

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

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

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair Christopher Cash	Paramount
Vice-Chair Adriana Figueroa	Norwalk
Charlie Honeycutt	Signal Hill
Veronica Sanchez (alternate by proxy)	Bell Gardens
Deborah Chankin	Bellflower
Dave Hill (alternate)	Central Basin MWD
Charles Emig (alternate)	Cerritos
Gina Nila	Commerce
Dan Mueller (alternate)	Downey
Steve Forster (alternate)	La Mirada
Anthony Arevalo (alternate via phone)	Long Beach
Eric Leung (alternate)	Long Beach Water Dept.
G. Daniel Ojeda	Lynwood
Jose Molina (alternate)	Lynwood
Adrian Diaz (alternate)	Pico Rivera
Frank Beach (alternate)	Santa Fe Springs
Steve Myrter (alternate)	Signal Hill
Mohammad Mostahkami (alternate)	South Gate
Scott Rigg (alternate)	Vernon

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Bill De Witt	South Gate
Art Aguilar	Central Basin MWD
John Oskoui	Downey
John Oropeza	Bell Gardens
Vince Brar	Cerritos
David Pelsner	Whittier
Kevin Wattier	Long Beach Water Dept.
Don Jensen	Santa Fe Springs
Art Cervantes	Pico Rivera
Kevin Wilson	Vernon
Jim Glancy	Lakewood
Thomas Robinson	La Mirada

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STAFF AND GUESTS PRESENT:

Grace Kast	Executive Officer
Ken Bayless	GLAC Vector Control District
Bill Bennett (via phone)	GEI Consultants
Susanne Klueh	GLAC Vector Control District
Mark Daniel	GLAC Vector Control District
Russ Bryden	LACFCD/GLAC IRWM
Nancy Steele	Council for Watershed Health
Mike Antos	Council for Watershed Health
Carlos Alba	Artesia
Young Park	Bell
Terry Rodrigue	Bell
Konya Vivanti	Lakewood

ITEM 3 - ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

ITEM 4 – ORAL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

Mr. Russ Bryden updated the board on the GLAC IRWM Activities.

ITEM 5 – CONSENT CALENDAR

Director Honeycutt moved the approval of the consent calendar. After Director Ojeda seconded the motion, the consent calendar was unanimously approved.

ITEM 6 –IRWMP ACTIVITIES AND UPDATE

Mr. Bill Bennett updated the board by phone. He reviewed the schedule and the deadline for submission of project ideas to include in the Plan. After discussion, there was a general consensus that more time was needed to develop project concepts. Mr. Bennett stated he would send out a revised schedule to the stakeholders with the new deadline date of September 5.

Ms. Grace Kast reported on a recent Disadvantaged Community (“DAC”) pilot project in the city of Long Beach. Director Wattier had notified and shared his concerns to the Board Officers and the Executive Officer. He indicated that there was no pre-notification of the activities and wanted to ensure that future activities, if any, be better coordinated with the municipalities. Ms. Kast continued by stating that she had made contact with the Watershed Council of Health and had invited them to provide clarification about the project and its process.

Ms. Nancy Steele and Mr. Mike Antos provided background information about the project in its entirety, including all phases and locations, as well as the process that led them to Long Beach and previously, Maywood. They also explained how the project(s) were being funded either through the GLAC IRWM or a grant from DWR to the Watershed Council of Health.

Several board members expressed concerns that as a courtesy, any project within city limits should be first discussed/presented to city management prior to determining the location. After a lengthy discussion, the board felt it would be helpful to express the concerns via a letter to the GLAC IRWM and DWR.

On motion made by Director Figueroa and seconded by Director Nila, the Chairman was authorized to sign a letter expressing the board's concerns and the need for better coordination.

ITEM 7 – UPDATE ON HR 872 (GIBBS) REDUCING REGULATORY BURDENS ACT OF 2011

Ms. Kast reported on the meeting hosted by the GLAC Vector Control District to discuss HR 872. She indicated that the meeting was very informative and helpful to the Gateway region cities as well as to the Vector Control District.

Mr. Ken Bayless of the GLAC Vector Control District expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to bring everyone together and to learn about the different perspectives and the ever-increasing regulatory challenges facing everyone, especially the cities.

The board and Mr. Bayless discussed the possibility of funding a joint study to determine the major source of pesticides in stormwater and perhaps work on legislation together in the future to address mutual concerns. Mr. Bayless also expressed their support of the City's concerns relative to the new draft MS-4 permit being considered by the Regional Board which exempts residential users of pesticides.

ITEM 8 – GWMA MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Ms. Kast reported on the City of Bell's Membership Application. She reviewed the criteria the City met and the recommended reduced annual membership due of \$7,500. She indicated that the approval was on a one year basis and would be re-evaluated each year based on the then current information.

On motion made by Director Mostahkami and seconded by Director Ojeda, the board unanimously approved the City of Bell's Membership Application with a one-year membership due of \$7,500.

Ms. Kast then reported on the City of Artesia's Membership Application. She presented the board with the criteria the City met and then recommended a reduced annual membership due of \$5,000. She again reiterated that the approval was on a year basis only.

On motion made by Director Honeycutt and seconded by Director Figueroa, the board unanimously approved the City of Artesia's Membership Application with a one-year membership due of \$5,000.

Ms. Kast concluded her report by presenting the City of Hawaiian Gardens' application to become an Ex-Officio Participant of the GWMA. She reviewed the criteria and explained the role and limitations of this type of participation which was at no cost. She also reported that the City had already submitted their executed documents to GWMA.

On motion made by Director Figueroa and seconded by Director Ojeda, the board unanimously approved the City of Hawaiian Gardens' Ex-Officio Participant Application.

ITEM 9 – APPROVAL TO AWARD CONSULTANT CONTRACT TO PERFORM ANTICIPATED REDUCTION OF COPPER IN STORMWATER STUDY

Director Myrter updated the board on Los Cerritos Channel Technical Committee activities. He also described the need to retain a consultant to perform a study that would estimate the anticipated reduction of copper in stormwater runoff. As per the Los Cerritos Channel MOA with GWMA, Director Myrter requested that GWMA approve a consulting contract with tdc Environmental in the amount not to exceed \$13,200 and authorize the Chair to execute the contract. He concluded by stating that the funds would be from the Los Cerritos Channel watershed group.

On motion made by Director Diaz and seconded by Director Rigg, the motion was unanimously approved.

ITEM 10 – DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING LA COUNTY MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

Due to the lateness of the meeting, this item was tabled to the next board meeting on August 9, 2012.

ITEM 11 – CITY MANAGERS STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

Ms. Kast referred to a memo written by Mr. Farfing updated the GWMA board on the Water Quality Funding Initiative. Mr. Russ Bryden provided additional information and clarification about the process. He also stated that the County would be providing educational information that could be used to inform the public.

ITEM 11 – EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT


Ms. Kast reported that the State Water Resources Control Board has issued its recommendations for planning awards. One of GWMA's application for the Los Cerritos Channel was recommended and that Council Member Larry Forester of Signal Hill and Director Myrter would be attending the State Board's hearing to thank them and ensure approval of the grant.

ITEM 12 – DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS/REPORTS

None.

ITEM 13 - ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 pm to Thursday, August 9, 2012 in the Clearwater Building at Paramount, CA.



Charlie Honeycutt, Treasurer

8.9.12

Date