

**MINUTES OF THE GATEWAY WATER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
LOS ANGELES GATEWAY REGION
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY BOARD
AT PARAMOUNT, CALIFORNIA
THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2012**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Gateway Authority was held on Thursday, January 12, 2012 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. A Sign-In Sheet was distributed to attendees for sign-in.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair Chris Cash	Paramount
Vice-Chair Adriana Figueroa	Norwalk
Deborah Chankin	Bellflower
Dave Hill (alternate)	Central Basin MWD
Charles Emig (alternate)	Cerritos
Gina Nila	Commerce
Dan Mueller (alternate)	Downey
Jim Glancy	Lakewood
Mark Christoffels	Long Beach
G. Daniel Ojeda	Lynwood
Adrian Diaz (alternate)	Pico Rivera
Don Jensen	Santa Fe Springs
Charlie Honeycutt	Signal Hill
Steve Myrter (alternate)	Signal Hill
William DeWitt	South Gate
Mohammad Mostahkami (alternate)	South Gate
Don Jensen	Vernon
Scott Rigg (alternate)	Vernon
David Pelser	Whittier

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Art Aguilar	Central Basin MWD
John Oropeza	Bell Gardens
Kevin Wattier	Long Beach Water Dept.
John Oskoui	Downey
Art Cervantes	Pico Rivera
Vince Brar	Cerritos

STAFF AND GUESTS PRESENT:

Abi Aderonmu	California Department of Water Resources
Bill Bennett	GEI Consultants
Bill Pagett	Willdan
Chau Vu	Bell Gardens
Blake Whittington	Council for Watershed Health
Steve Forster	La Mirada
Rochelle Paras	LA County FCD/Greater LA IRWMP
Ken Farfsing	Signal Hill
Terry Rodrigue	City of Bell

ITEM 3 - ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

ITEM 4 – ORAL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

Ms. Rochelle Paras reported on the next meeting of the Greater LA IRWMP Leadership Committee. She also invited members to participate in the Greater LA IRWMP planning process for the Lower San Gabriel River Watershed being held at the WRD offices.

ITEM 5 – CONSENT CALENDAR

Director Nila requested the addition of her name to the attendance list in the minutes. A correction was also made to the date listed in the warrant report from 2011 to 2012. Director Christoffels moved the approval of the consent calendar with the corrections. Director Figueroa 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 project has been completed and that the final report to the State was submitted before the deadline on December 31, 2011. He referred to the Notice of Completion in the agenda which would be filed with the County upon board approval. The recording would start a 35-day period before the final payment/retention would be released to the contractor. He concluded by stating that the total project cost was under budget at \$9,895,000.

Upon motion made by Director DeWitt and seconded by Director Ojeda, the Notice of Completion was unanimously approved.

ITEM 7 – STATUS REPORT ON IRWMP ACTIVITIES

Mr. Bill Bennett reported that GEI is working with their sub-consultants on setting up public outreach and stakeholder meetings. He also described what tasks and responsibilities each member of the team would have during this planning process. GEI is also receiving helpful information from the members for the water balance calculations. He then asked for input from the board on setting up a regular schedule for stakeholder meetings as well as the first public meeting which he felt should be held in the evening.

After discussion, the board agreed that monthly stakeholder meetings should be held immediately after the GWMA board meetings, but not sooner than 1:30 p.m. The board also directed GEI to hold the first evening public meeting during the last week of February. Unless otherwise noted, all of the meetings would be held at the COG conference room.

ITEM 8 – CITY MANAGER’S STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Farfsing reported on recent membership meetings he attended with the Executive Officer. He indicated that La Mirada’s council was expected to approve the JPA Agreement by the end of the month. He also reported that the City of Bell is also considering membership but due to current fiscal problems, may not be

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able to pay the dues at this time. He concluded by stating that he and Ms. Kast were scheduled to meet with La Habra Heights and Montebello in the next few weeks.

Mr. Farfaring also updated the members on the status of the LA County Parcel Tax Ordinance and election process.

Ms. Kast requested the board's consideration to accept a pro-rated share of La Mirada's membership dues. The board concurred.

ITEM 9 – REPORT FROM GWMA MEMBERSHIP AD HOC COMMITTEE

Report given under City Manager's Steering Committee Report.

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

Ms. Kast reported that the committee had met with the two consultants previously retained to prepare and submit the applications. After discussion, the committee decided to proceed with 3 planning applications (\$10,000 each) and 2 implementation applications (\$7,500 each).

The planning grant applications include: 1) Los Cerritos Channel Watershed Segmentation and LID Planning Project; 2) LA River Watershed Reach 1 and 2 Model Training; and 3) Coyote Creek Watershed Metal's TMDL Implementation Plan.

The implementation grant applications include: 1) Lower San Gabriel Watershed (Coyote Creek subwatershed – Pilot Project to Replace Wading/Spray Pools and upgrade parking lots with permeable concrete; and 2) Los Cerritos Channel Watershed – Retrofit parks and medians with wireless water sensors.

ITEM 10 – EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Ms. Kast reported on her findings regarding legislation pertaining to theft of scrap metal. She indicated that she would distribute the state and federal legislation to the board.

ITEM 12 – DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS/REPORTS

None.

ITEM 13 - ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 pm to Thursday, February 9, 2012 in the Clearwater Building at Paramount, CA.



Charlie Honeycutt, Secretary

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Date