

**MINUTES OF THE LOS ANGELES GATEWAY REGION
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY BOARD
(L.A. GATEWAY AUTHORITY)
AT PARAMOUNT, CALIFORNIA
THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2011**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Gateway Authority was held on Thursday, March 10, 2011, at Noon at the Clearwater Building at 16401 Paramount Blvd., Paramount, CA 90723.

Chair Chris Cash called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. Roll was called through self-introductions and a quorum was declared present.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair Chris Cash	Paramount
Vice Chair Adriana Figueroa	Norwalk
Secretary-Treasurer Desi Alvarez	Downey
Deborah Chankin	Bellflower
Dave Hill (alt for Art Aguilar)	Central Basin Municipal Water District
Charlie Emig (alt. for Vince Brar)	Cerritos
Gina Nila	Commerce
Jim Glancy	Lakewood
Mark Christoffels	Long Beach
Kevin Wattier	Long Beach Water Department
G. Daniel Ojeda	Lynwood
Al Cablay	Pico Rivera
Frank Beach (alt for Don Jensen)	Santa Fe Springs
Mohammad Mostahkami (alt for Bill DeWitt)	South Gate
Scott Rigg (alt for Kevin Wilson)	Vernon

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

John Oropeza	Bell Gardens
Charlie Honeycutt	Signal Hill
Joseph Serrano	Southeast Water Coalition
David Pelser	Whittier

STAFF AND GUESTS PRESENT:

Annette Hubbell	Executive Officer
Shannon DeLong	Downey
Abi Aderonmu	California Department of Water Resources
Alex Kenefick	Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council
Phil Doudar	Los Angeles County Department of Public Works/GLAC
Shirley Birosik (via phone)	Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board
Bill Pagett	Willdan Engineering
Bill Bennett (via phone)	GEI/Bookman Edmonston

PUBLIC PRESENT:

Grace Kast

ITEM 3 - ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

ITEM 4 – ORAL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

Phil Doudar, Los Angeles County Flood Control, announced that the next GLAC leadership committee meeting would be on March 23.

ITEM 5 – CONSENT CALENDAR

Secretary-Treasurer Desi Alvarez moved to approve the minutes and Director Al Cablay seconded. Executive Officer Annette Hubbell noted one correction (that Bernardo Iniguez was to be listed as an alternate, not a proxy) and it was so ordered to approve the minutes from March 10, 2011.

ITEM 6 – STATUS REPORT ON ARRA-FUNDED CATCH BASIN GRANT

Ms. Hubbell asked Mr. Bill Pagett (Willdan Engineering) to provide an update. Mr. Pagett reported that work was continuing on the grant project, with 5,508 connector pipe screens and 1,540 automatic retractable screens installed as of Friday, March 4, 2011. He announced that work was complete in Long Beach, Vernon, Commerce and Bell Gardens, and that the County permit for Long Beach, Vernon and Commerce should be closed out shortly. The County permit for Montebello should be obtained soon, and with that about 87% of the catch basins will have been permitted. Crews are working in Downey and Compton right now. Willdan is attempting to set up a meeting with the County to discuss the catch basins that the County won't allow to be retrofitted, as that presents an un-met TMDL requirement for both cities and the County. It was estimated that approximately 10% of catch basins would not be retrofitted. Failing efforts of Willdan to resolve the problem with the County, the Executive Officer has already been directed by the Board to send a letter to the County.

ITEM 7 – STATUS REPORT ON 20X2020 REGIONAL ALLIANCE

Executive Officer Hubbell delivered the report on behalf of Bill Bennett, who was standing by on the conference call. It was reported that GEI/Bookman Edmonston would analyze the individual water reduction requirement for all entities in the Gateway Region that are required to comply with the 20x2020 standard. Individual analysis is a necessary step before determining a regional target. Other eligible non-city agencies would also be contacted regarding their potential interest in a regional alliance. Agencies were strongly urged to return the requested information to GEI as soon as possible so that the work could be completed and sent back to them for inclusion in their Urban Water Management Plans.

ITEM 8 – STATUS REPORT ON PROPOSITION 84 IRWM PLANNING GRANT

Ms. Hubbell informed Directors that a press release announcing the award of the grant had appeared in two publications thus far. Abi Aderonmu, DWR, reported that the final recommendations were released last week and that DWR was currently preparing commitment letters. It was expected that contracts would be available in about three months. Ms. Hubbell elaborated that each grant recipient would have individual conditions, necessitating a longer lead-time in preparation of the contracts. A template for the agreements should be available toward the end of March.

ITEM 9 – CONSIDERATION OF DEVELOPMENT OF RFP FOR CLEANING/MAINTENANCE OF COUNTY-OWNED CATCH BASINS

Ms. Hubbell stated that she had been asked to explore the possibility of developing an RFP and bid documents for the cleaning and maintenance of County-owned catch basins after the County Public Works Officers meeting at which the County gave an estimate for cleaning costs that were roughly \$400-5000 per retrofitted catch basin. Ms. Hubbell said that she was asking for a copy of the RFP from the County. Phil Doudar, LA County Department of Public Works, said that the draft RFP would not be available for another two months, but

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that essentially cleaning would occur four times per year before major storms, and that additional costs would be incurred for maintenance/repairs. Director Mark Christoffels (Long Beach) stated that he had executed contracts for the \$22/catch basin cleaning fee for the summer noting that there is a March 18 deadline to sign up for the \$22/basin cleaning in the summer. Others felt the cost per retrofitted catch basin would probably be around \$51/cleaning if the task was competitively bid as a region.

It was suggested that the Gateway Authority could develop bid documents to competitively bid the task, but assign the contracts individually. It was motioned by Secretary-Treasurer Alvarez to direct staff to develop a bid document over the next six months for CPS/ARS-retrofitted catch basin cleaning services and to recommend a method for administering the contract including consideration of operations and liability items. The motion was seconded by Director Christoffels. Further discussion ensued with regard to reporting requirements to the Regional Water Quality Control Board (to which it was responded that the report to the Regional Board was the naming of retrofitted catch basins, not the number of cleanings or sediment quantities captured). Director Christoffels was asked to send the Executive Officer a copy of Long Beach's bid documents. Seeing no objections, the Chair ordered the motion passed.

ITEM 10 – EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Item 10a. May 24-25 IRWM Conference

Ms. Hubbell informed Directors that the Water Education Foundation and the Department of Water Resources would be co-hosting an IRWM Conference in May, and the Chair, through general consensus, directed the Executive Officer to attend. Directors were also encouraged to attend representing their own agencies (noting that the Gateway Authority would only be reimbursing expenses for the Executive Officer).

Item 10b. Legislative Report

Ms. Hubbell noted several bills which might be of interest to the Board and suggested the item could be brought back in April for further discussion at a future date with recommended positions. She provided an overview of the following bills: AB 19, AB 83, AB 157, AB 275, and AB 1048, the detail of which was distributed at the meeting.

ITEM 11 – DIRECTORS COMMENTS/REPORTS

None

ITEM 12 – RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION:

Under Government Code Section 54957 – Appointment of Public Employee – Executive Officer – the Gateway Authority Board recessed to closed session at 12:35pm.

At 1:08pm, the Gateway Authority Board returned from closed session and Chair Chris Cash reported the following action from the closed session:

The approval of a professional services agreement with Grace Kast as the new Executive Officer for the Gateway Authority.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:09 pm to Thursday April 14, 2011 in the Clearwater Building at Paramount, CA.

Desi Alvarez, Secretary-Treasurer

Date