

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

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

Chair Chris Cash called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. Roll was called by Ms. Penn and a quorum of the Board was declared.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair Christopher Cash	Paramount
Carlos Alba	Artesia
Chau Vu (alternate)	Bell Gardens
Deborah Chankin	Bellflower
Tammy Hierling (proxy)	Central Basin MWD
Mike O'Grady (alternate)	Cerritos
Aaron Hernandez-Torres	Cudahy
Desi Alvarez (alternate)	Huntington Park
Mark Stowell	La Mirada
Lisa Rapp	Lakewood
Anthony Arevalo	Long Beach
Kevin Wattier	Long Beach Water Dept.
Sam Kouri (alternate)	Montebello
Adriana Figueroa	Norwalk
Gladis Deras (alternate)	Pico Rivera
Frank Beach	Santa Fe Springs
Charlie Honeycutt	Signal Hill
Mohammad Mostahkami (alternate)	South Gate
Scott Rigg	Vernon
Young Park (alternate)	Bell

STAFF AND GUESTS ON SIGN-IN SHEET:

Grace Kast	Executive Officer
Toni Penn	Administrative/Accounting Assistant
Virginia Fowler	LACFCD
Bill Minasian	Downey
Ester Rojas	WRD

ITEM 3 - ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

ITEM 4 – ORAL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

Ms. Fowler 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 January 21, 2014 at

1:00 p.m. and would be held at WRD. She stated that the Greater LA's focus continues to be on updating their planning document into final form and a final draft is expected to go before the DWR Board in March.

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

No reportable action was taken.

ITEM 6 - CONSENT CALENDAR

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

ITEM 7 – GATEWAY REGION IRWMP ACTIVITIES

Ms. Kast updated the Board on the Gateway Region IRWMP activities. She indicated that there had been no determination yet with regards to the grant recommendations for Round 2 but indicated that she would keep the Board updated.

**ITEM 8 – BASIC MEMBERSHIP TO THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WATER COMMITTEE
“SCWC”, MEMBERSHIP TO SCWC’S STORMWATER TASK FORCE WITH CONSIDERATION
OF OTHER RELEVANT TASK FORCE MEMBERSHIPS**

Ms. Kast indicated that staff attended a meeting hosted by the Southern California Water Committee (SCWC). She indicated that SCWA is a non-profit, non-partisan organization that was dedicated to informing Southern California citizens and decision-makers about water needs and the state's water resources. Ms. Kast recommended that the Board consider joining the SCWA with annual membership dues of \$700. She also stated that there are several task forces with specific membership including a Stormwater Task Force with annual membership dues of \$1,000.

After detailed discussions, Director Chankin moved to approve membership to SCWA at \$700 annually. The motion was seconded by Director Alba and was unanimously approved.

Director Alvarez moved to approve membership to SCWC's Stormwater Task Force at \$1,000. The motion was seconded by Director Figueroa and was unanimously approved.

Director Honeycutt moved to appoint Director Alvarez and Ms. Kast as GWMA's representatives to SCWA and SCWC's Stormwater Task Force. The motion was seconded by Director Arevalo and was unanimously approved.

**ITEM 9 – AUTHORIZE CONSULTANT TO PREPARE FEDERAL GRANT APPLICATION TO
INCREASE WATER CONSERVATION OR IMPROVE WATER SUPPLY SUSTAINABILITY**

Ms. Kast reported that the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) released an announcement inviting applications for its WaterSMART program to support new Water and Energy Efficiency Grant projects. She stated that staff had distributed this information to GWMA members soliciting possible interest and project ideas for our region. She indicated that the program required 50% funding match and contained two categories of projects (up to \$300,000 with two years to complete; and up to \$1,000,000 with three years to complete). She stated there were three eligible regional applications which could be developed and submitted, which were: turf replacement, toilet replacement and advanced water meters installations. In closing, Ms. Kast reported that the deadline for application submission was January 23rd and that announcements were scheduled for Spring 2014.

After detailed discussions, Director Chankin moved to authorize GEI Consultants to develop two regional applications on behalf of the Gateway region participants for turf replacement and the installation of advanced water meters not to exceed \$50,000 depending on member interest and feasibility. The motion was seconded by Director Mostahkami and was unanimously approved.

Director Chankin departed at 12:55 p.m. and indicated that Director Iniguez would be representing the City of Bellflower during her absence.

ITEM 10 – GATEWAY REGION WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLANS (WMPs) ACTIVITIES

Lower Los Angeles River Upper Reach 2 Watershed Group

Director Alvarez reported on the current status of the Lower Los Angeles River Upper Reach 2 Watershed Group. He stated that the group was currently working on finalizing their plan and he would be updating the board on the results at its next meeting.

Lower Los Angeles River Watershed Group

Chair Chris Cash reported on the current status of the Lower Los Angeles River Watershed Group. He stated that this group meets on a monthly basis and that they were still working on the modeling for this project.

Los Cerritos Channel River Watershed Group

Director Arevalo reported on the current status of the Los Cerritos Channel River Watershed Group. He stated that this group was currently reviewing contracts.

Lower San Gabriel River Watershed Group

Director Figueroa reported on the current status of the Lower San Gabriel River Watershed Group. She stated that the group was moving forward with the WMP.

ITEM 11 – CITY MANAGERS STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Ken Farsing reported that the Strategic Transportation Plan was released on December 4, 2013. He also stated that the ABF contract was currently under review.

ITEM 12 - EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

None.

ITEM 13 – DIRECTORS' COMMENTS/REPORTS

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:26 p.m. to a Meeting of the Board on January 9, 2014 at Progress Park Plaza in Paramount.



Charlie Honeycutt, Secretary/Treasurer

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Date