</u>
✓ <u>Cindy Lashbrook</u>	<u>East Merced Resources Conservation District</u>
<u>Clay Skinner (Not Present)</u>	<u>Turner Island Water District</u>
✓ <u>Brad Robson</u>	<u>Le Grand Athlone Water District</u>
✓ <u>Brian Shaw</u>	<u>City of Atwater</u>
✓ <u>Richard Kilgore II</u>	<u>Le Grand Community Services District</u>
✓ <u>Odi Ortiz</u>	<u>City of Livingston</u>
<u>Carlos Valencia (Not Present)</u>	<u>Winton Water District</u>
<u>Anmarie Felsing</u>	<u>Merced Irrigation District, MAGPI Coordinator</u>

At 9:13 A.M., Chairman Eltal recognized there was a quorum.

ROLL CALL

The above checked board members were present.

WRITTEN PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Ron Rowe introduced the new Merced County employees to the Board and public in attendance.

CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Chairman Eltal moved to remove agenda items two and three due to a DWR presenter schedule conflict and add in a discussion item on recharge. Secretary Bob Kelly seconded the motion and all was in favor.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Meeting Minutes September 28, 2015

On motion by Secretary Bob Kelley, seconded by Mr. Richard Kilgore II, the Board unanimously approved the consent calendar item: September 28, 2015 minutes as written.

REPORT ITEMS

Chairman Eltal updated the Board with the groundwater well production in 2015 for: Atwater – 5,988 AF, Black Rascal – 43 AF, Livingston – 6,719 AF, Merced – 17,852 AF, Le Grand – 322 AF, Planada – 882 AF, Winton – 1,394 AF, MID groundwater wells – 36,858 AF.

As well as the 2015 static groundwater depth for: Merced – 94 FT, Planada – 94 FT, Le Grand 204 FT, Winton – 105 FT, Livingston – 87 FT, and MID – 83 FT.

Chairman Eltal stated that values shown reflect the outcome of a very dry year with higher than average temperatures. . Chairman Eltal stated that the presentation is posted on the MAGPI website at www.mercedgroundwater.org under the tab: Meetings/2016 Meetings/Groundwater Levels.

Mr. Ali Taghavi presented the Board with an update on the MAGPI Water Resources Model (WRM) ongoing development. Mr. Taghavi's presentation focused on a review of the model goals and objectives, model calibration results and potential model results. Mr. Taghavi and Chairman Eltal jointly addressed questions from the Board and the public. Chairman Eltal stated that the presentation is posted on the MAGPI website at www.mercedgroundwater.org under the tab: Meetings/2016 Meetings/Merced Water Resources Model Update.

Mr. Ben Gooding, an engineering geologist with the Department of Water Resources, presented the Board with an update of the Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGMA) Act/Program. Mr. Gooding's presentation covered SGMA's administration information, Basin setting sustainable management criteria, monitoring networks and project and management actions and the relations between CASGEM and SGMA. Chairman Eltal added that Mr. Gooding's presentation can be located on the MAGPI website at www.mercedgroundwater.org under the tab: Meetings/2016 Meetings/DWR SGMA Update.

Mr. Ron Rowe, Merced County's Director of Division of Environmental Health, presented an update on a grant proposal that Merced County applied for with DWR for counties with stressed basins. The County applied for just under \$500,000. The proposal included 8 tasks and Mr. Rowe discussed a few of them in the meeting, including:

- County wide monitoring assessment-- to understand monitoring gaps and start filling them in.
- Water budget data assessment, support upcoming GSP development, for all 6 groundwater sub basins in Merced County,
- Groundwater monitoring plan for improved data to help GSP sites outside water purveyor's boundaries.
- Groundwater monitoring enhancement program to create a real-time program starting with 20 wells that range county wide.

Merced County had not heard back yet on funding approval from DWR.

Chairman Eltal stated that MID was ready to submit the CASGEM report and would like each MAGPI member to pitch in \$50 or a comparable amount to its groundwater extraction to share with the financial responsibility.

Chairman Eltal gave a presentation on soils, groundwater levels and recharge. He discussed a more thorough dialogue on subsidence, possibly by the next MAGPI meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

None.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting was not scheduled but TBD as discussion topics ascend.

ADJOURN

Secretary Bob Kelley moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Richard Kilgore II seconded the motion. MAGPI Meeting adjourned at 12:08 P.M.