

**MINUTES OF THE LOS ANGELES GATEWAY REGION
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY BOARD
(L.A. GATEWAY AUTHORITY)
AT PARAMOUNT, CALIFORNIA
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2011**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Gateway Authority was held on Thursday, October 13, 2011, at Noon at the Clearwater Building at 16401 Paramount Blvd., Paramount, CA 90723.

Chair Chris Cash called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. Roll was called through self-introductions and a quorum was declared present. Sign-In Sheet was distributed to attendees for sign-in.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair Chris Cash	Paramount
Vice-Chair Adriana Figueroa	Norwalk
John Oropeza	Bell Gardens
Deborah Chankin	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
Art Cervantes	Pico Rivera
Adrian Diaz (alt for Art Cervantes)	Pico Rivera
Frank Beach (alt for Don Jensen)	Santa Fe Springs
Charlie Honeycutt	Signal Hill
Steve Myrter (alt for Charlie Honeycutt)	Signal Hill
Bill DeWitt	South Gate
Mohammad Mostahkami (alt for Bill DeWitt)	South Gate
Scott Rigg (alt for Kevin Wilson)	Vernon
Dave Hill (alt for Art Aguilar)	Central Basin MWD
John Oskoui	Downey

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Art Aguilar	Central Basin MWD
Don Jensen	Santa Fe Springs
Kevin Wilson	Vernon
David Pelser	Whittier
Vince Brar	Cerritos

STAFF AND GUESTS PRESENT:

Ken Farfsing	Signal Hill
Abi Aderonmu	California Department of Water Resources
Shirley Birosik	RWQCB - LA
Bill Pagett	Willdan
Bill Bennett	GEI Consultants (by phone)
Rochelle Paras	Los Angeles County Flood Control/GLAC
Alex Kenefick	Council for Watershed Health

ITEM 3 - ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

ITEM 4 – ORAL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

None.

ITEM 5 – CONSENT CALENDAR

Director Kevin Wattier moved the approval of the consent calendar. Director Jim Glancy seconded the motion. The minutes and list of disbursement were unanimously approved.

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

Mr. Bill Pagett reported that as of October 7th, 9,311 CPS units and 5,213 ARS units were installed. He continued by stating that the contractor will be finished with Compton and Montebello by October 14th with the final ARS units being installed over the following two weeks.

ITEM 7 – STATUS REPORT ON DWR ACTIVITIES

Ms. Kast reported the contract with DWR was signed by the Chair and sent to DWR for their management signatures.

Ms. Kast then referred to the letter from DWR dated September 21st regarding the relationship between Greater LA and Gateway. Chair Cash requested direction from the board. After lengthy discussion, the board directed staff to write a response letter to DWR thanking them for their support and that Gateway is committed to developing their IRWM Plan which will ultimately address many of the DWR concerns.

ITEM 8 – STATUS REPORT FROM IRWM PLAN AD-HOC COMMITTEE

Ms. Kast updated the board on the activities of the committee. She continued by stating that Gateway had received two proposals for the development of the IRWM Plan: one from Dudek and the other from GEI Consultants. Both firms were interviewed and ranked according to a pre-established criteria ranking system developed by the committee. Based on the proposals and the corresponding interviews, the committee was recommending GEI Consultants to develop the Gateway IRWM Plan with the following base terms: contract amount not-to-exceed \$950,000; a revised budget to include a contingency line item with a reduction in hours of higher management rates; and the right for Gateway to request substitution of any sub-consultant for any reason without affecting the overall contract amount.

A motion was made by Director Scott Rigg and seconded by Director Mark Christoffels with unanimous approval to approve GEI Consultants' proposal and direct staff to finalize a contract for board approval in November.

ITEM 9 – ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chair Cash requested nominations for Chair from the floor. Director Jim Glancy nominated Chris Cash to continue as Chair for another term. It was seconded by Director Bill DeWitt. The motion was unanimously approved.

Chair Cash requested nomination for Vice-Chair from the floor. Director John Oskoui nominated Director Adriana Figueroa for another term. It was seconded by Director Dan Ojeda. The motion was unanimously approved.

ITEM 10 – EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Approval of Letter Supporting LACFD Parcel Tax Ordinance

Ms. Kast referred to the enclosed draft letter written to the LA County Public Works indicating conditional support of the County's draft stormwater parcel ordinance. Director Chankin requested that "and the final draft ordinance" be added to the end of the last sentence in the first paragraph.

Upon motion made by Director Mark Christoffels and seconded by Director Adriana Figueroa, the board unanimously approved the conditional support letter with the additional language.

Authorize up to \$5000 maximum for SG River TMDL Application to State Board

Ms. Kast reported that the State Water Resources Control Board just announced that they will begin accepting applications for stormwater projects beginning November 15, 2011. She requested direction from the board on whether there may be projects eligible for this funding which required a 25% local match.

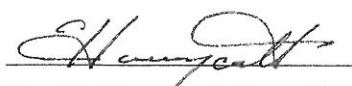
After discussion, the Chair requested participation by a member in each of the watersheds in an ad-hoc committee to discuss whether or not project concepts can be developed and can be eligible for funding. The following members agreed to participate: Gina Nila, Dan Ojeda, Steve Myter, Adriana Figueroa, Mark Christoffels.

ITEM 11 – DIRECTORS' COMMENTS/REPORTS

Chair Cash updated the board on the status of membership and the need to continue the growth of the Gateway JPA. He then formed an ad hoc committee to help develop strategies for continued growth. Members are: Chris Cash, Adriana Figueroa, Mohammad Mostahkami, Deborah Chankin and Jim Glancy.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 pm to Thursday November 10, 2011 in the Clearwater Building at Paramount, CA.



Charlie Honeycutt, Secretary

November 10, 2011

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Date