## MINUTES OF THE GATEWAY WATER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY LOS ANGELES GATEWAY REGION

# INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

### AT PARAMOUNT, CALIFORNIA MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2013

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Gateway Water Management Authority was held on Tuesday, April 15, 2013 at 1:00 at Progress Park Plaza, 15500 Downey Avenue, Paramount, CA 90723.

Chair Chris Cash called the meeting to order at 1:10 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
Vice-Chair Adriana Figueroa
Young Park (alternate)

Paramount
Norwalk
Bell

John Oropeza

Deborah Chankin

Bernardo Iniguez (alternate)

Vince Brar

Mike O'Grady (by proxy)

Dan Mueller (alternate)

Bell Gardens

Bellflower

Cerritos

Cerritos

Downey

Desi Alvarez (by proxy)

Konya Vivanti (alternate by proxy)

Anthony Arevalo

Jose Molina (alternate)

Naca Magneta (alternate)

Lunwood

Long Beach

Lynwood

Lynwood

Noe Negrete (alternate)
Santa Fe Springs
Steve Myrter (alternate)
Signal Hill
Mohammad Mostahkami (alternate)
South Gate
David Pelser
Whittier

#### **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Carlos Alba Artesia
Terry Rodrigue Bell

David Hill Central Basin MWD

Gina Nila Commerce John Oskoui Downey

James Enriquez Huntington Park
Thomas Robinson La Mirada
Jim Glancy Lakewood

Kevin Wattier Long Beach Water Dept.

N/ALynwoodAdriana FigueroaNorwalkArt CervantesPico RiveraFrank BeachSanta Fe SpringsCharlie HoneycuttSignal Hill

Bill De Witt South Gate

Kevin Wilson

Vernon

#### **EX-OFFICIO PARTICIPANTS:**

Ernesto Marquez

Hawaiian Gardens

#### STAFF AND GUESTS ON SIGN-IN SHEET:

Grace Kast

**Executive Officer** 

Nick Razo

Bell Gardens

Victor Ferrer

Cudahy

Aaron Hernandez

Cudahy

Blake Whittington

**CWH** 

Andrew Brady

**GWMA** Legal Counsel

John Hunter

JLHA

Jillian Brickey

JLHA

Hector Bordas

LA County Flood Control District

Russ Bryden

LA County Flood Control District

Deb Smith

LARWQCB

Renee Purdy Sam Unger LARWQCB LARWQCB

Bill Pagett

Maywood

Andre Dupret

Maywood

Chris Lapaz

Montebello

Suzanne Caldwell

Panasonic (sp)

Sarah Ho

Paramount

Rich Watson Ken Farfsing RWA

Claudia Arellano

Signal Hill Vernon

Jerrick Torres

Vernon

#### ITEM 3 - ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

#### ITEM 4 – ORAL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

None.

## ITEM 5 – DISCUSSION/ACTIONS REGARDING COMPLIANCE WITH LA REGIONAL BOARD'S MS4 PERMIT – WMP AND/OR EWMP

Chairman Cash welcomed Mr. Sam Unger, the Executive Officer of the LA Regional Water Quality Control Board and his management staff, Ms. Renee Purdy and Ms. Deb Smith.

Ms. Grace Kast introduced Mr. Unger and referred to a list of questions that she had collected and submitted to Mr. Unger prior to the meeting.

Mr. Unger thanked GWMA for the opportunity to attend the board meeting and respond to questions. He briefly summarized the process that lead to the new MS4 Permit which had been negotiated through a process with the LA County and the Cities within the LA County boundaries.

He stated that it was very helpful for LARWQCB to receive the list of questions ahead of time. He and his staff then went through each question and clarified many issues related to deadlines, qualifying projects, Green Streets and LID, as well as the intent and role of the Technical Advisory Committee for the EWMPs/WMPs.

At the conclusion, Mr. Unger responded to follow-up questions. He reiterated the LARWQCB's commitment to work with Permittees throughout the process. The intent was for the new MS4 Permit to be successful for everyone, including the Permittees as well as the LARWQCB.

The Chair thanked Mr. Unger, Ms. Purdy and Ms. Smith for attending the meeting and providing such valuable information.

The special meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m. to a regular meeting of the board on Thursday, May 9, 2013 in the Clearwater Building at Paramount, CA.

Charlie Honeycutt, Treasurer

5-10-13

Date