

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

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

Chair Chris Cash called the meeting to order at 12:07 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
Chau Vu (alternate)	Bell Gardens
Bernardo Iniguez (alternate)	Bellflower
Dave Hill (alternate)	Central Basin MWD
Charles Emig (alternate)	Cerritos
Gina Nila	Commerce
Dan Mueller (alternate)	Downey
Jim Glancy	Lakewood
Anthony Arevalo (alternate)	Long Beach
Kevin Wattier	Long Beach Water Dept.
G. Daniel Ojeda	Lynwood
Jose Molina (alternate)	Lynwood
Frank Beach (alternate)	Santa Fe Springs
Steve Myrter (alternate)	Signal Hill
Bill De Witt	South Gate
Mohammad Mostahkami (alternate)	South Gate
David Pelser	Whittier

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Art Aguilar	Central Basin MWD
John Oskoui	Downey
John Oropeza	Bell Gardens
Vince Brar	Cerritos
Deborah Chankin	Bellflower
Don Jensen	Santa Fe Springs
Art Cervantes	Pico Rivera
Kevin Wilson	Vernon
Thomas Robinson	La Mirada

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EX-OFFICIO PARTICIPANTS:

Ernesto Marquez

Hawaiian Gardens

STAFF AND GUESTS PRESENT:

Grace Kast

Executive Officer

Lauma Jurkevics

DWR – So. Region

Bill Bennett (via phone)

GEI Consultants

Jerry Wood

GLAC Vector Control District

Russ Bryden

GLAC IRWM

Ken Farfsing

Signal Hill

Young Park

Bell

Rene Guerrero

Pico Rivera

Carlos Alba

Artesia

Miriam Torres

ALCANZA

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. He stated that the Draft Revised GLAC IRWM Plan was partially complete and that the new format is designed to be “mini” IRWMPs for each of their 5 sub-regions, which when tied together is the GLAC IRWMP. He invited the Gateway Region to view and comment on the draft document, although it was not complete.

ITEM 5 – CONSENT CALENDAR

Director Figueroa moved the approval of the consent calendar. After Director DeWitt seconded the motion, the consent calendar was unanimously approved.

ITEM 6 –IRWMP ACTIVITIES AND UPDATE

Mr. Bill Bennett updated the board on what has been accomplished over the past month. He reviewed the schedule and the Sept. 5th deadline for submission of project ideas to include in the Plan. He also referred the group to the Gateway IRWMP website which had been recently revised and now included most of the IRWMP documents or links to date.

ITEM 7 – DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING LA COUNTY MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

Ms. Kast referred to the enclosed documents regarding Option 1 and Option 2 of the LA County Catch Basin Maintenance Agreement. Several board members indicated that their city has already approved Option 2 which allowed the city to contract its own services for catch basins owned and operated by the County but within city limits.

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Directors Arevalo and Mostahkami suggested that an ad hoc committee be formed to share experiences and concerns related to catch basin cleanings and maintenance, contractors, and LA County. Directors Mueller, Mostahkami, Arevalo, Vu and Ojeda were selected to participate. Ms. Kast was directed to coordinate a conference call with the participants. Director Arevalo suggested that Mr. Bill Pagett be included on the call.

ITEM 8 – PROPOSED I-710 WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENTS

Mr. Jerry Wood, Director of Transportation and Engineering for Gateway COG provided a presentation on Water Technical Studies - Key Findings related to the proposed I-710 improvements. He reviewed impacts on stormwater as well as proposed crossings and utility relocations along the LA River. He concluded his presentation by stating that comments on the recently released EIR were due to Cal Trans by September 28th. Several board members expressed concerns that some water-related issues and impacts needed to be further discussed with affected municipalities.

Chair Cash directed staff to work on a public comment letter to Cal Trans and bring it back to the board at the September 13th board meeting for approval. Mr. Farfaring offered his assistance in the development of the letter.

ITEM 9 – GWMA MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Ms. Kast reported that the councils of Artesia and Bell were expected to approve the JPA in the coming days. Once they were received, they would be official GWMA members. She also announced that Hawaiian Gardens had been added as an ex-officio participant to the GWMA website and letterhead. She also reported that she had again reached out to Compton to follow-up on their JPA membership application. In conclusion, Ms. Kast stated that she would be sending out applications for ex-officio and full membership to the remaining cities and water agencies within the next two months.

ITEM 10 – CITY MANAGERS' STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Farfaring updated the members on the County's Water Quality Funding Initiative. He stated that he was invited to participate on a selection criteria committee. Mr. Bryden also reported that they were now in the education/information outreach phase of the process.

ITEM 11 – EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

None.

ITEM 12 – DIRECTORS' COMMENTS/REPORTS

None.

ITEM 13 – ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 pm to Thursday, September 13, 2012 in the Clearwater Building at Paramount, CA.



Charlie Honeycutt, Treasurer

9.13.12

Date