

**MINUTES OF THE GATEWAY WATER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
LOS ANGELES GATEWAY REGION
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY BOARD
AT PARAMOUNT, CALIFORNIA
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2013**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Gateway Water Management Authority was held on Thursday, February 14, 2013 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
Carlos Alba	Artesia
Young Park (alternate)	Bell
John Oropeza	Bell Gardens
Deborah Chankin	Bellflower
Bernardo Iniguez (alternate)	Bellflower
Charles Emig (alternate)	Cerritos
Gina Nila	Commerce
Jorge Rifa (alternate)	Commerce
John Oskoui	Downey
Dan Mueller (alternate)	Downey
Desi Alvarez (by proxy)	Huntington Park
Jim Glancy	Lakewood
Anthony Arevalo	Long Beach
Kevin Wattier	Long Beach Water Dept.
Jose Molina (alternate)	Lynwood
Gladis Deros (alternate)	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:

Terry Rodrigue	Bell
N/A	Central Basin MWD
Art Cervantes	Pico Rivera
James Enriquez	Huntington Park
Bill DeWitt	South Gate
N/A	Lynwood
Vince Brar	Cerritos
Kevin Wilson	Vernon
Thomas Robinson	La Mirada

EX-OFFICIO PARTICIPANTS:

Ernesto Marquez	Hawaiian Gardens
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STAFF AND GUESTS ON SIGN-IN SHEET:

Grace Kast	Executive Officer
Bill Bennett	GEI Consultants
Ken Farfsing	Signal Hill
Blake Whittington	Council for Watershed Health
Elias Saikaly	City of Lynwood
Mike O'Grady	City of Cerritos
Joseph Velasco III	Orchard Dale Water District
Rochelle Paras	LAFCO – GLAC IRWM
Chris Vogt	City of Bell
Konya Vivanti	City of Lakewood
Claudia Arellano	City of Vernon

ITEM 3 - ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

ITEM 4 – ORAL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

Ms. Rochelle Paras announced the upcoming Lower San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles sub-region meeting at the Water Replenishment District of Southern California. She also announced the date and time of the upcoming Greater Los Angeles IRWM Leadership Committee.

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

None.

ITEM 6 - CONSENT CALENDAR

Director Nila moved the approval of the consent calendar. Director Rigg seconded the motion. The consent calendar was unanimously approved.

ITEM 7 – STATUS REPORT ON IRWMP ACTIVITIES

Mr. Bill Bennett 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. He stated the group has been working on developing a recommended list of projects for application to DWR's Prop 84 Round 2 Implementation Grant program.

Ms. Kast reported on the Prop 84 Round 2 Implementation Grant program and the extensive application process. She then referred to the enclosed board letter describing the 8 recommended projects, the RFP process and those results.

Upon motion made by Director Chankin and seconded by Director Arevalo, the board unanimously approved the initiation of all 8 recommended projects for application development. The board directed the Executive Officer and the selected consulting team to work together to gather and develop a strong grant application. This was directed with the understanding that during the application development process, one or more projects or their components may be dropped if insufficient information or the timeliness thereof is weakening the overall application.

At the request of the board, the two consulting teams (GEI and Hunter/Watson) exited the room for discussion of the remainder of Agenda Item 7b. Due to the time constraints for the application, the board authorized the Executive Committee and Executive Officer to meet with both teams for further clarification of each proposal, and thereafter approve one of them. The board requested that these activities and actions be done as quickly as possible in order to meet the March 29th application deadline.

Upon motion made by Director Mostahkami and seconded by Director Oropeza, the Chair was authorized to execute a Professional Services Agreement with the selected consulting team.

ITEM 8 – DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING COMPLIANCE WITH LA REGIONAL BOARD'S MS4 PERMIT – ENHANCED WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Mr. John Hunter provided a brief report on the new MS4 Permit for LA County cities. He indicated that every city needed to inform the Regional Board of their selected option to develop a watershed management plan or the enhanced version thereof by June 2013. He then described each of the options. Mr. Rich Watson also reported on some of the details and the upcoming deadlines under this new MS4 Permit.

Board members and guests then asked questions and had a lengthy discussion regarding their options and how GWMA may help facilitate those options. The board requested a detailed listing of cities within watersheds in the Gateway region and which of those cities are already engaged through an MOA with GWMA or the Gateway COG. After further discussion, the board directed that this item be deferred to the March board meeting for further discussion and possible action.

ITEM 9 – APPROVE CONSULTANT AGREEMENT WITH GRACE KAST FOR SERVICES AS EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND AUTHORIZE THE BOARD CHAIR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT

On motion made by Director Wattier and seconded by Director Glancy, the board unanimously approved the agreement with Grace Kast and authorized the Board Chair to execute the agreement.

ITEM 10 – GWMA MEMBERSHIP REPORT

None.

ITEM 11 – CITY MANAGERS STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Ken Farfsing reported on the status of the Water Quality Funding Initiative "WQFI". He indicated that the public hearing period was continued to March 12, 2013 and that the Board of Supervisors approved the receipt of protests via e-mail.

Mr. Farfsing also reported on his recent communications with Claire Robinson of the Amigos De Los Rios organization. He stated that they are planning on extending the Emerald Necklace project to the southern portion of LA County. He concluded his report by indicating that Ms. Robinson has invited Gateway folks to attend one of their upcoming meetings in February.

At the direction of the board, the Executive Officer was requested to forward the meeting information to the board inviting them to attend.

ITEM 12 – EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT

Ms. Kast reported on an upcoming IRWM event in Sacramento and requested authorization to attend.

On motion made by Director Rifa and seconded by Director Mostahkami, the board unanimously authorized the Executive Officer to attend the IRWM Summit and Conference in Sacramento on April 3 through 5, 2013.

ITEM 13 – DIRECTORS’ COMMENTS/REPORTS

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m. to Thursday, March 14, 2013 in the Clearwater Building at Paramount, CA.



Charlie Honeycutt, Treasurer

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Date