

**MINUTES OF THE GATEWAY WATER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
LOS ANGELES GATEWAY REGION
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
AT PARAMOUNT, CALIFORNIA
THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2013**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Gateway Water Management Authority was held on Thursday, March 28, 2013 at 2:30 p.m. at the Progress Park Plaza, 15500 Downey Avenue, Paramount, CA 90723.

Chair Chris Cash called the meeting to order at 2:40 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
Carlos Alba	Artesia
Young Park (alternate)	Bell
John Oropeza	Bell Gardens
Chris Ortiz (alternate by proxy)	Bell Gardens
Deborah Chankin	Bellflower
Bernardo Iniguez (alternate)	Bellflower
Mike O'Grady (by proxy)	Cerritos
Gina Nila	Commerce
Dan Mueller (alternate)	Downey
Desi Alvarez (by proxy)	Huntington Park
Lisa Rapp (alternate)	Lakewood
Anthony Arevalo	Long Beach
Jose Molina (alternate)	Lynwood
Art Cervantes	Pico Rivera
Gladis Deras (alternate)	Pico Rivera
Noe Negrete (alternate)	Santa Fe Springs
Steve Myrter (alternate)	Signal Hill
Kevin Wilson	Vernon
David Pelser	Whittier

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Terry Rodrigue	Bell
David Hill	Central Basin MWD
Vince Brar	Cerritos
John Oskoui	Downey
James Enriquez	Huntington Park
Thomas Robinson	La Mirada
Jim Glancy	Lakewood
Kevin Wattier	Long Beach Water Dept.
N/A	Lynwood
Frank Beach	Santa Fe Springs
Adriana Figueroa	Norwalk
Charlie Honeycutt	Signal Hill

EX-OFFICIO PARTICIPANTS:

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

Grace Kast	Executive Officer
Stephen Kucharcek	Paramount Resident
Sid Mousavi	Bell Gardens
Steve Dorsey	GWMA Legal Counsel
Jolene Guerrero	LA County Flood Control District
Douglas Benash	Montebello
Nicholas Razo	Bell Gardens
Elroy Kiepke	Paramount
Bill Pagett	Maywood
Claudia Arellano	Vernon
Chris Lapaz	Montebello
Sarah Ho	Paramount
Konya Vivanti	Lakewood
Aaron Hernandez	Cudahy
Victor Ferrer	Cudahy
Blake Whittington	Council for Watershed Health

ITEM 3 - ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

ITEM 4 – ORAL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

None.

ITEM 5 – PRESENTATION – LOS ANGELES COUNTY MS4 PERMIT (GATEWAY CITIES AND WATERSHEDS)

Chairman Chris Cash, Director Anthony Arevalo and Director Lisa Rapp reported on a meeting they attended with Ms. Gail Farber, Mr. Mark Pestrella and Mr. Gary Hildebrand from the LA County Flood Control District. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss preferences between EWMPs and WMPs. The LACFCD indicated their interest in participating in Gateway area watersheds doing EWMPs.

Director Arevalo followed by reporting on a meeting he and Director Steve Myrter had with Ivar from the LA Regional Water Quality Control Board. The meeting focused on clarity of the deliverables due on June 28, 2013.

After lengthy discussion and many questions and answers, Chairman Cash requested an update from each of the watershed groups:

COYOTE CREEK/SAN GABRIEL RIVER REACH 1 (AND REACH 2)

CITIES: Artesia, Bellflower, Cerritos, Diamond Bar, Downey, Hawaiian Gardens, La Habra Heights, Lakewood, La Mirada, Long Beach, Norwalk, Santa Fe Springs, Whittier, *Reach 2: add Pico Rivera to list)*

This existing watershed technical group reported that they had invited Reach 2 cities to join them. As of their last meeting, they selected a WMP and requested fiduciary/administrative assistance from GWMA through an MOU.

The Board requested that Mr. Dorsey, legal counsel begin working on the MOU for this watershed.

LOS CERRITOS CHANNEL

CITIES: Bellflower, Cerritos, Downey, Lakewood, Long Beach, Paramount, Signal Hill

This existing watershed technical group reported that they had met and had selected an EWMP. They requested fiduciary/administrative assistance from GWMA through an MOU.

The Board requested that Mr. Dorsey, legal counsel begin working on the MOU for this watershed.

LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVER REACH 1

CITIES: Carson, Huntington Park, Lakewood, Long Beach, Lynwood, Signal Hill, South Gate

This existing watershed technical group reported that no decision had been made yet.

LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVER UPPER REACH 2

CITIES: Huntington Park, Vernon, Commerce, Cudahy, Bell Gardens, Bell, Maywood

This newly created watershed technical group reported that they had tentatively selected a WMP and requested fiduciary/administrative assistance from GWMA through an MOU.

The Board requested that Mr. Dorsey, legal counsel begin working on the MOU for this watershed.

LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVER LOWER REACH 2

CITIES: Compton, Downey, Lynwood, Montebello, Pico Rivera, South Gate, Paramount, Long Beach

The cities in this group reported that they had not met yet. Chairman Cash indicated that he would reach out to schedule a meeting as soon as possible.

At the conclusion of the status reports, the Chairman stated he would work with the Executive Officer to schedule a follow-up Special Board Meeting to discuss next steps regarding the watersheds' and their respective WMPs/EWMPs. There was general consensus that the next special meeting date should be very soon.

ITEM 7 – DIRECTORS' COMMENTS/REPORTS

Chairman Cash reported on the need for the board to discuss and consider how costs for legal services for the development of the respective watershed MOUs should be paid. He continued by reporting that the increased accounting and administrative duties should be discussed by the board as well. He concluded his report by stating that he had been discussing options with Signal Hill, GWMA's Lead Agency and with the Executive Officer.

After general consensus that these issues needed to be addressed quickly and requested that this item be added to the agenda of the next regular GWMA board meeting on April 11, 2013.

The special meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m. to a regular meeting of the board on Thursday, April 11, 2013 in the Clearwater Building at Paramount, CA.



Charlie Honeycutt, Treasurer

4-11-13

Date