

**MINUTES OF THE GATEWAY WATER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY  
LOS ANGELES GATEWAY REGION  
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY BOARD  
AT PARAMOUNT, CALIFORNIA  
THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2014**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Gateway Water Management Authority was held on Thursday, April 10, 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 12:03 p.m. Roll was called by Ms. Penn and a quorum of the Board was declared.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Chris Cash	Paramount
Bernardo Iniguez (alternate)	Bellflower
Tammy Hierlihy	Central Basin MWD
Mike O'Grady (alternate)	Cerritos
Gina Nila	Commerce
Mohammad Mostahkami	Downey
Desi Alvarez (alternate)	Huntington Park
Mark Stowell	La Mirada
Lisa Rapp	Lakewood
Anthony Arevalo	Long Beach
Kevin Wattier	Long Beach Water Dept.
Adriana Figueroa	Norwalk
Art Cervantes	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:**

Toni Penn	Administrative/Accounting Assistant
Candice Lee	Legal Counsel
Ana Deanda	City of Long Beach
Blake Whittington	Council for Watershed Health
Ester Rojas	Water Replenishment District
Bill Minasian	Downey

**ITEM 3 - ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None.

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

Ms. Ester Rojas from the Water Replenishment District advised that the next meeting of the Greater LA IRWM's Lower Los Angeles/Lower San Gabriel Subregion would be held on April 16, 2014 and would be held at WRD. She also stated Greater LA IRWM's Leadership Committee would be held on April 23, 2014 at 9:30 a.m.

Ms. Rojas also indicated that Greater LA's focus over the past several months had been coordinating a regional response to the drought and was now tying that into the grant solicitation for Proposition 84, Round 3 funds.

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

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

**AYES:** Iniguez, Hierlihy, O'Grady, Nila, Alvarez, Stowell, Rapp, Arevalo, Wattier, Figueroa, Cash, Cervantes, Beach, Honeycutt, Rigg, and Pelser

**NOES:** None.

**ABSTAIN:** None.

Director Mostahkami entered at 12:09 p.m.

#### **ITEM 6 – APPROVAL OF MOU WITH THE CITIES OF BELLFLOWER, LAKEWOOD, LONG BEACH, PARAMOUNT, RANCHO PALOS VERDES, ROLLING HILLS, ROLLING HILLS ESTATES, SIGNAL HILL, AND LOS ANGELES (PORT OF LOS ANGELES), THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT, AND THE PORT OF LONG BEACH FOR ADMINISTRATION AND COST SHARING FOR THE PREPARATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A COORDINATED COMPLIANCE MONITORING AND REPORTING PLAN FOR THE DOMINGUEZ CHANNEL AND GREATER LOS ANGELES AND LONG BEACH HARBORS WATERS TOXIC POLLUTANTS TMDL**

Director Cash reported that the GWMA had been working with the Harbor Toxic Pollutants TMDL Group to develop a MOU relating to the administration and cost sharing for the preparation and implementation of a coordinated compliance monitoring and reporting plan for the Harbor Waters Toxic Pollutants TMDL.

Director Arevalo proceeded to answer general questions from the Board.

Director Figueroa moved to approve the MOU and authorized the Chair to execute the MOU, once final additions and non-material changes were finalized by the parties, including GWMA's legal counsel. The motion was seconded by Director Honeycutt and approved by the following voice votes:

**AYES:** Iniguez, Hierlihy, O'Grady, Nila, Alvarez, Stowell, Rapp, Arevalo, Wattier, Figueroa, Cash, Cervantes, Beach, Honeycutt, Rigg, Mostahkami, and Pelser

**NOES:** None.

**ABSTAIN:** None.

**ITEM 7 – DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING MOU BETWEEN GATEWAY REGION MS4 PERMITTEES AND CWS'S**

Director Cash reported on the current status of the MOU between the Gateway Region MS4 Permittees and CWS's. He presented a draft to the Board and requested that the Board review this draft and provide comments to Ms. Kast at their earliest convenience. He stated that the final draft should be available within the next couple weeks.

After general discussion, the Board directed staff to coordinate with Mr. Glancy to get this draft to the Central Basin Water Association so that they could distribute the MOU to non-GWMA water producers, mutual water companies and private water companies to review and provide comments.

**ITEM 8 – DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING CATCH BASIN MAINTENANCE REQUEST FOR BIDS**

Director Cash reported that the Board had previously authorized the release of a Request for Bids (RFB) to solicit competitive pricing maintenance of catch basins within the GWMA region. He reported that several cities had availed themselves of the competitive pricing received during that process a few years ago. Since that time, some contracts are expiring and there may be interest in repeating the process to get the best pricing available on behalf of the Gateway Region. He stated that the selection of a bidder did not constitute an award, but rather served as a recommendation to the cities within the GWMA region. He questioned if cities were interested in GWMA providing this service again.

Director Nila indicated that the city of Commerce would be interested.

Director Mostahkami indicated that this would be a great idea in order to get current competitive pricing.

After general discussion, the Board directed staff to coordinate and implement these efforts and provide the results to the board.

**ITEM 9 –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 they ran the model for the first time and were reviewing the output data. She also indicated that they had begun working with the stakeholder groups.

#### Lower Los Angeles River Watershed Group

Director Arevalo reported on the current status of the Los Angeles River Watershed Group and indicated that the project was on schedule and moving forward. He stated that the RAA results were expected this month.

#### 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 the Stakeholders Outreach meeting was scheduled for later in the month.

Director Mostahkami requested that the consultants from each watershed group come and give a detailed status report at GWMA's board meeting in July.

### **ITEM 10 – CITY MANAGERS STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT**

Director Honeycutt reported that a County-Wide league meeting would be held on May 21<sup>st</sup> to report on storm water fees. He also indicated that a Joint Contract Cities meeting would be held on June 19<sup>th</sup> to also discuss the storm water fees.

### **ITEM 11 - EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

None.

### **ITEM 12 – DIRECTORS' COMMENTS/REPORTS**

Director Cash expressed his condolences to Ms. Kast, who recently lost her father. He indicated that she is expected to return to the office next week.

Director Cash also reported that a meeting of the Executive Committee was recently held and discussed the IRWM Round 3 Grant Funding. He stated that the draft Proposal Solicitation Packet was reviewed and, due to time constraints, they directed GEI to perform a quick assessment to see if GWMA would qualify for any funding and to report back to the Board.

Director Cash reported that the National Recreation Area map was recently released and stated that the map now extended down to the Downey/Norwalk area.

Director Cervantes reported on the Groundwater Reliability Improvement project. He stated that WRD released the EIR and that comments were due by May 9<sup>th</sup>. He indicated that consultants were currently reviewing the project and their comments were expected by April 19<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:38 p.m. to a Meeting of the Board on May 8, 2014 at the Progress Park Plaza in Paramount.



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Charlie Honeycutt, Secretary/Treasurer

4-10-14

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