

**MINUTES OF THE GATEWAY WATER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY  
LOS ANGELES GATEWAY REGION  
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY BOARD  
AT PARAMOUNT, CALIFORNIA  
THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2014**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Gateway Water Management Authority was held on Thursday, May 8, 2014 at Noon at the Progress Park Plaza, 15500 Downey Avenue, Paramount, CA 90723.

Chair Chris Cash called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m. Roll was called by Ms. Penn and a quorum of the Board was declared.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Chris Cash	Paramount
Young Park	Bell
Chau Vu	Bell Gardens
Bernardo Iniguez (alternate)	Bellflower
Tammy Hierlihy	Central Basin MWD
Mike O'Grady (alternate)	Cerritos
Gina Nila	Commerce
Aaron Hernandez-Torres	Cudahy
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
Gladis Deras (alternate)	Pico Rivera
Sarina Morales-Choate (alternate)	Santa Fe Springs
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
Len Gorecki	City of Paramount
Dan Mueller	City of Downey
Virginia Fowler	LACFCD
Blake Whittington	Council for Watershed Health
Jim Glancy	City of Lakewood
Ken Farfsing	City of Signal Hill
Bill Minasian	Downey

**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 Leadership Committee would be held on May 14, 2014 at 8:30 a.m.

**ITEM 5 - CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

**AYES:** Park, Vu, Iniguez, Hierlihy, O'Grady, Nila, Hernandez-Torres, Mostahkami, Alvarez, Stowell, Rapp, Arevalo, Wattier, Figueroa, Cash, Deras, Morales-Choate, Honeycutt, De Witt, Rigg, and Pelser

**NOES:** None.

**ABSTAIN:** None.

**ITEM 6 – DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING GATEWAY IRWM PROP 84 GRANT FUNDING AND IRWM PLAN UPDATE**

Ms. Kast introduced Mr. Bill Bennett from GEI Consultants. Mr. Bennett provided a detailed presentation regarding Gateway IRWM Prop 84 drought grant funding and IRWM plan update. He stated that DWR would evaluate the proposals based on the statewide drought impacts and needs. He indicated that it was his recommendation that the GWMA carefully screen potential projects and proponents and to only submit the most likely and worthwhile projects, if any. He stated that the projects should be substantial and have real drought impact or water savings and suggested reviewing the possible projects on the previous list using the Go/No-Go Worksheet before considering them.

Director Cash moved to authorize GEI Consultants to move forward aggressively in the next two weeks to solicit and identify one to three projects for inclusion in the drought funding application. The motion was seconded by Director Alvarez and was approved by the following voice votes:

**AYES:** Park, Vu, Iniguez, Hierlihy, O'Grady, Nila, Hernandez-Torres, Mostahkami, Alvarez, Stowell, Rapp, Arevalo, Wattier, Figueroa, Cash, Deras, Morales-Choate, Honeycutt, De Witt, Rigg, and Pelser

**NOES:** None.

**ABSTAIN:** None.

**ITEM 7 – ADOPTION OF PERCENTAGE TO BE CHARGED FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS TO EACH GROUP WITH A CURRENT OR FUTURE MOU/MOA WITH GWMA IN FY 2014/15**

Ms. Kast reported that over the past 18 months, GWMA had increased its facilitation role by entering into MOUs/MOAs with different groups. She indicated that she foresees GWMA role continuing and perhaps increasing over the next fiscal year. Therefore, she stated that staff recommended that an administrative fee of 3% be approved by the board for FY 2014/15.

Director Figueroa moved to adopt an amount of 3% to be charged for administrative costs to each group entering or continuing with GWMA through an MOU/MOA agreement. The motion was seconded by Director Wattier and was approved by the following voice votes:

**AYES:** Park, Vu, Iniguez, Hierlihy, O’Grady, Nila, Hernandez-Torres, Mostahkami, Alvarez, Stowell, Rapp, Arevalo, Wattier, Figueroa, Cash, Deras, Morales-Choate, Honeycutt, De Witt, Rigg, and Pelser

**NOES:** None.

**ABSTAIN:** None.

**ITEM 8 – APPROVAL OF FY 2014/15 BUDGET**

Ms. Kast reviewed the budget for FY 2014/15 and indicated that staff projected a reserve from FY 2013/14 to carry over into FY 2014-15 of \$785,415. She reported that GWMA’s JPA Agreement required an annual appropriation from member agencies and stated that, since its inception, GWMA had approved the same annual appropriation of \$15,000. In addition, she indicated that GWMA had previously approved 6 memberships at a reduced appropriation on a case-by-case basis. She stated that staff recommended the board adopt the FY 2014/15 budget as presented and approve the annual membership appropriation of \$15,000 (except for reduced dues membership).

After general discussions, Director De Witt moved to adopt the FY 2014/15 budget as presented and approve the annual membership appropriation of \$15,000 (except for reduced dues membership). The motion was seconded by Director Wattier and approved by the following voice votes:

**AYES:** Park, Vu, Iniguez, Hierlihy, O’Grady, Nila, Hernandez-Torres, Mostahkami, Alvarez, Stowell, Rapp, Arevalo, Wattier, Figueroa, Cash, Deras, Morales-Choate, Honeycutt, De Witt, Rigg, and Pelser

**NOES:** None.

**ABSTAIN:** None.

**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.

Lower Los Angeles River Watershed Group

Director Myrter 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 modeling was almost done and that a workshop would be held later in the 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 Figueroa reported on the current status of the Lower San Gabriel River Watershed Group and indicated that the project was on schedule and moving forward.

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

Mr. Ken Farfsing encouraged the watershed groups to keep their respective council members updated on the progress of the watersheds. Mr. Farfsing also reported that there would be a county-wide City Managers meeting on May 21, 2014.

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

None.

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

Chair Cash reported on the draft legislation introduced by Representative Chu regarding designating areas in the State of California as wilderness, as well as areas as wild and scenic rivers. He indicated that he would be signing a letter similar to the one previously authorized by the board regarding the NRA legislation introduced by Representative Chu.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m. to a Meeting of the Board on June 12, 2014 at the Progress Park Plaza in Paramount.



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Charlie Honeycutt, Secretary/Treasurer

6/12/14

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