

**MINUTES OF THE GATEWAY WATER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
LOS ANGELES GATEWAY REGION
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY BOARD
AT PARAMOUNT, CALIFORNIA
THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 2013**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Gateway Water Management Authority was held on Thursday, August 8, 2013 at Noon at the Progress Park Plaza, 15500 Downey Avenue, Paramount, CA 90723.

Chair Chris Cash called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. Roll was called by the Executive Officer and a quorum of the Board was declared.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair Christopher Cash	Paramount
Carlos Alba	Artesia
Young Park (alternate)	Bell
Chau Vu (alternate)	Bell Gardens
Deborah Chankin	Bellflower
Mike O'Grady (alternate)	Cerritos
Gina Nila	Commerce
Aaron Hernandez-Torres	Cudahy
Dan Mueller (alternate)	Downey
Lisa Rapp (alternate)	Lakewood
Anthony Arevalo	Long Beach
Kevin Wattier	Long Beach Water Dept.
Michael Huntley	Montebello
Steve Myrter (alternate)	Signal Hill
Mohammad Mostahkami (alternate)	South Gate

STAFF AND GUESTS ON SIGN-IN SHEET:

Grace Kast	Executive Officer
Toni Penn	Administrative/Accounting Assistant
Steve Dorsey	Legal Counsel
Sam Kouri	Montebello
Blake Whittington	Council for Watershed Health
Bill Minasian	Public Member
Victor Ferrer	Cudahy
Esther Rojas	WRD

ITEM 3 - ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

ITEM 4 – ORAL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

Mr. Bryden from the Los Angeles County Flood Control District advised that the Greater LA IRWM's Lower Los Angeles/Lower San Gabriel Subregion would not be meeting in August. He also indicated that the next meeting of the Greater LA IRWM's Leadership Committee would be held on August 28th. Lastly, he stated that the Greater LA's focus over the past several months had been updating their planning document and indicated that they have concluded the public comment period for the Plan and were now putting together the final draft.

ITEM 5 - CONSENT CALENDAR

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

ITEM 6– STATUS REPORT ON IRWMP ACTIVITIES

Ms. Kast reported that since GWMA's adoption of the plan, Gateway stakeholders were encouraged to also adopt the Plan. Ms. Kast then updated the Board on which members/stakeholders had adopted the plan since the last board meeting.

ITEM 7 – DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING AB240 (RENDON) MAYWOOD MUTUAL WATER COMPANIES AND/OR GWMA'S POSSIBLE ROLE IN AB240

Ms. Kast reported that she and Chairman Cash were recently approached about the possibility of having GWMA be part of AB240 (Rendon). She indicated that this bill addresses Maywood's 3 mutual water companies' need for public accountability and for improved water quality and infrastructure. She indicated that during the development of this bill, recent language was inserted to have WRDSC step in as the recipient of the earmarked State grant funds appropriated in 2011 to facilitate much needed improvements. She stated that GWMA has been asked to replace WRDSC's role in this legislation.

Board Member Chankin indicated that her family had an interest in the city of Maywood and would be removing herself from any discussion/action due to a conflict of interest.

After detailed discussions, Director Wattier moved to adopt a position of support, if amended to replace WRDSC with GWMA. The motion was seconded by Director DeWitt and unanimously approved. The board also requested that the Chair appoint an ad hoc committee to contact Rendon's office to express the board's concerns and offer GWMA's assistance.

ITEM 8 – DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING PROPOSED PRINCIPLES FOR DEVELOPING A WATER BOND

Ms. Kast referred to the letter that was included in the agenda packet. She indicated that the letter was submitted by GWMA in response to Assembly Anthony Rendon's request for comments on the proposed principles for developing a Water Bond.

Mr. Farfing encouraged city representatives going to the League conference to attend the meeting to vote on the resolution regarding the Water Bond.

ITEM 9 – DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING WATERSHED EWMP/WMP ACTIVITIES

Ms. Kast updated the Board on developments regarding the MOU for the Lower Los Angeles River Reach 1 Watershed Group. She indicated that using the LAR Upper Reach 2 MOU as the template, the LAR R1 Watershed Group had been working with GWMA to develop a customized MOU for this particular watershed group.

Director Nila moved to approve the MOU with the Lower Los Angeles River Reach 1 Watershed Group to develop a WMP contingent upon final approval of non-material changes by legal counsel and the Chair. The motion was seconded by Director Huntley and was unanimously approved.

Ms. Kast updated the Board on developments regarding the MOU for the Los Cerritos Channel Watershed Group. She indicated that the LAR Upper Reach 2 MOU was also used as a template and recommended Board approval.

Director Rapp moved to approve the MOU with Los Cerritos Channel Watershed Group to develop a WMP contingent upon final approval of non-material changes by legal counsel and the Chair. The motion was seconded by Director Nila and was unanimously approved.

Ms. Kast updated the Board on developments regarding the MOU for the Lower San Gabriel River Watershed Group and indicated that this MOU was expected to come before the Board for approval at its next meeting.

ITEM 10 – DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING GWMA INSURANCE OPTIONS

Ms. Kast updated the Board on progress regarding insurance options for GWMA. She indicated that, as directed at the last board meeting, she contacted Mark Christoffels from ACE for information on how they acquire insurance. She stated that Mr. Christoffels indicated that ACE works with a JPA known as BICEP for its insurance and they work with Ken Spiker & Associates to set this up as their risk management support for ACE.

Ms. Kast reported that she had contacted Ken Spiker & Associates who provided some initial recommendations. Upon further discussion, she would bring back additional information and estimates for the board's consideration at the next board meeting.

ITEM 11 – DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING PROP 84 STORMWATER GRANT PROGRAM GUIDELINES ROUND 2

Ms. Kast reported on the Prop 84 Stormwater Grant Program Guidelines Round 2. She indicated that she would like to work with the representatives from each watershed to review the eligibility requirements and identify potential projects, including updating/revising the two previously submitted, but denied, in the first round. She stated that only implementation funds were available at this time and that it was unclear when applications would be accepted.

ITEM 12 – DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING COUNCIL FOR WATERSHED HEALTH

Mr. Blake Whittington referred to a letter dated October 8, 2010 addressed to the Watershed Council and signed by the previous Executive Officer. He stated that GWMA had committed administrative and meeting support to the Watershed Council over a three year period of which one year was left. He reviewed the goals and objectives of this partnership.

The Board requested Mr. Whittington to work with GWMA staff in coordinating meetings, workshops or tours, as needed by the Watershed Council for Health.

ITEM 13 – GWMA MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Ms. Kast reported that an application to become a GWMA JPA member with a reduced dues request had been received from the City of Maywood. She indicated that the City of Maywood had met several of the criteria required to be eligible for a reduction. She stated that they were requesting that their annual membership dues for FY2013/14 be \$2000 and to be paid in two installments.

Director Nila moved to approve the City of Maywood's membership and annual dues for 2013/14. The motion was seconded by Director Huntley and was unanimously approved.

ITEM 14 – CITY MANAGERS STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Ken Farfsing updated the Board on the status of the Water Quality Funding Initiative (WQFI). A renewed effort to engage stakeholders and elected officials on the WQFI through a committee structure had begun.

ITEM 15 - EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Ms. Kast reported there would be a Board presentation on the GCCOG's water quality strategic plan at its next meeting. She stated that it was the intent of the Gateway Cities COG Water Quality Strategic Plan to have a coordinated stormwater quality approach to cost effectively achieve compliance with the MS4 Permit.

Ms. Kast stated that the key elements would include identification of a coordination strategy and protocol between parties that could be implemented in each of the GCCOG watersheds; evaluation of the BMPs identified in the Caltrans Corridor Studies in comparison with future transportation projects; identification of Gateway cities planned water quality projects; identification of BMP sites that Caltrans and municipalities could collaborate on, and identification of regional BMPs that could be used in the development of Watershed Management Plans.

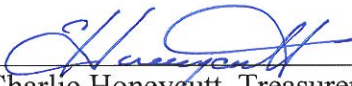
Ms. Kast also reported that SWRCB was accepting applications for a Clean Water Act grant. She indicated that the deadline to submit applications was September 12th.

Lastly, Ms. Kast reported that invoices for 2013/14 membership dues had recently been mailed out to its members.

ITEM 12 – DIRECTORS' COMMENTS/REPORTS

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m. to a Meeting of the Board on September 12, 2013 at Progress Park Plaza in Paramount.



Charlie Honeycutt, Treasurer

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Date