

**MINUTES OF THE LOS ANGELES GATEWAY REGION
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY BOARD
(L.A. GATEWAY AUTHORITY)
AT PARAMOUNT, CALIFORNIA
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2010**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Gateway Authority was held on Thursday, November 18, 2010 at Noon at the Clearwater Building at 16401 Paramount Blvd., Paramount, CA 90723.

Acting 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:

Acting Chair Adriana Figueroa	Norwalk
Acting Secretary Jim Glancy	Lakewood
Chair Emeritus Kevin Wattier	Long Beach Water Department
John Oropeza	Bell Gardens
Deborah Chankin	Bellflower
Charlie Emig (alt for Vince Brar)	Cerritos
Gina Nila	Commerce
Shannon DeLong (alt for Desi Alvarez)	Downey
Mark Christoffels	Long Beach
G. Daniel Ojeda	Lynwood
Len Gorecki (alt for Chris Cash)	Paramount
Al Cablay	Pico Rivera
Don Jensen	Santa Fe Springs
Charlie Honeycutt	Signal Hill
Mohammad Mostahkami (alt for Bill DeWitt)	South Gate
Scott Rigg (alt for Kevin Wilson)	Vernon

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Art Aguilar	Central Basin Municipal Water District
Joseph Serrano	Southeast Water Coalition
David Pelser	Whittier

STAFF AND GUESTS PRESENT:

Annette Hubbell	Executive Officer
Mike O'Grady	Cerritos
Sharon Gates	Long Beach
Alex Kenefick	Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council
Rochelle Paras	Los Angeles County Flood Control/GLAC
Bill Pagett	Willdan Engineering

PUBLIC PRESENT:

none

ITEM 3 - ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Vice Chair Adriana Figueroa announced that she would be chairing the meeting in the absence of Chair Chris Cash, who was ill. She noted that Director Jim Glancy had been deputized as Acting Secretary in the absence of Secretary-Treasurer Desi Alvarez.

ITEM 4 – ORAL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

Rochelle Paras, Los Angeles County Flood Control/GLAC, announced that the next GLAC meeting would be on December 7 and the next lower Los Angeles/San Gabriel subcommittee meeting would be on December 21.

ITEM 5 – CONSENT CALENDAR

Director Don Jensen motioned to approve the minutes and Director Charlie Honeycutt seconded. The October 14, 2010 minutes were unanimously approved.

ITEM 6 – GRANT UPDATES

6a. ARRA-Funded Catch Basin Project Update (LA River Trash TMDL)

Executive Officer Annette Hubbell stated that Bill Pagett of Willdan Engineering would provide a brief update. Mr. Pagett informed Directors that as of the meeting date, 2920 connector pipe screens (CPS), including 237 CJPS units in the City of Vernon (where the contractor will be working for three more weeks). Also as of the meeting date, 670 automatic retractable screens (ARS) had been installed, and all of the ARS scheduled for the City of Long Beach have now been installed. The contractor has moved on to city-owned catch basins in Compton and will begin work in Commerce, Downey and Bell Gardens soon. The final permit [permit close-out] for work on County catch basins in the City of Long Beach is anticipated to be complete by November 29. There has been some delay from the County due to their reluctance to issue too many open permits at one time, despite reassurances that the Gateway IRWM Authority must complete the project according to the grant terms.

Mr. Pagett reported that the Contractor anticipates still meeting the June 2011 installation deadline.

In the City of Long Beach, there are approximately 350 County-owned catch basins (nearly 10% of the catch basins in Long Beach) in which no CPS can be installed, per specifications from the County. Willdan is working on alternative suggestions to present to the County to ensure that the TMDL is met. It was noted less than 1% of these kinds of anomalies exist in Vernon, and Willdan is hopeful that these types of problems will be rarer as work progresses. Willdan will meet with each city to discuss options for city-owned catch basins that cannot be retrofitted with a CPS unit due to County restrictions. Willdan will also draft a letter to the County, for Board approval, requesting their proposal for how to meet the Trash TMDL in County-owned catch basins for which the County will not allow a CPS installation.

6b. Proposition 84 IRWM Planning Grant

Ms. Hubbell reported that there had been no news yet on the outcome of the grant applications, but that Directors would be informed as soon as the Department of Water Resources releases its recommendations.

ITEM 7 – REPORT BY WATERSHED COUNCIL ON ITS GRANT APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION FOR A WATERSHED COORDINATOR

Executive Officer Hubbell reminded Directors that the Board had voted to support (with in-kind match) the application from the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council to the Department of Conservation for a Watershed Coordinator. Alex Kenefick of the Watershed Council passed out a brief handout highlighting the aspects of the grant. He noted that the Watershed Council had submitted two

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separate applications, one for a Watershed Coordinator for the Los Angeles River Watershed, and one for a Watershed Coordinator for the San Gabriel River Watershed. However, the Watershed Council was considering, should both applications be funded, splitting the Watershed Coordinators' time so that the focus was on Upper Los Angeles & San Gabriel and on Lower Los Angeles and San Gabriel, as there were much larger commonalities (urbanization, transportation, etc.) in the lower vs. upper regions. Mr. Kenefick stated that the applications were for \$300,000 each for a period of 3 years, and that the in-kind support offered by the Gateway Authority consisted of meeting space and already-completed watershed maps and data gathering.

ITEM 8 – EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Ms. Hubbell reported that the signed agreements had been received by all parties except CalTrans and that invoices would be sent soon.

Item 8a. Report on 20x2020 Summit

On November 10, Director Bill DeWitt (Southgate) and Ms. Hubbell attended the 20X2020 summit sponsored by MWD and the Nature Conservancy.

Ms. Hubbell summarized the information and discussion points in the 6-hour meeting and said her notes were available should any director want them. Information relative to meeting MWD's plan to save 2maf of water through conservation, recycling, and desalination, the future of a Delta canal and stewardship, stormwater, rainwater, and energy use and costs as it relates to the delivery of water was presented and discussed.

ITEM 9 – DIRECTORS' COMMENTS/REPORTS

Chair Emeritus Kevin Wattier suggested that the Board place on a future meeting agenda an item related to the establishment of a Gateway Authority regional compliance strategy for the 20x2020 water conservation requirements. He noted that agencies have the option of complying individually or as a region, and that an agency can identify a compliance plan on an individual basis that is different from the compliance plan of the region in which they are also participating. As part of the future agenda item, Mr. Wattier asked staff to analyze base line data, using Method #3 in the 20x2020 guidelines, and prepare a preliminary report to the board at which time next steps would be discussed.

Director Glancy noted that he had been in discussions with the City of La Habra Heights regarding active participation in the Gateway Authority, and that the City was contemplating a partnership with the La Habra Heights Water District to facilitate participation with Gateway Authority.

Director Cablay reported that he had discussed the Gateway Authority with Montebello's new City Manager and that the potential for more active participation was under evaluation.

Director Nila asked Mr. Paget if there was any decision yet relative to O&M costs of the catch basins. Mr. Pagett replied nothing yet, but that he estimated the costs would be somewhere between \$125 and \$150 per basin.

Director Mark Christoffels informed Directors that the new Municipal Sanitary Sewer System (MS4) Permit for Ventura had just recently been adopted, and that it had changed the requirements from "first flush" (3/4" of rain) treatment to retention, meaning that the first 3/4" of rainwater in Ventura must now be retained on site. Because the cities of Los Angeles and Long Beach were individual permittees whose permits are likely to be revised before the next permit to which the other Gateway region cities are party, Long Beach and Los Angeles had been discussing a proposed Low Impact Development (LID) Plan. Long Beach has recently adopted this

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LID plan with the update of its building code. Mr. Christoffels noted that during the public hearing, the developers were not focused on the ordinance as much as they were curious about the offsetting fee that will be charged to developers if on-site retention is impossible. Director Christoffels stated that the City of Long Beach has not yet established that fee, but that it would be established by the City Council before the new code goes into effect in June 2011. He would send the updated building code information to staff for distribution to interested Directors.

Acting Chair Figueroa reminded Directors that the webinar for the development of the 2010 Urban Water Management Plans (UWMP) would be held on 11/30 from 9AM to 3PM, and polled the board for interest in providing space for Gateway region staff to participate in the webinar outside of their offices (where they would likely experience frequent interruptions). Executive Officer Hubbell was asked to coordinate the event at the Clearwater Building.

ITEM 10 – ADJOURNMENT

Discussion was held as to whether the next meeting of the Gateway Authority should be re-scheduled to Thursday, January 13, 2011, but it was noted that the December 9, 2010 meeting might still be necessary if the results of the Prop 84 IRWM Planning Grant Application were released soon. The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 pm to **Thursday, December 9, 2010 at 12 Noon** and/or **Thursday January 13, 2011** in the Clearwater Building at Paramount, CA. [Both will be duly-noticed at least 72 hours in advance].

Jim Glancy, Acting Secretary

Date