

**MINUTES OF THE GATEWAY WATER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
LOS ANGELES GATEWAY REGION
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY BOARD
AT PARAMOUNT, CALIFORNIA
THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2013**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Gateway Water Management Authority was held on Thursday, April 11, 2013 at Noon at the Clearwater Building at 16401 Paramount Blvd., Paramount, CA 90723.

Chair Chris Cash called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. Roll was called through self-introductions and a quorum of the board was declared present. A Sign-In Sheet was provided to attendees for sign-in.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair Christopher Cash	Paramount
Charlie Honeycutt	Signal Hill
Carlos Alba	Artesia
Young Park (alternate)	Bell
Chris Ortiz (alternate by proxy)	Bell Gardens
Deborah Chankin	Bellflower
Bernardo Iniguez (alternate)	Bellflower
Gina Nila	Commerce
Dan Mueller (alternate)	Downey
Desi Alvarez (alternate by proxy)	Huntington Park
Lisa Rapp (alternate)	Lakewood
Kevin Wattier	Long Beach Water Dept.
Jose Molina (alternate)	Lynwood
Gladis Deras (alternate)	Pico Rivera
Frank Beach	Santa Fe Springs
Steve Myrter (alternate)	Signal Hill
Bill DeWitt	South Gate
Mohammad Mostahkami (alternate)	South Gate
Scott Rigg (alternate)	Vernon
David Pelser	Whittier

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Terry Rodrigue	Bell
John Oropeza	Bell Gardens
David Hill	Central Basin MWD
Vince Brar	Cerritos
John Oskoui	Downey
James Enriquez	Huntington Park
Thomas Robinson	La Mirada
Jim Glancy	Lakewood
Anthony Arevalo	Long Beach
N/A	Lynwood
Adriana Figueroa	Norwalk
Art Cervantes	Pico Rivera
Kevin Wilson	Vernon

EX-OFFICIO PARTICIPANTS:

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

Grace Kast	Executive Officer
Mike O'Grady	Cerritos
Blake Whittington	Council for Watershed Health
Bill Bennett	GEI Consultants
Enrique Huerta	GLAC IRWMP DAC

Russ Bryden (by phone)	LACFD and GLAC IRWM
Phil Doudar (by phone)	LACFD and GLAC IRWM

ITEM 3 - ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

ITEM 4 – ORAL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

Mr. Russ Bryden reported that the next meeting of the Greater LA IRWM's Lower Los Angeles / Lower San Gabriel Subregion is Tuesday, April 16, 1:30pm at the Water Replenishment District's offices. He also reported that the next meeting of the Greater LA IRWM's Leadership Committee is Wednesday, April 24th, 9:30am at the County Public Works building.

He concluded his report by stating that their region finished its application for Prop 84 Round 2 Implementation grant funding. The application included 13 projects and was for \$23 million in grant funds and that they were in the final stages of updating their IRWM Plan. The draft final document will be circulated for a 30 day public comment period beginning later this month.

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

None.

ITEM 6 - CONSENT CALENDAR

Director Alba moved the approval of the consent calendar. Director Arevalo seconded the motion. The consent calendar was unanimously approved with one abstention (Director DeWitt).

ITEM 7 – STATUS REPORT ON IRWMP ACTIVITIES

Mr. Bill Bennett reported that the Administrative Draft IRWM Plan had been updated per the comments and corrections which had been submitted during the last month. He continued by stating that the final draft of

the Plan would be released for a 30-day public review period on April 15th. He stated that the Plan along with an Executive Summary would be available at public libraries, etc. as well as on the GWMA website.

Ms. Kast reviewed the process for adoption of the Plan which was scheduled for June 13th. She continued by stating that any cities or agencies that had projects included in the Implementation Grant application would need to also adopt the Plan by Resolution.

Ms. Kast also reported that the final Implementation Grant Application for the Gateway region included 6 projects at an estimated total of \$17.99M of which the grant request was for \$13.5M. The Dept. of Water Resources was expected to announce awards on October 1, 2013.

ITEM 8 – DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE AND ACCOUNTING ISSUES

Chair Cash reported at the last Special Board Meeting, the issue of how to pay for the preparation of the watershed MOUs had been discussed and referred to this meeting. He indicated that Legal Counsel had provided an estimate of about \$12,000 for the base document with an additional amount added for customizing each watershed. Legal Counsel did not expect it to exceed \$20,000 total.

After discussion, Director Alba moved that the GWMA pay the legal costs to prepare the MOUs for each watershed with an amount not to exceed \$20,000. The motion was seconded by Director Wattier and unanimously approved.

Chair Cash then updated the Board on the anticipated increase in administrative and accounting duties as well as costs to support the MOUs for MS4-related work. Director Pelsner moved to direct staff to prepare a proposal for the additional work through the end of the fiscal year and include that on the April 15th Special Board Meeting agenda for board consideration. Additionally, staff was directed to prepare the annual budget for the following fiscal year with a staffing plan and costs. The motion was seconded by Director Rapp and unanimously approved.

ITEM 9 – GWMA MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Ms. Kast updated the Board on recent communications with the cities of Cudahy, Maywood, Montebello, Artesia, Bell and Hawaiian Gardens on becoming JPA members.

ITEM 10 – CITY MANAGERS STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

None.

ITEM 12 – EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Ms. Kast referred to the enclosed letter from the Dept. of Transportation regarding the recirculation of the I-170 EIR. She indicated that the Jerry Wood from the COG would be scheduling meetings with GWMA representatives to coordinate water-related concerns and activities.

Ms. Kast concluded her report by announcing that a Special Board Meeting regarding the EWMP/WMP was scheduled for Monday, April 15th at 1:00 p.m. at this COG location. She reported that Mr. Sam Unger and