

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

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Gateway Water Management Authority was held on Thursday, April 12, 2012 at Noon at the Clearwater Building at 16401 Paramount Blvd., Paramount, CA 90723.

Vice-Chair Adriana Figueroa called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m. Roll was called through self-introductions and a quorum was declared present. A Sign-In Sheet was distributed to all attendees for sign-in.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Vice-Chair Adriana Figueroa	Norwalk
Chau Vu (alternate)	Bell Gardens
Deborah Chankin	Bellflower
Dave Hill (alternate)	Central Basin MWD
Charles Emig (alternate)	Cerritos
Gina Nila	Commerce
John Oskoui	Downey
Dan Mueller (alternate)	Downey
Steve Forster	La Mirada
Jim Glancy	Lakewood
Anthony Arevalo	Long Beach
Eric Leung (alternate)	Long Beach Water Dept.
G. Daniel Ojeda	Lynwood
Jose Molina	Lynwood
Len Gorecki	Paramount
Adrian Diaz (alternate)	Pico Rivera
Frank Beach (alternate)	Santa Fe Springs
Steve Myrter (alternate)	Signal Hill
Scott Rigg (alternate)	Vernon
David Pelsner	Whittier

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Bill De Witt	South Gate
Art Aguilar	Central Basin MWD
John Oropeza	Bell Gardens
Vince Brar	Cerritos
Don Jensen	Santa Fe Springs
Kevin Wilson	Vernon
Chair Chris Cash	Paramount
Art Cervantes	Pico Rivera
Charlie Honeycutt	Signal Hill
Thomas Robinson	La Mirada
Kevin Wattier	Long Beach Water Dept.

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STAFF AND GUESTS PRESENT:

Grace Kast	Executive Officer
Ken Farfsing	Signal Hill
Bill Bennett	GEI Consultants
Bill Pagett	City of Paramount
Blake Whittington	Council for Watershed Health
Tim D'Zmura	City of Bell
Norma Salinas	City of Montebello
John Buck	City of Lakewood
Sam Kouri	City of Montebello
Miriam Torres	ALCANZA (via phone)

ITEM 3 - ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

ITEM 4 – ORAL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

None.

ITEM 5 – CONSENT CALENDAR

Director Oskoui moved the approval of the consent calendar. After Director Nila seconded the motion, the consent calendar was unanimously approved.

ITEM 6 – STATUS REPORT ON IRWMP ACTIVITIES

Ms. Kast reported that the first progress report along with the first reimbursement request from the State was under review by the Dept. of Water Resources. Mr. Bill Bennett provided an update of activities and reminded everyone that an IRWM Plan Stakeholders meeting was being held after the board meeting in the same room at 1:30 p.m. He also updated that board on the IRWM Plan Goals and Objectives and the IRWM Public Outreach Plan, which had been formulated as a result of 2 stakeholder meetings and a public meeting.

Director Chankin moved to adopt the IRWM Plan Goals and Objectives as presented. Director Glancy seconded the motion, which was then adopted unanimously.

Director Chankin requested more time to review the IRWM Plan Public Outreach Plan. Mr. Bill Bennett confirmed that one more month could be accommodated and still remain on schedule. Vice-Chair Figueroa then directed staff and Mr. Bennett to bring the Public Outreach Plan back to the Board in May.

ITEM 7 – CITY MANAGERS STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Ken Farfsing requested that this item be combined with item 9 on the agenda.

ITEM 8 – GWMA FY 2010/11 AUDITED FINANCIALS

Ms. Maurina Lee, City of Downey's Finance Manager reviewed the general and single audits for GWMA. After discussion, the audit was received and filed.

ITEM 9 – RESOLUTION 2012-01 SUPPORTING LA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN SETTING A PROPERTY OWNER ELECTION – WATER QUALITY FUNDING INITIATIVE

Mr. Farfsing updated the board on the draft water quality fee ordinance being circulated by LA County. He reported that the Gateway COG board discussed support of a previous version of the resolution but had significant concerns and changes. He suggested that this item be tabled until further clarity is provided by the Gateway Cities COG.

Vice-Chair Figueroa also indicated that the draft ordinance requires 2 separate JPAs and 2 separate governance boards (Watershed Area Groups "WAGs") to administer the funds generated from the parcel tax. Mr. Farfsing confirmed this and added that LA County representatives would like to understand GWMA's intent on how to utilize the current JPA structure and not require membership fee for purposes of the ordinance structure.

Director Pelser moved to continue the agenda item until the May board meeting and also directed staff to work with legal counsel, the city managers steering committee and the GWMA officers to consider options for structuring the current JPA to work with the ordinance.

ITEM 10 – GWMA JPA MEMBERSHIP

Ms. Kast reported that Mr. Farfsing and she had concluded their visits with the cities in the Gateway region, which were not yet members. Ms. Kast stated that the GWMA Membership Ad Hoc Committee had convened on a conference call to discuss options for membership. Mr. Farfsing added by summarizing some of the issues each of those cities were having which prevented them from joining the JPA.

Based on the meetings and the membership committee's suggestions, an Ex-Officio Membership policy had been drafted for the board's consideration. Ms. Kast reported that the policy had been reviewed by legal counsel, in which his only suggested change would be to utilize a term other than "membership". Ms. Kast suggested "Delegate", "Organization", "Participant", or "Representative". Additional suggestions were made to add two items under "Details of Membership". The two items were that ex-officio members could not participate in closed session and that the GWMA board retained the right to terminate ex-officio members consistent with the JPA Agreement.

Mr. Hector Rodriguez, city manager of Cudahy requested consideration be given to a \$5,000 membership for his city as well as other small cities. Director Chankin suggested that perhaps a tiered dues structure could be developed based on population or some other equitable basis. Several other board members concurred with the suggestion.

Ms. Kast reported that she was currently working with the City of Signal Hill on developing the budget for next fiscal year. She stated that perhaps this would be a good time to review the membership dues structure, which supports the budget annually.

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On motion made by Director Chankin and seconded by Director Forster, the Ex-Officio Membership policy was approved with the following changes/additions: 1) "Ex-Officio Participant Policy"; 2) Add no participation in closed sessions of the board; and 3) GWMA retains the right to terminate ex-officio participants consistent with the process in the JPA Agreement.

On motion made by Director Pelsner and seconded by Director Glancy, staff was directed to prepare the draft budget with options for membership dues, which could support the budget. The motion was unanimously approved. *(I believe we did roll call on this one)*

ITEM 11 – EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT

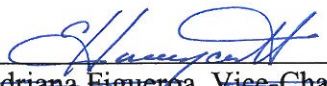
Ms. Kast thanked the Board for their assistance in submitting the annual Conflict of Interest Forms. She also reported that she was working on collecting the tonnage of trash removed from the catch basin project. She reminded the board that GWMA would need to submit the information to the state.

ITEM 12 – DIRECTOR’S COMMENTS/REPORTS

Director Chankin reported that the issue of the NPDES discharge permit should be of utmost importance since consideration is being given by the Regional Board to eliminate any discharges of potable waters. Director Glancy reported that the Pavley bill regarding well logs was resurrected as SB1146. Several directors reported that they had received the new draft LA County catch basin agreement and had serious concerns. Director Myrter stated he would work with staff to develop a letter in response to the draft agreement.

ITEM 13 - ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:23 pm to Thursday, May 10, 2012 in the Clearwater Building at Paramount, CA.



Adriana Figueroa, Vice-Chair
CHARLIE HONEYCUTT
SECRETARY

5.10.12

Date