

**MINUTES OF THE GATEWAY WATER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
LOS ANGELES GATEWAY REGION
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY BOARD
AT PARAMOUNT, CALIFORNIA
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2011**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Gateway Authority was held on Thursday, December 8, 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. 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
Charles Emig (alternate)	Cerritos
Jim Glancy	Lakewood
Mark Christoffels	Long Beach
Anthony Arevalo (alternate)	Long Beach
Kevin Wattier	Long Beach Water Department
G. Daniel Ojeda	Lynwood
Jose Molina (alternate)	Lynwood
Art Cervantes	Pico Rivera
Adrian Diaz (alternate)	Pico Rivera
Frank Beach (alternate)	Santa Fe Springs
Charlie Honeycutt	Signal Hill
William DeWitt	South Gate
Mohammad Mostahkami (alternate)	South Gate
Scott Rigg (alternate)	Vernon
David Pelsner	Whittier
Gina Nila	Commerce
Dave Hill (alternate)	Central Basin MWD
Dan Mueller (alternate)	Downey

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Art Aguilar	Central Basin MWD
Don Jensen	Santa Fe Springs
John Oskoui	Downey
Kevin Wilson	Vernon
Vince Brar	Cerritos

STAFF AND GUESTS PRESENT:

Abi Aderonmu	California Department of Water Resources
Shirley Birosik	RWQCB – LA
Bill Pagett	Willdan
Lorena Espinoza	GEI Consultants (via phone)
Blake Whittington	Council for Watershed Health
Aleigh Hunt	Bellflower
Russ Bryden	LA County FCD/Greater LA IRWMP
Miriam Torres	Alcanza (via phone)

ITEM 3 - ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

ITEM 4 – ORAL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

Mr. Russ Bryden representing the Greater LA IRWMP reported that the Leadership Committee has established 3 sub-committees to focus on 3 separate water issues. He announced the January dates for those committee meetings as well as the date for the next Greater LA IRWMP Leadership Committee meeting.

Ms. Miriam Torres of Alcanza reported that she just released RFPS for 2 DAC projects which may be located in Huntington Park, Compton or Lynwood. She requested assistance from any non-profit organization to assist them with these projects.

ITEM 5 – CONSENT CALENDAR

Director Christoffels moved the approval of the consent calendar. Director Nila 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 they are still finalizing the final count for catch basin retrofits. As of their latest inventory tally, they are at 9,342 CPS units and 5,327 ARS units which brings the Gateway region within 89% compliance for catch basin trash capture. He also reported that a draft of the final report to the State (due December 31st) was sent earlier today to Ms. Kast for her review. He concluded by stating that the total project cost is estimated to conclude under budget at \$9,895,000.

ITEM 7 – STATUS REPORT ON IRWMP ACTIVITIES

Ms. Kast reported that the contract with GEI Consultants was fully executed on December 7 and that a Notice to Proceed was issued the same day. She continued by reporting that GEI's next steps are as follows:

1) One of the primary chores is to get the communications and outreach plan (Community Involvement Plan) written and adopted. Notifying stakeholders of the process and scheduling is critical path and that web site and communications items would start as the plan is being compiled.

2) GEI would also line out and start the data gathering for the regional water balance, water quality information (Geo-Science), and stormwater issues (Dustin Bambic, Tetra Tech). GEI would also start laying out the data base attributes and needs in-house and would need access to the recently updated urban water management plans from Gateway members for the water balance.

3) The first regular IRWMP meeting would include introducing participants to the process, a review of goals and objectives of the plan, and would query participants/members on any additional objectives. The current goal would be to hold the first IRWMP meeting in combination with the January Gateway Board Meeting.

4) GEI would begin working with their hired facilitator, Dale Schafer to the Initial Public Meeting and begin to line up what will be needed for that presentation.

5) GEI would also be setting up a "time sheet system to track in-kind work of member representatives.

ITEM 8 – CITY MANAGER’S STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair Cash referred to the report prepared by Mr. Farfsing and sent out to the members via e-mail which provided an update on the Water Quality Funding Initiative, the Harbor Toxics TMDL and the Technical Assistance for Regional Board Member.

ITEM 9 – AUTHORIZE LEAD AGENCY ASSISTANCE TO COYOTE CREEK WATERSHED TMDL ENTITIES

Vice-Chair Figueroa reported on the formation of the Coyote Creek Watershed Group to develop a plan for TMDL compliance. She requested the assistance of the GWMA to serve as the fiduciary agency on behalf of the group similar to how the Los Cerritos Channel was handled. She concluded by stating that all costs would be borne by the entities and that the group would appreciate the assistance.

Ms. Kast stated that the board was not approving the MOA at this time, but rather was only authorizing GWMA to offer the assistance as the group was forming. She indicated that an MOA, which would be modeled after the Los Cerritos Channel MOA, would be brought before the board for approval before any activity would take place.

On motion made by Director De Witt and seconded by Director Ojeda, the motion to offer fiduciary assistance was passed unanimously.

ITEM 10 – REPORT FROM GWMA MEMBERSHIP AD HOC COMMITTEE

Ms. Kast reported that the committee had not met since the last board meeting. However, since that time, Mr. Farfsing has made contact with several cities and that 3 meetings have been set up for possible membership. She indicated that she would be assisting and attending the meetings with Mr. Farfsing.

ITEM 11 – REPORT FROM PROP 84 STORMWATER GRANTS AD HOC COMMITTEE

Mr. Myrter updated the board on the latest information from the State. He indicated that the application process for planning and implementation projects would be highly competitive with a very tight schedule for CEQA compliance. He concluded by stating that a committee meeting with the two hired consultants (previously approved by the board) was scheduled for the following week to refine an application list of realistic and competitive planning and implementation projects. Deadline for Prop 84 Round 1 applications is January 31, 2012.

ITEM 11 – EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT


Ms. Kast updated the board on the Form 700 Conflict of Interest activities.

ITEM 12 – DIRECTOR’S COMMENTS/REPORTS

None.

ITEM 13 - ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 pm to Thursday, January 12, 2011 in the Clearwater Building at Paramount, CA.



Charlie Honeycutt, Secretary

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Date