

**MINUTES OF THE GATEWAY WATER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
LOS ANGELES GATEWAY REGION
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY BOARD
AT PARAMOUNT, CALIFORNIA
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2013**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Gateway Water Management Authority was held on Thursday, September 12, 2013 at Noon at the Progress Park Plaza, 15500 Downey Avenue, Paramount, CA 90723.

Chair Chris Cash called the meeting to order at 12:08 p.m. Roll was called by the Executive Officer and a quorum of the Board was declared.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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| Chair Christopher Cash | Paramount |
| Carlos Alba | Artesia |
| Young Park (alternate) | Bell |
| Chau Vu (alternate) | Bell Gardens |
| Deborah Chankin | Bellflower |
| Tammy Hierling (proxy) | Central Basin MWD |
| Mike O'Grady (alternate) | Cerritos |
| Gina Nila | Commerce |
| Aaron Hernandez-Torres | Cudahy |
| Desi Alvarez (proxy) | Huntington Park |
| Lisa Rapp (alternate) | Lakewood |
| Anthony Arevalo | Long Beach |
| Sam Kouri (alternate) | Montebello |
| Adriana Figueroa | Norwalk |
| Frank Beach | Santa Fe Springs |
| Charlie Honeycutt | Signal Hill |
| William De Witt | South Gate |
| Scott Rigg (alternate) | Vernon |
| David Pelser | Whitter |

STAFF AND GUESTS ON SIGN-IN SHEET:

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| Grace Kast | Executive Officer |
| Toni Penn | Administrative/Accounting Assistant |
| Steve Dorsey | Legal Counsel |
| Bill Bennett | GEI Consultants |
| Blake Whittington | Council for Watershed Health |
| Bill Minasian | Downey Citizen |
| Greg Spiker | Ken Spiker & Associates |
| Desi Alvarez | City of Huntington Park |
| Bob Noonan | Orchard Dale Water District |
| Hal Estabrook | Orchard Dale Water District |
| Joseph Velasco | Orchard Dale Water District |
| Enrique Huerta | At-Large Stakeholder |

Dennis Azeveda
Mark Stowell
Gary Warkentin
Catherine Lelad
Jerry Wood
Daniel Apt

Orchard Dale Water District
City of La Mirada
RBF
City of La Habra Heights
GCCOG Consultant
RBF Consulting

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 next meeting of the Greater LA IRWM's Lower Los Angeles/Lower San Gabriel Subregion would be held on September 17th at 1:30 p.m. and would be held at the offices of the Water Replenishment District. He also indicated that the next meeting of the Greater LA IRWM's Leadership Committee would be held on September 25th. Lastly, he stated that the Greater LA's focus over the past several months has been updating their planning document into final form.

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.

REGARDING WATERSHED EWMP/WMP ACTIVITIES

Ms. Kast updated the Board on developments regarding the MOU for the Lower San Gabriel River LSGR Watershed Group had been working with GWMA to develop a customized MOU to prepare a Watershed Management Plan ("WMP") and Coordinated Integrated Monitoring Program ("CIMP").

Ms. Kast also indicated that the City of La Habra Heights was also considering joining, but that it would probably be another month before they make their final decision.

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

ITEM 8 – 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, staff had been investigating options to provide basic insurance for GWMA. She stated that during the course of this process, staff had contacted the State JPIA, ACWA JPIA, and also KSA Inc, which handled a large insurance JPA for cities as well as ACE.

Ms. Kast reported that the risk manager for ACE, Greg Spiker, had reviewed GWMA's basic documents at no charge to GWMA and had provided his initial recommendations and possible costs which were included in the board letter. However, upon further investigation, a reduction in premiums with higher limits were available to GWMA.

Mr. Greg Spiker then presented his recommendations to the Board. He recommended the following coverages with an annual total premium ranging between \$10,000 to \$15,000:

1. General Liability
2. Directors and Officers Coverage
3. Crime with \$5M limits under each

After further discussions, Director Chankin moved to proceed with obtaining traditional private insurance with a term of one year with a maximum of \$5M per occurrence and to form an Ad-hoc Committee to further assess risks and options. The motion was seconded by Director De Witt and was unanimously approved.

ITEM 9 – PRESENTATION – GCCOG WATER STRATEGIC PLAN

Ms. Kast indicated that she had been approached by Mr. Jerry Wood, GCCOG Consultant about the Water Quality Strategic Plan they had begun related to transportation needs and opportunities on behalf of the Gateway Region.

Mr. Jerry Wood and Mr. Daniel Apt of RBF Consulting provided a Power Point presentation describing the background, schedule and concepts for coordinating efforts and hopefully opportunities for stormwater quality funding.

After lengthy discussion, the board requested that Mr. Wood and Mr. Apt work with Ms. Kast on coordinating efforts as the GCCOG's Plan progressed.

ITEM 10 – GWMA MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Ms. Kast updated the Board on membership to the GWMA. She indicated that she was still awaiting the resolution from the City of Maywood approving their membership. She also stated that the City of La Habra Heights indicated that they were reconsidering joining the GMWA.

ITEM 11 – CITY MANAGERS STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

None.

ITEM 12 - EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

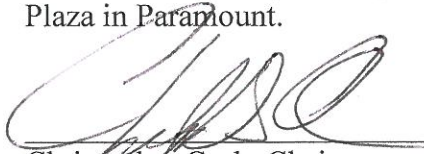
Ms. Kast updated the Board on Round 2 of the Prop 84 Stormwater Grant. She reported that grants were available for implementation projects only and that the deadline to submit applications was October 17th. She stated that the GWMA did have some funds available to help with the development of applications.

Mr. Blake Whittington from the Watershed Council of Health extended an invitation to the Board to tour its Elm Street project and workshop. Ms. Kast stated that staff would be working with Mr. Whittington to schedule this tour.

ITEM 13 – DIRECTORS' COMMENTS/REPORTS

Director Chankin reported that the City of Bellflower was advised that used cooking oil was being transported illegally in pickup trucks and that the city would be further discussing this issue at its next Council meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m. to a Meeting of the Board on October 10, 2013 at Progress Park Plaza in Paramount.



Christopher Cash, Chair

10/10/13

Date