

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

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

Chair Chris Cash 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:**

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| Chris Cash               | Paramount              |
| Carlos Alba              | Artesia                |
| Young Park (alternate)   | Bell                   |
| Chau Vu (alternate)      | Bell Gardens           |
| Deborah Chankin          | Bellflower             |
| Tammy Hierling           | Central Basin MWD      |
| Mike O'Grady (alternate) | Cerritos               |
| Gina Nila                | Commerce               |
| Mohammad Mostahkami      | 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                |
| Gladis Deras (alternate) | Pico Rivera            |
| Frank Beach              | Santa Fe Springs       |
| Charlie Honeycutt        | Signal Hill            |
| Scott Rigg (alternate)   | Vernon                 |
| David Pelser             | Whittier               |

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

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| Grace Kast        | Executive Officer                    |
| Toni Penn         | Administrative/Accounting Assistant  |
| Virginia Fowler   | LACFCD                               |
| Konya Vivanti     | Lakewood                             |
| Steve Myrter      | Signal Hill                          |
| Bill Minasian     | Downey                               |
| Enrique Huerta    | Resident                             |
| Dino Orbiso       | Golden State Water                   |
| Jim Byerrum       | Cal Domestic                         |
| Bert Mason        | Park Water Co.                       |
| Sam Chambers      | Lakewood                             |
| Lou Vargas        | Alhambra                             |
| David Kimbrough   | Pasadena Water & Power               |
| Adan Ortega       | San Gabriel Valley Water Association |
| Leon De Los Reyes | Lakewood                             |

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

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 March 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 March 26, 2014 at 9:30 a.m.

### **ITEM 5 - CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

**AYES:**        **Alba, Park, Vu, Chankin, Hierlihy, O'Grady, Nila, Stowell, Rapp, Arevalo, Wattier, Kouri, Deras, Honeycutt, Rigg, Pelsner**

**NOES:**        **None.**

**ABSTAIN:**    **Cash, Beach, Mostahkami, Figueroa**

Director Chankin indicated that today would be her last time attending a meeting as a board member as she was retiring. She stated that she was proud of being part of GWMA. She stated that she had to leave today's meeting due to another engagement and indicated that Director Iniguez would assume her seat for the direction of the meeting.

### **ITEM 6 – PRESENTATION – NATIONAL RECREATION AREA – SAN GABRIEL RIVER**

Mr. Adan Ortega from the San Gabriel Valley Water Association gave a presentation to the Board on the National Recreation Area-San Gabriel River. He stated that the National Park Service (NPS) was conducting a special resource study of portions of the San Gabriel River watershed and mountains. He reported that the U.S. Congress directed NPS to carry out this study because of the importance of the resources in the study area. He stated that when conceptualized, the study area was to follow and encompass the River and Mountains Conservancy territory.

**ITEM 7 – DISCUSSION/ACTION – MS4 DISCHARGE PERMIT FOR POTABLE DISCHARGES**

Dr. David Kimbrough from Pasadena Water & Power gave a presentation to the Board on the MS4 Discharge Permit for potable discharges. He indicated that the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) recently met to discuss the implementation of the LAC MS4 General NPDES Permit as it applied to the Community Water Systems (CWSs) and the proposed Multi-Regional Permit (MRP). He reported that the MS4 Permittees faced increased risk in complying with the MS4 Permit with the new TMDLs and that they needed regulatory relief from the discharges from the CWSs.

Mr. Kimbrough reported that MS4 operators and CWSs needed to work together to ensure that the five categories of BMPs were being implemented. The Board directed staff to work with Dr. Kimbrough and legal counsel on developing a similar MOU for the Gateway Region. The Board indicated that the GWMA would not be a signatory, but rather the GWMA would pay for the cost to develop the MOU and to facilitate the coordination of signatures, etc.

**ITEM 8 – GATEWAY REGION IRWM PLAN AND PROP 84 IMPLEMENTATION GRANT STATUS AND ACTIVITIES**

Ms. Kast reported on the current status of the Gateway Region IRWM Plan and Prop 84 Implementation Grant status. She indicated that GWMA had been denied funding in Round 2. She stated that staff was planning on developing a strategy on Round 3 once the details were released by DWR. Staff was still awaiting status on the IRWM Plan that was submitted to DWR for approval.

Director Honeycutt left the meeting.

**ITEM 9 – DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING WATER BOND**

Ms. Kast reported on the current status of the water bond. She indicated that a hearing on the water bond was scheduled for March 14<sup>th</sup> and would be held at Monterey Park City Hall.

Mr. Ken Farfsing reported on AB1331. He indicated that this bill was Assemblyman Rendon's version of the water bond and that it prohibited cities from applying for grants.

Director Figueroa moved to appoint Larry Forester to attend the Water Bond hearing on March 14<sup>th</sup> on behalf of GWMA. The motion was seconded by Director Mostahkami and was approved by the following voice vote:

**AYES:** Alba, Park, Vu, Iniguez, Hierlihy, O'Grady, Nila, Stowell, Rapp, Arevalo, Wattier, Kouri, Deras, Cash, Beach, Mostahkami, Figueroa, Rigg, Pelser

**NOES:** None.

**ABSTAIN:** None.

**ITEM 10 – GRANT APPLICATIONS UPDATE**

Prop 84 Stormwater Round 2 Grant

Ms. Kast updated the Board on the status of Prop 84 Stormwater Round Grant. She indicated that John Hunter & Associates had submitted the application for the multi-agency, multi-watershed project to incorporate LID EMPs into major transportation corridors. The project was submitted successful on time on February 27<sup>th</sup>.

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

Lower Los Angeles River Upper Reach 2 Watershed Group

Director Nila reported on the current status of the Lower Los Angeles River Upper Reach 2 Watershed Group. She stated that the draft WMP was expected to be reviewed by May 16<sup>th</sup>.

Lower Los Angeles River Watershed Group

Director Arevalo reported on the current status of the Lower Los Angeles River Watershed Group. He stated that the models were currently being built.

Los Cerritos Channel River Watershed Group

Director Arevalo reported on the current status of the Los Cerritos Channel River Watershed Group and indicated 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 and indicated that they were currently identifying regional projects.

**ITEM 12 – CITY MANAGERS STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT**

Mr. Ken Farfsing requested that the cities provide comments/suggestions to him on the Affordability Survey for the U.S. Conference of mayors to him as soon as possible.

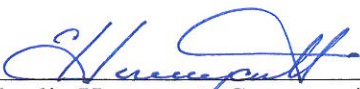
**ITEM 13 - EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT**

None.

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

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m. to a Meeting of the Board on April 10, 2014 at the Progress Park Plaza in Paramount.

  
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Charlie Honeycutt, Secretary/Treasurer

4-10-14  
Date