

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

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

Chair Chris Cash called the meeting to order at 12:05 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
John Oropeza	Bell Gardens
Charles Emig (alt. for Vince Brar)	Cerritos
Jim Glancy	Lakewood
Mark Christoffels	Long Beach
Kevin Wattier	Long Beach Water Department
G. Daniel Ojeda	Lynwood
Frank Beach (alt for Don Jensen)	Santa Fe Springs
Charlie Honeycutt	Signal Hill
Mohammad Mostahkami (alt for Bill DeWitt)	South Gate
Scott Rigg (alt for Kevin Wilson)	Vernon
David Pelser	Whittier
Dave Hill (alt for Art Aguilar)	Central Basin MWD
Dan Mueller (alt for John Oskoui)	Downey

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Art Aguilar	Central Basin MWD
Don Jensen	Santa Fe Springs
Vice-Chair Adriana Figueroa	Norwalk
Art Cervantes	Pico Rivera
John Oskoui	Downey
Kevin Wilson	Vernon
Vince Brar	Cerritos

STAFF AND GUESTS PRESENT:

Abi Aderonmu	California Department of Water Resources
Shirley Birosik	RWQCB – LA (via phone)
Bill Pagett	Willdan
Bill Bennett	GEI Consultants
Council Member Rosa Perez	Huntington Park
Phil Doudar	Los Angeles County Flood Control/GLAC
Rochelle Paras	Los Angeles County Flood Control/GLAC
Nancy Steele	Council for Watershed Health
Blake Whittington	Council for Watershed Health
Miriam Torres	Alcanza

ITEM 3 - ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

ITEM 4 – ORAL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

None.

ITEM 5 – CONSENT CALENDAR

Director Glancy moved the approval of the consent calendar. Director Christoffels seconded the motion. The minutes and list of disbursements were unanimously approved.

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

Mr. Bill Pagett of Willdan reported that the Contractor completed construction on October 28th. The preliminary final number of ARS and CPS units installed was 9,319 CPS units and 5,317 ARS units. All but 3 cities (Compton, Long Beach and Montebello) had been finalized through the County.

Mr. Pagett continued by reporting that because of the project facilitated through the Gateway JPA, the Gateway region cities along the LA River were now approximately 89% compliant. This included the retrofits done independently by Lakewood as well as Long Beach's full-capture capacity.

He concluded his report by stating that the contractor, supplier and Willdan conducted the first of two training sessions on November 9th in Paramount for maintenance of the retro-fitted catch basins. The first meeting was held in Paramount and attended by employees of several cities. The second training session was scheduled for November 16th in Bell Gardens.

ITEM 7 – STATUS REPORT ON IRWMP ACTIVITIES

Ms. Kast reported that she and Mr. Bill Bennett from GEI Consultants attended a kick-off meeting conducted by DWR for grant recipients. She thanked Mr. Abi Aderonmu for all of his assistance throughout the process thus far.

Ms. Kast then referred to the draft contract with GEI Consultants which had been reviewed and accepted by the Chair, staff, GEI Consultants and general counsel. She indicated that the contract included provisions for substitutions of any project team member during the entire term of the contract and a maximum contract total of \$950,000 regardless of substitutions. She also indicated that the budget had been revised to reduce billable hours of higher rate team members and now included a contingency line item.

She requested that the board approve the contract as presented and authorize the issuance of a Notice to Proceed on December 1, 2011.

On motion made by Director Ojeda and seconded by Director Rigg, the contract was unanimously approved and the Executive Officer was authorized to issue a Notice to Proceed on December 1, 2011.

ITEM 8 – UPDATE – COUNCIL OF WATERSHED HEALTH

Miss Nancy Steele, Executive Director of the Council of Watershed Health updated the board on the recent activities of the council. She provided a background of the organization, its purpose, future goals and its 2025 vision. She also explained the council's current work in the Gateway IRWMP region. She then introduced Mr. Blake Whittington who had recently been hired by the Council of Watershed Health to assist them with their planning and activities.

ITEM 9 – REPORT FROM GWMA MEMBERSHIP AD HOC COMMITTEE

Chair Cash updated the board on recent activities of the membership ad hoc committee. He explained that the committee held a conference call followed by a meeting between himself, Ken Farfsing, Charlie Honeycutt, Grace Kast and Dick Powers. Based on input by Mr. Powers as well as the members of the committee, he was now requesting consideration by the full board to allow the waiving of annual dues for certain remaining cities who had not joined the JPA as of yet due to financial and/or political constraints.

Director Pelsler felt it would not set a good precedent if certain cities were offered a free membership when other cities had been paying all along. Mr. Christoffels suggested that the Executive Officer be given the authority to negotiate payment terms of the full dues by each remaining city. And at the time each city would join, the board would approve the terms for payment. If any member was unable to pay during any given year, the board would be notified.

Upon motion made by Director Christoffels and seconded by Director Oropeza, the board unanimously authorized the Executive Officer to negotiate payment terms of dues for the remaining cities not yet members.

ITEM 10 – REPORT/RECOMMENDATION FROM PROP 84 STORMWATER GRANTS AD HOC COMMITTEE

Ms. Kast updated the board on the activities of the Prop 84 Stormwater Grant Ad Hoc Committee which had held 2 conference calls during the past month. She indicated that the State had been making changes to the solicitation since the conference calls up through the current week. Based on the those changes, staff was recommending that up to \$7,500 be authorized to make 3 separate applications (LA River, Los Cerritos Channel and Coyote Creek) for implementation grants with the consulting assistance of John L. Hunter and Richard Watson. In addition, she was requesting authorization to expend approximately \$10,000 per planning and monitoring project applications with the same consultants. She concluded by reporting that most of the cities in the Gateway region would benefit through one or more of the applications.

Upon motion made by Director Mostahkami and seconded by Director Ojeda, the board unanimously authorized the Executive Officer to work with the committee and the consultants to submit the applications as described.

ITEM 11 – EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT


None.

ITEM 12 – DIRECTOR’S COMMENTS/REPORTS

Chair Cash welcomed Council Member Rosa Perez from Huntington Park and thanked her for attending the board meeting and expressed the board’s hope that the city would join the JPA very soon.

ITEM 13 - ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 pm to Thursday, December 8, 2011 in the Clearwater Building at Paramount, CA.



Charlie Honeycutt, Secretary

12.8.11

Date