

**MINUTES OF THE LOS ANGELES GATEWAY REGION  
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY BOARD  
(L.A. GATEWAY AUTHORITY)  
AT PARAMOUNT, CALIFORNIA  
THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 2011**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Gateway Authority was held on Thursday, June 9 2011, at Noon at the Clearwater Building at 16401 Paramount Blvd., Paramount, CA 90723.

Chair Chris Cash called the meeting to order at 12:10 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
John Oropeza	Bell Gardens
Bernardo Iniguez	Bellflower
Charles 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
Adrian Diaz (alt for Art Cervantes)	Pico Rivera
Frank Beach (alt for Don Jensen)	Santa Fe Springs
Charlie Honeycutt	Signal Hill
Bill DeWitt	South Gate
Mohammad Mostahkami (alt for Bill DeWitt)	South Gate
Scott Rigg (alt for Kevin Wilson)	Vernon

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

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

**STAFF AND GUESTS PRESENT:**

Ken Farfsing	Signal Hill
Abi Aderonmu	California Department of Water Resources
Nancy Steele	Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council
Alex Kenefick	Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council
Mark Grajeda	Pico Water District
Bill Pagett	Willdan Engineering (by phone)
Bill Bennett	GEI/Bookman Edmonston (by phone)
Aaron McWilliams	GEI/Bookman Edmonston
Lorena Ospina	GEI/Bookman Edmonston (by phone)
Russ Bryden	Los Angeles County Flood Control/GLAC

PUBLIC PRESENT:

None

**ITEM 3 - ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None

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

Russ Bryden, Los Angeles County Flood Control/GLAC, updated the board on GLAC activities.

**ITEM 5 – CONSENT CALENDAR**

Chair Chris Cash declared the minutes of May 12, 2011 approved by unanimous consensus.

**ITEM 6 – CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF REGIONAL ALLIANCE 20X2020 TARGETS/METHODOLOGY**

Representatives from GEI Consultants, Aaron McWilliams and Lorena Ospina gave an overview of the Regional Alliance 20x2020 targets and methodology. They indicated that once the board adopted the targets and methodology, they would finalize the report and send it out to the Regional Alliance members for their records and use in their respective UWMPs. Additionally, once all of the executed resolutions and letter agreements were received from the alliance members, the report and the accompanying documents would be sent to DWR by the June 30<sup>th</sup> deadline.

On motion made by Director Beach and seconded by Director Glancy, the board unanimously approved the 20x2020 regional alliance targets/methodology/report as presented.

**ITEM 7 – IRWM – DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES (DAC) UPDATE**

Nancy Steele and Alex Kenefick provided the board with an update on DAC activities, in general and pertaining to one of the cities within the Gateway IRWM region, Maywood which was selected for a pilot DAC project.

**ITEM 8 – STATUS REPORT ON ARRA-FUNDED CATCH BASIN PROEJCT**

Mr. Pagett reported that as of the end of May, the Contractor had installed 8,424 CPS units and 3,456 ARS units. The Contractor is currently working in Maywood and Paramount. They have completed work in Bell Gardens, Commerce, Compton, Downey, Huntington Park, Lynwood, Montebello, South Gate, and Vernon. Permits have been received for the cities of Bell and Signal Hill and expect to get Cudahy and Pico Rivera within the next 2 weeks.

Ms. Kast reported that on May 26, 2011, the State Board approved staff's request to amend the state finance contract to extend the Project's construction completion date to October 31, 2011, as long as certification of the Project is completed by December 31, 2011. She reported that only a certain amount of ARS and CPS units were allowed to be installed due to varying factors. The State Board's agreement to extend the Project's required construction completion date would allow for the remaining grant funds of approximately \$1,000,000 to be used to install between 700 and 1,000 units. The Wildman and Steve Bubal Construction Co. agreements both specify that \$10,000,000 is the combined maximum for the Project work, as per the terms of the state finance contract with the State Board.

A motion was made by Director DeWitt, and seconded by Director Figueroa with unanimous approval to extend the contract and execute amendment with Steve Bubal Construction Company for services through October 31, 2011 ; and to approve proposal and to execute 4<sup>th</sup> amendment for continued services with Willdan Engineering.

#### **ITEM 9 – STATUS REPORT ON PROPOSITION 84 IRWM PLANNING GRANT**

Mr. Abi Aderonmu from DWR reported that funds for planning grants were delayed due to unforeseen circumstances. In the meantime, they are wishing to work with regions to get the contracts in final form in order to be ready when funding is released.

Ms. Kast reported that staff is using the extra time to work with DWR on refining the planning grant scope and identifying the most effective method for maximizing the matching requirements. She also reported on her attendance at the first state-wide IRWM conference held in May in Sacramento.

#### **ITEM 10 – LEGISLATIVE REPORT – SB 263**

Ms. Kast reported on SB 263, a bill mandating that the Dept. of Water Resources make available a report to the public relating to a well constructed, altered, abandoned, or destroyed on or after January 1, 2012. Commencing on July 1, 2013, the bill would also make available to the public, reports relating to a well constructed, altered, abandoned, or destroyed before January 1, 2012, [*unless the department receives notification by the well owner that the well owner desires to keep the report confidential*]. The bracketed, italicized language was later deleted.

Ms. Kast reported that not only were safety and security concerns completely disregarded, the Senate Appropriations Committee among many concerning changes, also deleted the language which gave a well owner the opportunity for confidentiality. She also indicated that suggested amendments to the bill are being circulated among staff at agency's opposing the bill.

On motion made by Director Wattier and seconded by Director Glancy, the board unanimously voted to oppose the bill, as presented.

#### **ITEM 11 – EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

Ms. Kast reported that the Request for Bids for the catch basin cleaning are underway and that the mandatory pre-bid meeting had taken place on June 2<sup>nd</sup> with the opening of the sealed bids scheduled for June 15<sup>th</sup>. She stated that since the mandatory pre-bid meeting, several additional contractors have contacted staff regarding their interest in bidding. The board agreed with staff that extending the bidding period to allow for a 2<sup>nd</sup> pre-bid meeting was in the best interest of competition.

#### **ITEM 13 – DIRECTORS COMMENTS/REPORTS**

None.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm to Thursday June 9, 2011 in the Clearwater Building at Paramount, CA.

July 14, 2011

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John Oskoui, Secretary

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Date