

**MINUTES OF THE GATEWAY WATER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
LOS ANGELES GATEWAY REGION
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY BOARD
AT PARAMOUNT, CALIFORNIA
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2012**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Gateway Water Management Authority was held on Thursday, February 9, 2012 at Noon at the Clearwater Building at 16401 Paramount Blvd., Paramount, CA 90723.

Vice-Chair Adriana Figueroa called the meeting to order at 12:05 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:

Vice-Chair Adriana Figueroa	Norwalk
Chau Vu (alternate)	Bell Gardens
Bernardo Iniguez (alternate)	Bellflower
Dave Hill (alternate)	Central Basin MWD
Gina Nila	Commerce
Dan Mueller (alternate)	Downey
Jim Glancy	Lakewood
Mark Christoffels	Long Beach
Eric Leung (alternate)	Long Beach Water Dept.
G. Daniel Ojeda	Lynwood
Adrian Diaz (alternate)	Pico Rivera
Frank Beach (alternate)	Santa Fe Springs
Charlie Honeycutt	Signal Hill
Steve Myrter (alternate)	Signal Hill
William DeWitt	South Gate
Mohammad Mostahkami (alternate)	South Gate
Scott Rigg (alternate)	Vernon
David Pelser	Whittier

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Art Aguilar	Central Basin MWD
Chris Cash	Downey
John Oropeza	Bell Gardens
Deborah Chankin	Bellflower
Kevin Wattier	Long Beach Water Dept.
John Oskoui	Downey
Art Cervantes	Pico Rivera
Vince Brar	Cerritos
Don Jensen	Santa Fe Springs
Kevin Wilson	Vernon

STAFF AND GUESTS PRESENT:

Grace Kast	Executive Officer
Abi Aderonmu	California Department of Water Resources
Bill Bennett	GEI Consultants

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Lorena Ospina
Richard Watson
Blake Whittington
Steve Forster
Phil Doudar
Mike Grady
Ken Farfsing
Miriam Torres

GEI Consultants
Richard Watson & Assoc.
Council for Watershed Health
La Mirada
LA County FCD/Greater LA IRWMP
Cerritos
Signal Hill
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 Nila seconded the motion. The minutes and list of disbursements were unanimously approved.

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

Ms. Kast reported that the release of the retention to the contractor was scheduled for February 21st barring any Stop Payment Notices. She also reported that all closure statements had been completed with the State Water Resources Control Board. Ms. Kast concluded by stating that the single audit was still underway and was due to the state by March 31, 2012.

ITEM 7 – STATUS REPORT ON IRWMP ACTIVITIES

Mr. Bill Bennett reported that GEI is working with their sub-consultant on developing the public outreach plan. He indicated that after his review over the next few days, he would be sending it to Ms. Kast for her review. He also reported that they are still collecting data for the water balance calculations and thanked everyone for their assistance. In addition to this work, they have been also working on preparing for the first stakeholder's meeting scheduled after the board meeting to be held in the same room at 1:30. He concluded by stating that contingent upon finalizing the draft public outreach plan, the first IRWM public meeting was tentatively scheduled for February 29th at 7:00 p.m. at this same location.

ITEM 8 – CITY MANAGER'S STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Farfsing reported on recent membership meetings he attended with the Executive Officer. He reported that they had met with La Habra Heights and the La Habra Heights County Water District as well as the City of Artesia. At this time, it did not appear that La Habra Heights was in a position to join. He indicated that they have scheduled a meeting with Montebello on February 14th. The plan is then to schedule meetings with Compton, Huntington Park and Maywood.

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Ms. Kast reported that the City of Bell is interested in joining but is requesting that the dues for the current year be waived while they plan to include them in their budget for their next fiscal year. The board requested that this request and any other requests be agendized in March.

Mr. Farfsing then reported that he along with Mr. Wattier attended a study session which included Jeff Kightlinger of MWD and Grace Chan of the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles to discuss reclaimed/recycled water needs.

Ms. Farfsing updated the board on the draft LA County Parcel Fee Ordinance. He then requested that Mr. Phil Doudar of the LA County Flood Control provide additional information. Mr. Doudar indicated that the County's legal and finance/treasurer departments are reviewing the ordinance to ensure it is consistent with their requirements.

ITEM 9 – REPORT FROM PROP 84 STORMWATER GRANTS AD HOC COMMITTEE

Ms. Kast reported that five applications had been submitted to the State Water Resources Control Board for Prop 84 Stormwater grants. She referred to a handout summarizing each of the applications.

ITEM 10 – EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Ms. Kast referred to an article Mr. Mostahkami had requested be distributed to the board regarding the State Water Resources Control Board's recent approval of a water quality restoration strategy for the ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles to address hazardous toxic chemicals. The article stated that cities that directly discharge stormwater into the waters of the two ports would be required to comply in order to ensure they are not contributing to the existing contamination.

ITEM 11 – DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS/REPORTS

None.

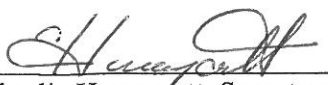
ITEM 12 – CLOSED SESSION

- a. Pursuant to Government Code §54857.6; Meet and Confer with Designated Representative – Unrepresented Employee – Executive Officer

The Board gave direction to it designated representative. No action was taken.

ITEM 13 - ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 pm to Thursday, March 9, 2012 in the Clearwater Building at Paramount, CA.



Charlie Honeycutt, Secretary

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Date