

Comments on IRWMP Planning Grant Application by Merced Area Groundwater Pool Interests  
(MAGPI)

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Via email

Re: Comments on IRWMP Planning Grant Application by Merced Area Groundwater Pool Interests (MAGPI)

Mr. Yun,

San Joaquin Raptor Rescue Center, Protect Our Water (POW), San Joaquin Valley Conservancy and San Joaquin et al are organizations based in Merced County, some of which have been active in the environmental affairs of that county for almost 40 years. Several of our members attended the first meetings of Merced Area Groundwater Pool Interests a decade ago, and have been active public participants in MAGPI meetings ever since.

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We would like to preface our comments on the MAGPI planning grant application and DWR's acceptance of it by stating our strong support for the concept of groundwater monitoring in the area covered by the proposal.

We would have liked to have commented on and probably would have supported many of the policies enunciated in the application, but regretfully, we have been denied a copy of the document on four separate occasions: one denied email request on Dec. 17, and three verbal refusals – before the MAGPI meeting on Dec. 20, at the public comment period of that meeting, and once more after it. This is just another example of serial violations of the Brown Act and the state Public Records Act by the MAGPI board.

We are considering our legal options regarding MAGPI's actionable violations of public process.

Considering that a public comment period on grant applications is void if the applying agency will not make the document available to the public, we formally protest this grant and request that DWR deny MAGPI's application in this round.

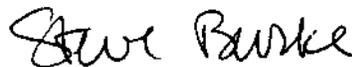
If DWR chooses to deny our protest and request, we request copies of the state code sections that DWR is using to justify its denial.

We request that this protest letter be read into the public record regarding this grant application,

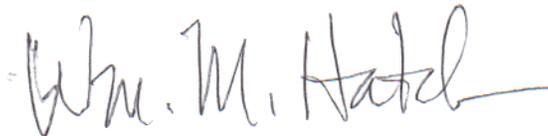
We are also requesting, per a conversation yesterday with Tom Lutterman at the MAGPI meeting, a DWR-assigned facilitator at all future MAGPI/IRWMP meetings to enforce the laws and regulations guiding public processes in the state of California.



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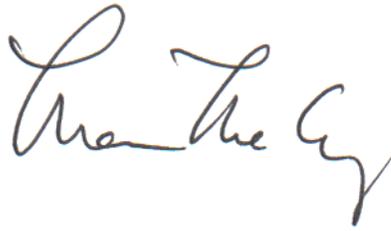
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Maureen McCorry

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