

**MINUTES OF THE LOS ANGELES GATEWAY REGION  
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY BOARD  
(LA GATEWAY AUTHORITY)  
AT PARAMOUNT, CALIFORNIA  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2010**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Gateway Authority was held on Thursday, February 11, 2010 at Noon at the Clearwater Building at 16401 Paramount Blvd., Paramount, CA 90723.

Vice Chair Adriana Figueroa called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m. Roll was called through self-introductions and a quorum was declared present.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Vice Chair Adriana Figueroa	Norwalk
Secretary Desi Alvarez	Downey
Dave Hill (alt for Art Aguilar)	Central Basin Municipal Water District
Vince Brar	Cerritos
Jim Glancy	Lakewood
Mark Christoffels	Long Beach
Kevin Wattier	Long Beach Water Department
Al Cablay	Pico Rivera
Tom Lopez (alt for Don Jensen)	Santa Fe Springs
Bill DeWitt	South Gate
Barbara Muñoz (alt for Charlie Honeycutt)	Signal Hill
Scott Rigg (alt for Kevin Wilson)	Vernon
Deon Walls (alt for David Pelser)	Whittier

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Chris Cash	Paramount
Joseph Serrano	Southeast Water Coalition

**STAFF AND GUESTS PRESENT:**

Annette Hubbell	Executive Officer
Gina Nila	Commerce
Christina Dixon	Huntington Park
Abi Aderonmu	Department of Water Resources
Russ Bryden	County Flood Control / Greater LA IRWM
Greg Jaquez	County Flood Control / Greater LA IRWM
Shannon DeLong	Downey
Bob Dickie	South Gate
Elroy Kiepke	Willdan Engineering

**PUBLIC PRESENT:**

none

**ITEM 3 - ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

There were none.

**ITEM 4 – ORAL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD**

Mr. Russ Bryden, County Flood Control District, stated that there would be a leadership meeting for the Greater LA IRWM on February 24 and extended an invitation to that meeting. He also reported that there was no meeting planned for the Lower Los Angeles / San Gabriel River subregion.

*Directors Al Cablay and Bill DeWitt arrived at 12:06pm.*

**ITEM 5 – CONSENT CALENDAR**

Secretary Desi Alvarez motioned to adopt the minutes and Director Scott Rigg seconded. It was unanimously approved to adopt the January 14, 2010 minutes.

*Ms. Christina Dixon (Huntington Park) and Mr. Deon Walls (alt. for Whittier) arrived at 12:12 pm.*

**ITEM 6 – CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF MEMBERSHIP OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE IN THE GATEWAY IRWM JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY**

Acting Chair Adriana Figueroa announced that the City Council of the City of Commerce had approved the Gateway Authority's Joint Powers Agreement and that a super-majority vote was required to accept their membership. Director Vince Brar motioned to accept the City of Commerce for membership in the JPA and Secretary Alvarez seconded. A super-majority of directors approved the motion in a roll call vote, the results of which are as follows:

Central Basin Municipal Water District	Aye
Cerritos	Aye
Downey	Aye
Lakewood	Aye
Long Beach	Aye
Long Beach Water Department	Aye
Norwalk	Aye
Paramount	Absent
Pico Rivera	Aye
Santa Fe Springs	Aye
Signal Hill	Aye
South Gate	Aye
Southeast Water Coalition	Absent
Vernon	Aye
Whittier	Aye

**ITEM 7 – STATUS REPORT ON GATEWAY AUTHORITY CC-004 - CATCH BASIN PROJECT**

Executive Officer Hubbell stated that there had been some confusion of materials specifications that was currently being worked out with the contractor. With regard to the County permit process, one more requirement was left to satisfy the County requirements. Ms. Hubbell also noted that there was a nice article in the Long Beach Press Telegram regarding the vector separation system in Long Beach, which had also mentioned the Gateway Authority's catch basin project.

Mr. Elroy Kiepke, Willdan, noted that the County had asked for a letter of authorization from each city in order to issue a permit at Willdan's request instead of directly from each city.

**ITEM 8 – STATUS OF THE IRWM PLANNING PROCESS AND CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVE PLANS OF ACTION**

Ms. Hubbell noted that the February release for IRWM guidelines and request for proposals has been unfortunately delayed to March. She also stated that the grants will allow for both planning and implementation applications during the same round.

**ITEM 9 – EXECUTIVE OFFICERS' REPORT**

Ms. Hubbell noted that the projects from the 2010 Water Resources Development Act (WRDA), as discussed at the board's January meeting, were being prepared as appropriations requests and submitted to the Gateway Authority's legislative delegation. She reminded the board that it was unlikely that any notification of funding would be received until early 2011, and that matching funds would be expected from state bond proceeds through the IRWM process.

**ITEM 10 – DIRECTORS' COMMENTS/REPORTS**

Director Kevin Wattier announced that the Metropolitan Water District (MWD) and County Sanitation District of Los Angeles County (CSDLAC) were in discussions to initiate a study on the feasibility of transporting treated water from the Joint Water Pollution Control Plan in Carson to groundwater basins in Los Angeles County. The cost for the \$2 million study would be split between MWD and CSDLAC. Director Wattier asked for the board's consent to invite Met to the March board meeting so that MWD representatives could provide a presentation on the project. It was also stated that the water was intended for sale to one or more MWD member agencies and that it could be sold to Central Basin, West Coast Basin, Raymond Basin or others. The project was projected to produce 1 million gallons per day or 100,000 acre feet initially but could be expanded later.

Executive Officer Hubbell asked whether Abi Aderonmu of the Department of Water Resources wished to elaborate on the pending release of the IRWM guidelines. Mr. Aderonmu stated that the guidelines may be available in the last week of February or early March and that the department was including both stormwater and planning proposal solicitations. Acting Chair Figueroa asked when the applications would be due, and was told that the due date is tentatively set for June, and the next funding cycle will probably be next year.

Ms. Hubbell noted that at the end of the January board meeting, Director Mark Christoffels had asked whether the Greater LA IRWM plan could be updated for purposes of the Gateway Authority. It was noted, however, that the plan was five years old, boundaries have changed and new requirements have been added (specifically regarding climate change and flood control). Furthermore, Gateway would need to perform all the additional outreach meetings itself. However, there is a good base of information contained in the Region Acceptance Process documents and in the initial application drafted in 2008, so much of that work can be reused.

**ITEM 11 – ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 pm to Thursday, March 11, 2010 at 12 Noon in the Clearwater Building at Paramount, CA.