

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

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Gateway Authority was held on Thursday, March 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 12:06 p.m. Roll was called through self-introductions and a quorum was declared present.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Vice Chair Adriana Figueroa	Norwalk
Dave Hill (alt for Art Aguilar)	Central Basin Municipal Water District
Charlie Emig (alt Vince Brar)	Cerritos
Gina Nila (alt for Jorge Rifa)	Commerce
Shannon DeLong (alt for Desi Alvarez)	Downey
Jim Glancy	Lakewood
Mark Christoffels	Long Beach
Kevin Wattier	Long Beach Water Department
Len Gorecki	Paramount
Al Cablay	Pico Rivera
Don Jensen	Santa Fe Springs
Bob Dickie (alt for Bill DeWitt)	South Gate
Ralph Webb (alt for Joseph Serrano) ( <i>arr. 12:35 pm</i> )	Southeast Water Coalition
Charlie Honeycutt	Signal Hill
Scott Rigg (alt for Kevin Wilson)	Vernon

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

David Pelser	Whittier
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**STAFF AND GUESTS PRESENT:**

Annette Hubbell	Executive Officer
Bernardo Iniguez	Bellflower
Abi Aderonmu	Department of Water Resources
Russ Bryden	County Flood Control / Greater LA IRWM
Greg Jaquez	County Flood Control / Greater LA IRWM
Alex Kenefick	Los Angeles – San Gabriel Watershed Council
Bill Pagett	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 March 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.

Mr. Dave Hill, Central Basin Municipal Water District, reported that the subregion might hold a meeting the Tuesday after this board meeting (March 16).

#### **ITEM 5 – CONSENT CALENDAR**

Director Mark Christoffels motioned to approve the minutes and Director Gina Nila seconded. The February 11, 2010 minutes were unanimously approved.

#### **ITEM 6 – STATUS REPORT ON GATEWAY AUTHORITY CC-004 - CATCH BASIN PROJECT**

Executive Officer Hubbell stated that the City of Long Beach had been working with the County of Los Angeles regarding permit liability issues and as soon as the county supplied the permit, construction would begin. She noted that the mayor of Long Beach had been working with Supervisor Knabe on the fee waiver. Director Mark Christoffels stated that of the 11,000 catch basins to be retrofitted by the project, approximately 8,000 are county-owned, and thus charging the Gateway Authority is inappropriate.

In a related matter, Ms. Hubbell informed Directors that the State Water Board had published their ARRA report, and of the 82 agencies with funding agreements under ARRA, the Gateway Authority's project is one of nine highlighted in their report. It was requested that a link to the report be sent to directors.

Director Scott Rigg, with regard to the Automatic Retractable Screens (ARS), asked whether a different model could be used other than what was proposed by the contractor. Ms. Hubbell answered that the question would need to be considered by the board. Vice Chair Figueroa stated that the question would need to be considered by General Counsel Steve Dorsey, and that the item would return in April. Ms. Hubbell asked for an email with detailed specifications so that staff could be sure of addressing the request appropriately.

In addition to the State Water Resources Control Board Stimulus Distribution Report, Ms. Hubbell noted the article in the Journal for Water Resources Management with the title: *State Water Board Clears \$200 Million Mark in Stimulus Awards with Clean Water Project to Help 16 Disadvantaged in Los Angeles Area.*

#### **ITEM 7 – EXECUTIVE OFFICERS' REPORT**

##### **7a – Legislative Report**

Ms. Hubbell gave an overview of pending legislation that might be of interest to Directors, as well as an overview of the legislative calendar:

- State Water Bond
- AB1594 – prohibits construction of a peripheral canal without express legislative authorization
- AB 1774 – allows residential use of recycled water, and appears to move responsibility away from the Department of Public Health

- AB 1993 – provides that a provision of any of the governing documents of a common interest development would be void and unenforceable if it prohibits, or includes conditions that have the effect of prohibiting, the use of artificial turf or any other synthetic surface that resembles grass.
- AB 1995 – expands the definition of incompatible offices
- AB 2092 – requires the Delta Stewardship Council to develop a long term financing plan to pay for the costs of implementing the Delta Plan that identifies the benefits to public and private persons and groups and allocates program costs based on those benefits, and to adopt a fee on water supply contractors of the State Water Project and the federal Central Valley Project to fund a portion of the planning and administrative costs of the council
- SB 918 – requires the State Department of Public Health to develop and adopt uniform water recycling criteria for indirect potable water reuse, and investigate the feasibility of developing uniform water recycling criteria for direct potable reuse, consistent with a specified timeline.
- SB 991 – This bill would authorize specific sub-allocation of funds that were approved via the Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention Bond Act of 2006. \$569 Million total allocation. Funded areas would be: \$270 Million to DWR for flood protection and stormwater flood management projects \$299 Million to DWR for IRWM water reliability, interregional, Delta flood control and natural community conservation planning projects

The board, by unanimous consent, voted to take a WATCH position on the bond and bills as discussed above

#### **7b – Prop 84 IRWM Planning and Implementation Grant**

Ms. Hubbell noted that the draft IRWM grant guidelines were issued on Monday. Public Comments are due on April 23, which is after the next meeting of the Gateway Authority. Among the comments to include in a letter for board approval:

- concern regarding a 50% match requirement for planning
- limitation of the 50% match expenditures to no earlier than September 2008
- suggestion that a disadvantaged communities waiver/exclusion be added for planning grant matches

Mr. Russ Bryden (County Flood Control) noted that Greater Los Angeles is planning to discuss its comments at a March 21 meeting and will report back to the Gateway Authority at their April meeting. He also noted that a Public Comments workshop will be taking place in April in Ventura.

Mr. Abi Aderonmu of the Department of Water Resources announced that the final guidelines are expected in June 2010, depending upon the sale of state bonds. The proposal solicitation package deadline has not been established, but it is anticipated to be 4-6 weeks following the availability of final guidelines.

#### **7c – Strategic Growth Council Planning Grant and Incentives Program and Urban Greening Project Grant**

Ms. Shannon DeLong, City of Downey, reported that the California Strategic Growth Council was also soliciting applications to for both planning grants and projects related to sustainable communities. Several of the projects previously discussed by the board, including the San Gabriel River catch basin project and the aerial deposition studies, are potential candidates for submission. It was unknown whether a match was required from the Gateway Authority, and the consensus was to move forward on previously-discussed projects and identify potential federal appropriations support as the funding match, if necessary.

#### **ITEM 8 – DIRECTORS' COMMENTS/REPORTS**

Vice Chair Figueroa welcomed Mr. Alex Kenefick from the Los Angeles – San Gabriel Watershed Council.

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**ITEM 9 – ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:38 pm to Thursday, April 8, 2010 at 12 Noon in the Clearwater Building at Paramount, CA.

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Gina Nila, Acting Secretary

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Date