

**MINUTES OF THE GATEWAY WATER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY  
LOS ANGELES GATEWAY REGION  
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY BOARD  
AT PARAMOUNT, CALIFORNIA  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2014**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Gateway Water Management Authority was held on Thursday, January 9, 2014 at Noon at the Progress Park Plaza, 15500 Downey Avenue, Paramount, CA 90723.

Chair Chris Cash called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m. Roll was called by Ms. Penn 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           |
| Bernardo Iniguez (alternate) | Bellflower             |
| Tammy Hierling (proxy)       | Central Basin MWD      |
| Mike O'Grady (alternate)     | Cerritos               |
| Aaron Hernandez-Torres       | Cudahy                 |
| Dan Mueller (alternate)      | Downey                 |
| Mark Stowell                 | La Mirada              |
| Lisa Rapp                    | Lakewood               |
| Anthony Arevalo              | Long Beach             |
| Kevin Wattier                | Long Beach Water Dept. |
| Sam Kouri (alternate)        | Montebello             |
| Adriana Figueroa             | Norwalk                |
| Art Cervantes                | Pico Rivera            |
| Frank Beach                  | Santa Fe Springs       |
| Charlie Honeycutt            | Signal Hill            |
| Willaim De Witt              | South Gate             |
| Scott Rigg (alternate)       | Vernon                 |

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

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| Grace Kast          | Executive Officer                   |
| Toni Penn           | Administrative/Accounting Assistant |
| Virginia Fowler     | LACFCD                              |
| Bill Minasian       | Downey                              |
| Ester Rojas         | WRD                                 |
| Mohammad Mostahkami | South Gate                          |
| Victor Ferrer       | Cudahy                              |
| Steve Myrter        | Signal Hill                         |
| Ken Farsing         | Signal Hill                         |

### **ITEM 3 - ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Chair Cash recommended that the Notice of Public Meeting regarding the drinking water reorganization be added to the agenda as an urgency item as item number eleven on the agenda.

Director Dewitt moved to add the Notice of Public Meeting regarding the drinking water reorganization as an urgency item to the board agenda as item number eleven. The motion was seconded by Director Figueroa and was approved by the following voice votes:

**AYES:**       **Cash, Alba, Park, Vu, Iniguez, Hierling, O’Grady, Hernandez-Torres, Mueller, Stowell, Rapp, Arevalo, Wattier, Kouri, Figueroa, Cervantes, Beach, Honeycutt, De Witt, and Rigg.**

**NOES:**       **None.**

**ABSTAIN:**   **None.**

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

None.

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

None.

### **ITEM 6 - CONSENT CALENDAR**

Director Honeycutt moved the approval of the consent calendar. Director Figueroa was seconded the motion which was approved by the following voice votes:

**AYES:**       **Cash, Alba, Park, Vu, Iniguez, Hierling, O’Grady, Hernandez-Torres, Mueller, Stowell, Rapp, Arevalo, Wattier, Kouri, Figueroa, Cervantes, Beach, Honeycutt, De Witt, and Rigg.**

**NOES:**       **None.**

**ABSTAIN:**   **None.**

### **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. She indicated that she participated in a telephone interview process in mid-December regarding the selection process and that comments obtained during this interview process would be considered in the final recommendations for Round 2.

**ITEM 8 – APPROVE CONTRACT WITH JOHN L. HUNTER TO PREPARE FULL APPLICATION FOR LID BMPS IN THE GATEWAY REGION UNDER PROP 84 STORMWATER GRANT APPLICATION ROUND 2**

Ms. Kast reported that GWMA was invited to submit a full application for its LID BMPS in the Gateway Region. She stated that staff requested and received the proposal from John L Hunter and Associates to coordinate, reconfirm grant matching commitments and to prepare a full application for the regional project. She indicated that the amount for this work was not-to-exceed \$15,255 and would be paid from GWMA's budgeted funds.

Director De Witt moved to approve the contract with John L. Hunter to prepare a full application for LID BMPS in the Gateway Region under Prop 84 Stormwater Grant Application Round 2 in the amount not to exceed \$15,255. The motion was seconded by Director Honeycutt and approved by the following voice votes:

**AYES:**       **Cash, Alba, Park, Vu, Iniguez, Hierling, O'Grady, Hernandez-Torres, Mueller, Stowell, Rapp, Arevalo, Wattier, Kouri, Figueroa, Cervantes, Beach, Honeycutt, De Witt, and Rigg.**

**NOES:**       **None.**

**ABSTAIN:**   **None.**

**ITEM 9 – APPROVE COMPLETION OF APPLICATIONS UNDER USBR'S WATERSMART PROGRAM TO SUPPORT NEW ATER AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY GRANT PROJECTS**

Ms. Ospina from GEI Consultants presented the Board with the various options available under the USBR WaterSMART program as it pertains to turf replacement.

After detailed discussions, Director De Witt moved to approve the completion of a \$300,000 grant application under USBR's WaterSMART Program for turf replacement. The motion was seconded by Director Cervantes and approved by the following voice votes:

**AYES:**       **Cash, Alba, Park, Vu, Iniguez, Hierling, O'Grady, Hernandez-Torres, Mueller, Stowell, Rapp, Arevalo, Wattier, Kouri, Figueroa, Cervantes, Beach, Honeycutt, De Witt, and Rigg.**

**NOES:**       **None.**

**ABSTAIN:**   **None.**

Ms. Ospina then presented the Board with the various options available under the USBR WaterSMART program as it pertains to the installation of advanced water meters.

After detailed discussions, Director Cervantes moved to approve the completion of a \$1,000,000 regional grant application under USBR's WaterSMART Program for the installation of advanced water meters. The motion was seconded by Director De Witt and approved by the following voice votes:

**AYES:**       **Cash, Alba, Park, Vu, Iniguez, Hierling, O'Grady, Hernandez-Torres, Mueller, Stowell, Rapp, Arevalo, Wattier, Kouri, Figueroa, Cervantes, Beach, Honeycutt, De Witt, and Rigg.**

**NOES:**       **None.**

**ABSTAIN:**   **None.**

**ITEM 10 – DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING AVAILABLE FUNDING MECHANISMS AND ENTERPRISE FUNDS TO HELP FUND STORMWATER-RELATED COSTS**

Mr. Ken Farsing reported that a special committee has been working on this issue and that he would share the findings once finalized.

**ITEM 11 – DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING REGARDING THE DRINKING WATER REORGANIZATION**

Ms. Kast reported that a public hearing would be held on January 15, 2014 at the Cal/EPA Headquarters Building in Sacramento at 9:00 a.m. to discuss the proposed drinking water reorganization. She stated that this proposed plan would transfer the Drinking Water Program, currently under the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), to the State Water Resources Control Board.

After detailed discussions, the Board directed Ms. Kast to generate a comment letter for the Chair's signature in support of the drinking water reorganization plan and to ensure that the existing relationships between water purveyors and the CDPH not be lost.

**ITEM 12 – GATEWAY REGION WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLANS (WMPs) ACTIVITIES**

Status of GWMA Contract/Pricing with MS4 Front on Behalf of Watershed Entities

Ms. Kast updated the Board on the status of GWMA contract and pricing with MS4 Front on behalf of the watershed entities. She stated that those that were interested in purchasing this software at the negotiated discounted price would need to do so as soon as possible because this discounted pricing ends on January 31, 2014.

Lower Los Angeles River Upper Reach 2 Watershed Group

None.

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 the project was on schedule and moving forward.

Los Cerritos Channel River Watershed Group

Director Arevalo reported on the current status of the Los Cerritos Channel River Watershed Group. He stated that the project was on schedule and moving forward.

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 project was on schedule and moving forward.

Status of MOU Execution and Payments

Ms. Kast updated the Board on the current status of MOU executions and payments received to date.

**ITEM 13 – CITY MANAGERS STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT**

None.

**ITEM 12 - EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

Ms. Kast reported that a webinar was being held on January 30, 2014 from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. EST regarding the Framework for a Sustainable Storm Water Utility and asked the board if anyone was interested in participating in this webinar.


Several members of the board voiced their interest in participating in this webinar. Ms. Kast indicated she would sign up for this webinar on behalf of GWMA and would email the Board with log in information needed in order to gain access to the webinar.

Ms. Kast also reported that the next meeting of the Board would be held at the Clearwater Building in Paramount because the city would be utilizing the Progress Park Plaza on that date.

**ITEM 13 – DIRECTORS' COMMENTS/REPORTS**

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:57 p.m. to a Meeting of the Board on February 13, 2014 at the Clearwater Building in Paramount.



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Charlie Honeycutt, Secretary/Treasurer

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Date