

**MINUTES OF THE GATEWAY WATER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
LOS ANGELES GATEWAY REGION
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY BOARD
AT PARAMOUNT, CALIFORNIA
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2014**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Gateway Water Management Authority was held on Thursday, February 13, 2014 at Noon at the Clearwater Building, 16401 Paramount Blvd., 2nd Floor, Paramount, CA 90723.

Director Charlie Honeycutt called the meeting to order at 12:09 p.m. Roll was called by Ms. Penn and a quorum of the Board was declared.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Carlos Alba	Artesia
Young Park (alternate)	Bell
Chau Vu (alternate)	Bell Gardens
Tammy Hierling	Central Basin MWD
Mike O'Grady (alternate)	Cerritos
Dan Mueller (alternate)	Downey
Desi Alvarez	Huntington Park
Mark Stowell	La Mirada
Lisa Rapp	Lakewood
Anthony Arevalo	Long Beach
Kevin Wattier	Long Beach Water Dept.
Sarah Ho (proxy)	Paramount
Art Cervantes	Pico Rivera
Charlie Honeycutt	Signal Hill
William De Witt	South Gate
Scott Rigg (alternate)	Vernon
David Pelser	Whittier

STAFF AND GUESTS ON SIGN-IN SHEET:

Grace Kast	Executive Officer
Toni Penn	Administrative/Accounting Assistant
Virginia Fowler	LACFCD
Steve Myrter	Signal Hill
Bill Minasian	Downey
Enrique Huerta	Resident
Jim Glancy	Lakewood
Ken Farfsing	Signal Hill

ITEM 3 - ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Director Honeycutt recommended that a new item regarding WRD's GRIP be added as an urgency item at the request of SEWC because this came after the posting of the agenda and because the EIR was due to be released before the board meeting on March 13, 2014.

Director Cervantes moved to add the GRIP EIR as an urgency item to the board agenda as item number eight. The motion was seconded by Director Rigg and was approved by the following voice votes:

AYES: Alba, Park, Vu, Hierlihy, O’Grady, Alvarez, Stowell, Rapp, Arevalo, Wattier, Ho, Cervantes, Honeycutt, Rigg, Pelser

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ITEM 4 – ORAL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

Ms. Virginia 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 February 18, 2014 at 1:30 p.m. and would be held at WRD. She also stated Greater LA IRWM’s Leadership Committee would be held on February 26, 2014 at 9:30 a.m.

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

None.

ITEM 6 - CONSENT CALENDAR

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

AYES: Alba, Park, Vu, Hierlihy, O’Grady, Alvarez, Stowell, Rapp, Arevalo, Wattier, Ho, Cervantes, Honeycutt, Rigg, Pelser

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ITEM 7 – GATEWAY REGION IRWMP ACTIVITIES

Ms. Kast updated the Board on the Gateway Region IRWMP activities. She reported that the IRWM plan was submitted to the statewide review process.

ITEM 8 – WITH SEWC, JOINTLY RETAIN CONSULTANT TO REVIEW GRIP EIR AND OVERALL PROJECT TO EVALUATE FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL VALUE

Director Mueller entered.

Director Cervantes provided detailed background information relative to the GRIP EIR. He indicated that this would replace imported water with recycled water and would cost approximately \$100 million and would be funded by the Water Replenishment District. He stated that the EIR was expected to be released later this month or early March.

Director Pelser moved to authorize up to \$20k to match SEWAC authorization and to provide staff support to evaluate financial and technical value. The motion was seconded by Director Rapp and approved by the following voice vote:

_AYES: **Alba, Park, Vu, Hierlihy, O’Grady, Mueller, Stowell, Rapp, Arevalo, Ho, Cervantes, Honeycutt, Rigg, Pelser**

NOES: **Wattier**

ABSTAIN: **Alvarez**

Director Pelser also recommended that a member be assigned to ad hoc committee to meet/coordinate with SEWC ad hoc committee. Director Myrter volunteered.

ITEM 9 – GRANT APPLICATIONS UPDATE

Prop 84 Stormwater Round 2 Grant

Ms. Kast reported that GWMA was denied funding from Round 2. She stated recommendations as to how to proceed for Round 3 would be brought to the Board in March.

USBR WaterSMART Grant

Ms. Kast reported that in support of the filing of applications with the Bureau of Reclamation pertinent to the WaterSMART Grant Program for FY 2014, GWMA was required to adopt the resolutions that were included in the agenda packet.

Director Vu moved to approve Resolution No. 14-01 to approve Advanced Meter Grant Application. The motion was seconded by Director Cervantes and was approved by the following voice votes:

AYES: **Alba, Park, Vu, Hierlihy, O’Grady, Alvarez, Stowell, Rapp, Arevalo, Wattier, Ho, Cervantes, Honeycutt, Rigg, Pelser, Mueller**

NOES: **None.**

ABSTAIN: **None.**

Director Rapp moved to approve Resolution No. 14-02 to adopt Turf Replacement Grant Application. The motion was seconded by Director Cervantes and was approved by the following voice votes:

AYES: Alba, Park, Vu, Hierlihy, O’Grady, Alvarez, Stowell, Rapp, Arevalo, Wattier, Ho, Cervantes, Honeycutt, Rigg, Pelser, Mueller

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ITEM 10 – DRAFT SURVEY FOR GATEWAY CITIES REGARDING TMDL COMPLIANCE COSTS PER HOUSEHOLD

Director DeWitt entered.

Mr. Ken Farfing provided a general background regarding to the draft survey for Gateway cities TMDL compliance costs per household. He requested that the cities look at the Affordability Survey for the U.S. Conference of Mayors that was included in the agenda package and provide comments/suggestions.

ITEM 11 – GATEWAY REGION WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLANS (WMPs) ACTIVITIES

Lower Los Angeles River Upper Reach 2 Watershed Group

Ms. Kast reported that the 2nd installment invoices were sent out today.

Direct Alvarez reported that the watershed group was moving along with the bacteria TMDL driver.

Lower Los Angeles River Watershed Group

Director Myrter reported on the current status of the Lower Los Angeles River Watershed Group and indicated that the models were being built and that they were looking at monitoring to keep costs down.

Los Cerritos Channel River Watershed Group

Director Myrter reported that the project was on schedule and moving forward.

Lower San Gabriel River Watershed Group

Director O’Grady reported on the current status of the Lower San Gabriel River Watershed Group. He stated that the project was on schedule and moving forward.

ITEM 12 – CITY MANAGERS STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Ken Farfsing reported that Long Beach's MS4 permit was approved. He also stated that they were currently reviewing the Stormwater Report recommendations.

ITEM 13 - EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Ms. Kast reported that the Harbor MOU was currently being fine-tuned and should be released by the end of next week and brought before the Board at its Board meeting in March or April for approval. She also reported that CalTrans would be participating in the MOUs for Lower San Gabriel River Watershed, the Lower Los Angeles River Watershed, and the Lower San Gabriel River Watershed groups and that these would be brought to the Board for approval as a separate agreement.

Ms. Kast also reported that 16 cities did take advantage of the 8% discount on the MS4 Front offer and that two of those cities did elect for GWMA to purchase this software on their behalf for reimbursement through a purchase order.

In closing, Ms. Kast reminded the Board that the next meeting of the Board would be held at the Progress Park Plaza.

ITEM 13 – DIRECTORS' COMMENTS/REPORTS

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:53 p.m. to a Meeting of the Board on March 13, 2014 at the Progress Park Plaza in Paramount.



Charlie Honeycutt, Secretary/Treasurer

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