

**MINUTES OF THE GATEWAY WATER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
LOS ANGELES GATEWAY REGION
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY BOARD
AT PARAMOUNT, CALIFORNIA
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2012**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Gateway Water Management Authority was held on Thursday, October 11, 2012 at Noon at the Clearwater Building at 16401 Paramount Blvd., Paramount, CA 90723.

Chair Chris Cash called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. Roll was called through self-introductions and a quorum of the board was declared present. A Sign-In Sheet was provided 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
Dave Hill (alternate)	Central Basin MWD
Gina Nila	Commerce
Dan Mueller (alternate)	Downey
Lisa Rapp (alternate)	Lakewood
Anthony Arevalo	Long Beach
G. Daniel Ojeda	Lynwood
Jose Molina (alternate)	Lynwood
Gladis Deros	Pico Rivera
Frank Beach	Santa Fe Springs
Steve Myrter (alternate)	Signal Hill
Mohammad Mostahkami (alternate)	South Gate
Scott Rigg (alternate)	Vernon
David Pelser	Whittier

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Carlos Alba	Artesia
Terry Rodrigue	Bell
Art Aguilar	Central Basin MWD
Art Cervantes	Pico Rivera
John Oskoui	Downey
Bill DeWitt	South Gate
John Oropeza	Bell Gardens
Kevin Wattier	Long Beach Water Department
Vince Brar	Cerritos
Deborah Chankin	Bellflower
Jim Glancy	Lakewood
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
Bill Bennett	GEI Consultants
Russ Bryden (via phone)	GLAC IRWM
Ken Farfsing	Signal Hill
Blake Whittington	Council for Watershed Health

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 and upcoming meetings. Mr. Blake Whittington commended GWMA on its excellent comment letter to Cal Trans regarding the I-710 Expansion.

ITEM 5 – CLOSED SESSION: PURSUANT TO GOV. CODE SECTION 54956.9 (c)

No reportable action was taken.

ITEM 6 - CONSENT CALENDAR

Ms. Gladis Deros from Pico Rivera requested a correction in the minutes regarding Mr. Cervantes attendance at the last board meeting. With the correction, Director Nila moved the approval of the consent calendar. After Director Rigg seconded the motion, the consent calendar was unanimously approved.

ITEM 7 – STATUS REPORT ON IRWMP ACTIVITIES

Mr. Bill Bennett distributed packets of Gateway IRWMP Newsletters to attendees and board members. He briefly reported on the status of the IRWM Planning process and referred to the IRWM Plan Stakeholders' Agenda for the meeting following the GWMA board meeting.

ITEM 8 – APPROVAL TO AWARD CONSULTANT CONTRACT TO DEVELOP THE METALS TMDLS WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE COYOTE CREEK AND SAN GABRIEL RIVER REACH 1 GROUP

Director Figueroa reported on the status of activities for the Coyote Creek and San Gabriel River Reach 1 Group. She indicated that GWMA has sent out invoices and received funds for this specific purpose. The

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group solicited and approved a consultant proposal team with John Hunter and Rich Watson for the Monitoring Plan. The group is now requesting: 1) approval of a professional services agreement in the amount not to exceed \$203,000 to develop the Metals TMDL Watershed Management Plan; and 2) authorize the Chair to execute the agreement on a form approved by the GWMA attorney.

A motion was made by Director Ojeda and seconded by Director Mostahkami. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 9 – RESOLUTION 11-10-12-1 AUTHORIZING GWMA’S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SERVE AS PROJECT DIRECTOR FOR GRANT AGREEMENT NO. 12-423-550

Ms. Kast reported that one of the five Prop 84 stormwater applications to the State Water Resources Control Board was approved for full funding. As part of the grant acceptance process, a Project Director certification form is required. Because the Executive Officer is not an employee of GWMA, the State requires a Resolution authorizing the contract Executive Officer to serve as the Project Director.

A motion was made by Director Figueroa and seconded by Director Arevalo. The Resolution passed unanimously.

ITEM 10 – GWMA MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Ms. Kast announced the official membership the city of Artesia. She also reported that the city council of Huntington Park had recently approved full membership. She concluded by stating that there is still active outreach on-going with the City of Compton as well as the remaining non-member cities. Director Nila offered to contact the City of Montebello.

Chairman Cash also reported that membership invitation letters were recently sent to WRD, LA County Sanitation District and the LA County Flood Control District.

ITEM 10 – CITY MANAGERS’ STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Farfsing updated the members on the County’s Water Quality Funding Initiative. He stated that he was invited to participate on a selection criteria committee. He urged the members to provide their input to him on draft documents that he forwards so he could communicate them to the committee.

Mr. Farfsing also reported that he represents GWMA on a SWRCB Cost of Compliance Committee which was formed to take a closer look at what actual compliance costs are and how they are affecting cities and agencies’ budgets. He asked for Gateway cities to review information and gage compliance costs.

Mr. Farfsing concluded his report by urging cities to engage in the stormwater permitting process which use a numeric limit.

ITEM 11 – EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT


None.

ITEM 12 – DIRECTORS' COMMENTS/REPORTS

Director Mostahkami requested that GWMA be kept informed on the I-710 Expansion EIR/EIS comments and responses. After lengthy discussion, the Executive Officer was directed to get into contact with Cal-Trans consultants to either set up a meeting with Gateway cities and agencies or have them make a presentation at an upcoming board meeting.

ITEM 13 – ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 pm to Thursday, November 8, 2012 in the Clearwater Building at Paramount, CA.



Charlie Honeycutt, Treasurer

12-13-12

Date