



MERCED AREA GROUNDWATER POOL INTERESTS

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter on behalf of Merced Area Groundwater Pool Interest (MAGPI) which is comprised of all public water purveyors within the Merced Groundwater Basin. These purveyors are generally located geographically east of the San Joaquin River, south of the Merced River, north of the Chowchilla River and west of the Mariposa County line.

On November 4, 2009 the State Legislature amended the Water Code with Senate Bill SBx7-6, which mandates a statewide groundwater elevation monitoring program with California. In accordance with this amendment, Department of Water Resources (DWR) developed the California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring (CASGEM) program, and MAGPI has assumed the monitoring role for the Merced basin.

Monitoring sites, timing and methods for measuring need to be reported by the summer of 2011. MAGPI will begin reporting seasonal groundwater elevation measurements spring and fall on or before January 1, 2012. To meet these new requirements, MAGPI is proposing to monitor at least thirty two (32) wells throughout the basin. Since MAGPI public wells are not evenly distributed throughout the basin additional private wells are needed.

MAGPI highly encourages you to participate in the CASGEM program. It is not unusual for private land owners to provide access to their groundwater wells and cooperate with specialized agencies such as the DWR and US Geological Services (USGS) to monitor the groundwater aquifer. By monitoring the wells in our area you can help assess the groundwater elevations within our community and state and keep local control.

- There is no cost to the private well participant
- MAGPI will provide monitoring personnel and technical help
- All data collected will be turned into MAGPI who will then report the findings to you and DWR
- Only the static (non-pumping) depth to groundwater will be recorded
- The program is totally voluntary, there will be no agreement executed and you can opt out of the program at any time.

If you have any questions please contact your local water district, additional information is also available at the California Department of Water Resources website, [www.water.ca.gov/groundwater/casgem](http://www.water.ca.gov/groundwater/casgem).

Thank you,

Very truly yours,

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MAGPI, Chair