

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE GATEWAY WATER MANAGEMENT  
AUTHORITY  
LOS ANGELES GATEWAY REGION  
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY BOARD  
AND THE  
SOUTHEAST WATER COALITION JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY  
AT PARAMOUNT, CALIFORNIA  
THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2014**

A special joint meeting of the Board of Directors of the Gateway Water Management Authority and the Southeast Water Coalition Joint Powers Authority was held on Thursday, April 24, 2014 at Noon at the Clearwater Building, 16401 Paramount Blvd., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Paramount, CA 90723.

GWMA Chair Chris Cash called the special meeting of the Los Angeles Gateway Region Integrated Regional Water Management Joint Powers Authority 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	City of Paramount
Chau Vu (alternate)	City of Bell Gardens
Bernardo Iniguez (alternate)	City of Bellflower
Tammy Hierlihy	Central Basin MWD
Mike O'Grady (alternate)	City of Cerritos
Mohammad Mostahkami	City of Downey
Desi Alvarez (alternate)	City of Huntington Park
Mark Stowell	City of La Mirada
James Glancy (proxy)	City of Lakewood
Anthony Arevalo	City of Long Beach
Eric Leung (alternate)	Long Beach Water Dept.
Sam Kouri (alternate)	City of Montebello
Adriana Figueroa	City of Norwalk
Art Cervantes	City of Pico Rivera
Frank Beach	City of Santa Fe Springs
Steve Myrter (alternate)	City of Signal Hill
William De Witt	City of South Gate
Scott Rigg (alternate)	City of Vernon
Ken Kittridge (proxy)	City of Whittier

SEWC AE Chair Jim Glancy called the special meeting of the Southeast Water Coalition Joint Powers Authority Administrative Entity to order at 12:05 p.m. Roll was called with the following Administrative Entity Members present:

Jim Glancy, Chairman	City of Lakewood
Mike O'Grady	City of Cerritos
Dan Mueller	City of Downey
Adriana Figueroa	City of Norwalk
Chris Cash	City of Paramount
Art Cervantes	City of Pico Rivera
Frank Beach	City of Santa Fe Springs
Ron Hernandez	City of South Gate

Scott Rigg  
Ken Kittridge

City of Vernon  
City of Whitter

**STAFF AND GUEST ON SIGN IN SHEET:**

Grace Kast  
Toni Penn  
Gladis Deras  
Adan Ortega  
Sharon Green  
David Byrum  
Anthony Herda  
Kevin Sales  
Jeanne-Marie Bruno  
Charlie Darensbouvvy  
Kate Nulting

GWMA's Executive Officer  
GWMA's Administrative/Accounting Assistant  
City of Pico Rivera  
San Gabriel Valley Water Association  
Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County  
Civiltec  
Civiltec  
KJ Services Environmental Consulting  
Park Water Co.  
LACFCD  
Golden State Water

**ITEM 2 - ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None.

**ITEM 3 – ORAL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD**

None.

**ITEM 4 – DISCUSSION/ACTION – PROPOSED SAN GABRIEL NATIONAL RECREATION AREA LEGISLATION**

Ms. Kast introduced Mr. Adan Ortega who presented an overview of the proposed San Gabriel National Recreation Area Legislation.

Mr. Ortega stated that there were currently three (3) pieces of federal legislation introduced by Congresswoman Chu that would establish a San Gabriel Mountains National Recreation Area. The areas affected and the extent of limitations imposed by the bills vary, depending upon which, if any was enacted. Two of the bills, which would create a National Recreation Area were currently open for comment with a due date for comments of April 30, 2014. The third possible bill, which would establish a Wild and Scenic and Wilderness area had a comment due date of May 30, 2014.

The key point made by Mr. Ortega was that the map that accompanies any of the three proposed bills, was not sufficiently detailed to accurately determine which parcels would be impacted by proposed legislation.

SEWC AE Chairman Glancy asked how far from the San Gabriel River would parcels be affected. Mr. Ortega responded that parcels within ½ mile of the edges of the river would fall within the requirements of each of the three possible pieces of legislation. He stated, however, that the other areas effected and the extent of any use restrictions on those parcels varied depending upon which piece of proposed legislation was enacted.

Ms. Sharon Green of the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County commented that their organization was very concerned about the proposed NRA legislation and the areas that would be impacted because they have several facilities that would likely be impacted. Additionally the Sanitation Districts was concerned about what additional Federal water discharge requirements their treatment facilities would be subject to if any of the proposed legislation moved forward.

GWMA Chairman Cash recommended that the SEWC member cities prepare and submit comments on the three potential NRA outcomes as quickly as possible to meet the April 30 and May 30 deadlines.

Several SEWC AE and GWMA members commented on their concerns with the potential National Recreation Area, particularly with the uncertainty of its boundaries and the lack of a detailed parcel map that clearly shows which areas will be affected.

Ms. Figueroa moved to support GWMA sending a comment letter, by the appropriate deadlines, regarding the San Gabriel Nation Recreation Area proposal. The motion was seconded by Mr. Alvarez and was approved by the following voice votes:

**AYES:**       **Cash, Vu, Iniguez, Hierlihy, O'Grady, Mostahkami, Alvarez, Stowell, Glancy, Arevalo, Leung, Kouri, Figueroa, Cervantes, Beach, Myrter, De Witt, Rigg, Kittridge**

**NOES:**       **None.**

**ABSTAIN:**   **None.**

SEWC AE Chairman Glancy requested a motion supporting SEWC sending a comment letter, by the appropriate deadlines, regarding the San Gabriel National Recreation Area proposal. Mrs. Figueroa (Norwalk) made the motion which was seconded by Mr. Cervantes (Pico Rivera). The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

## **ITEM 5 – DISCUSSION/ACTION – GROUNDWATER RELIABILITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (GRIP) DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, CIVILTEC ENGINEERING COMMENT REPORT**

GWMA Chair Cash gave a brief overview of the previous actions taken by GWMA and SEWC and to identify and hire a consulting firm to assist with a review and assessment of the Water Replenishment District's (WRD) Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) of the groundwater Reliability Improvement Program (GRIP) project. He reported that GWMA and SEWC hired Civiltec Engineering to perform the assessment and provide both organizations with suggested comments on the DEIR to be submitted by the comment due date of May 9th.

An overview of Civiltec's review and assessment was provided by Mr. David Byrum, Senior Engineer, and Mr. Anthony Herda, Planning Manager.

Mr. Herda provided comments on a number of issues that were either not addressed or were not adequately answered in the DEIR. The details of these issues were provided via his PowerPoint presentation as well as through handouts provided to all the GWMA and SEWC AE members. In addition, Civiltec provided all with a comment handout worksheet, asking each member to provide their additional comments on their review at the meeting or as soon thereafter as possible.

Civiltec's Mr. Herda also provided a brief financial assessment of the impacts of the GRIP project on the WRD's Replenishment Assessment (RA). While financial impacts were not taken under consideration as part of a draft environmental impact report, both GWMA and SEWC requested that the consultant assess this impact as part of their scope of work.

Several technical questions were asked and areas of concerns were expressed by several GWMA and SEWC AE representatives. These included:

Mr. Cervantes asked if the DEIR addressed how the new GRIP project water lines were going to be connected to the existing network of pipes. Mr. Herda answered that the DEIR did not provide that information.

Several members questioned how the brine resulting from the GRIP process would be disposed of? Mr. Herda stated that the DEIR did not address the brine disposal issue.

Mr. Herda said that in general the DEIR did not provide any water quality information.

One SEWC representative asked about the potential to use water process through GRIP to be used for groundwater storage. Mr. Herda stated that the DEIR did not address potential groundwater storage of GRIP project water.

When asked about the proposed construction schedule for the GRIP project, Mr. Herda said that the DEIR stated construction would begin in 4th quarter 2016 and continue for 2 years, with the estimated completion in late 2018.

Because of the short timeline to develop, finalize and submit comments of the DEIR, GWMA Chair Cash proposed expanding the ad-hoc committee that had been working with Civiltec. The committee currently includes 4 members from GWMA and SEWC, and GWMA Chair Cash recommended expanding it by 5 additional representatives. The new members to the ad-hoc committee are Chris Cash (Paramount), Jim Glancy (Lakewood), Adriana Figueroa (Norwalk), Ron Hernandez (South Gate), and Eric Lueng (Long Beach Water Department).

Mr. Mostahkami moved to approve the new ad-hoc committee members as proposed. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cervantes and was approved by the following voice votes:

**AYES:**           **Cash, Vu, Iniguez, Hierlihy, O’Grady, Mostahkami, Alvarez, Stowell, Glancy, Arevalo, Leung, Kouri, Figueroa, Cervantes, Beach, Myrter, De Witt, Rigg, Kittridge**

**NOES:**           **None.**

**ABSTAIN:**   **None.**

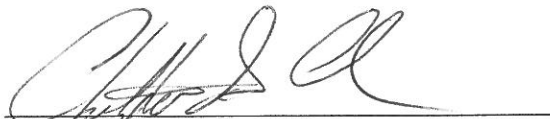
No SEWC AE action was taken.

## **ITEM 6 – GWMA MEMBER COMMENTS/REPORT**

None.

## ITEM 7 – ADJOURNMENT OF THE GATEWAY WATER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

The meeting was adjourned at 1:17 p.m. to a Meeting of the Board on May 8, 2014 at the Progress Park Plaza in Paramount.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Cash', is written over a horizontal line.

Chris Cash, GWMA Chair

A handwritten date '5/8/14' is written in black ink over a horizontal line.

Date