

**MINUTES OF THE GATEWAY WATER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
LOS ANGELES GATEWAY REGION
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY BOARD
AT PARAMOUNT, CALIFORNIA
THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 2014**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Gateway Water Management Authority was held on Thursday, June 12, 2014 at Noon at the Progress Park Plaza, 15500 Downey Avenue, Paramount, CA 90723.

Chair Chris Cash called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. Roll was called by Ms. Penn and a quorum of the Board was declared.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chris Cash	Paramount
Okina Dor	Artesia
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
Eric Leung (alternate)	Long Beach Water Dept.
Sam Kouri (alternate)	Montebello
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
Russ Bryden	LACFCD/GLAC
Ken Farfsing	City of Signal Hill
John Oskoui	City of Downey
Claudia Arellano	City of Vernon
Ester Rojas	Water Replenishment District
Jim Glancy	City of Lakewood
Nejtec Der Bedrossian	Nationwide Environmental Services

ITEM 3 - ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

ITEM 4 – ORAL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

Mr. Bryden 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 July 15th at 1:30 p.m. at the offices of the Water Replenishment District. He stated that the next meeting of the Greater LA IRWM's Leadership Committee would be held on June 25th at 9:30 a.m. and the location had yet to be determined.

Mr. Bryden also reported that Greater LA's focus over the past several months had been on finalizing and adopting their Region's IRWM Plan and preparing their drought grant funding application.

ITEM 5 - CONSENT CALENDAR

After general discussion, Direct Cash indicated that Item D - Approve Letter of Support for SB958 be reviewed and approved as a separate item.

Director Alvarez moved the approval items A, B, C, and E of the consent calendar. Director Nila seconded the motion which was approved by the following voice votes:

AYES: CASH, DOR, VU, INIGUEZ, HIERLIHY, O'GRADY, NILA, HERNANDEZ-TORRES, MOSTAHKAMI, ALVAREZ, STOWELL, RAPP, AREVALO, LEUNG, KOURI, DERAS, MORALES-CHOATE, HONEYCUTT, DE WITT, RIGG, PELSER

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Ms. Kast provided members of the board and public with the SB958 amendment of June 10th and indicated that this amendment includes dry weather runoff with clearer definitions enhancing grant opportunities. She indicated that this amendment did not change staff's recommendation to submit a letter of support for SB985.

Director Nila moved the approval of item D - Approve Letter of Support for SB958 of the consent calendar. Director Alvarez seconded the motion which was approved by the following voice votes:

AYES: CASH, DOR, VU, INIGUEZ, HIERLIHY, O'GRADY, NILA, HERNANDEZ-TORRES, MOSTAHKAMI, ALVAREZ, STOWELL, RAPP, AREVALO, LEUNG, KOURI, DERAS, MORALES-CHOATE, HONEYCUTT, DE WITT, RIGG, PELSER

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ITEM 6 – Grant Opportunities

Gateway IRWMP

Ms. Kast introduced Mr. Bill Bennett from GEI Constants who would be making a presentation to the board on grant opportunities.

Discussion/Action Regarding Gateway IRWM Prop 84 Drought Funding Round and IRWM Plan Update

Mr. Bill Bennett, GEI Consultants, summarized the three drought related projects that had been submitted for the update of the IRWMP project list. He stated that stakeholders were notified on May 12th of the call for projects and project applications were due on May 27th. He indicated that one project was re-submitted from the earlier implementation grant application. He also stated that two new projects were reviewed and ranked by essentially the same technical review team that formulated at the original IRWMP project ranking and a new merged list was developed. He reported that drought projects must be included on the IRWMP ranked list to be eligible for funding. Mr. Bennett provided handouts of the Ranking List and stated that a Drought Grant Application would be compiled by GEI for these three projects. He stated that the due date for the DWR Drought Grant applications was now July 21st.

Director Nila moved to adopt the ranking list (attached) as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Alvarez and approved by the following voice votes:

AYES: CASH, DOR, VU, INIGUEZ, HIERLIHY, O’GRADY, NILA, HERNANDEZ-TORRES, MOSTAHKAMI, ALVAREZ, STOWELL, RAPP, AREVALO, LEUNG, KOURI, DERAS, MORALES-CHOATE, HONEYCUTT, DE WITT, RIGG, PELSER

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Adopt Resolution No. 12-06-14-1 to Enter into an Agreement to Receive a Grant for the Gateway Region Priority Drought Project Initiative

Director Nila moved to adopt Resolution No. 12-06-14-1 to enter into an Agreement to receive a Grant for the Gateway Region Priority Drought Project Initiative as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Honeycutt and was approved by the following voice votes:

AYES: CASH, DOR, VU, INIGUEZ, HIERLIHY, O'GRADY, NILA, HERNANDEZ-TORRES, MOSTAHKAMI, ALVAREZ, STOWELL, RAPP, AREVALO, LEUNG, KOURI, DERAS, MORALES-CHOATE, HONEYCUTT, DE WITT, RIGG, PELSER

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Authorize Executive Officer to Sign 2014 IRWM Grant Acknowledgement Form

Director Honeycutt moved to authorize the Executive Office to sign 2014 IRWM Grand Acknowledgement Form as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Nila and was approved by the following voice votes:

AYES: CASH, DOR, VU, INIGUEZ, HIERLIHY, O'GRADY, NILA, HERNANDEZ-TORRES, MOSTAHKAMI, ALVAREZ, STOWELL, RAPP, AREVALO, LEUNG, KOURI, DERAS, MORALES-CHOATE, HONEYCUTT, DE WITT, RIGG, PELSER

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Prop 84 Stormwater Grant Round 2

Ms. Kast indicated that GWMA was awarded \$1.073M in grand funds from the Prop 84 Stormwater Grant Program Round 2. She indicated the awarded amount was \$1,073,820 with a local match of \$270,220 for a total project cost of \$1,344,040. She stated that the resolutions included in the agenda packet were required to execute an Agreement with the State for this grant. She reported that, as part of the grant acceptance process, a Project Director certification form was required. She stated that because she was not an employee of the agency, the State required a Resolution authorizing the contract Executive Director to serve as the Project Director.

Adopt Resolution No. 12-06-14-2

Director Alvarez moved to adopt Resolution No. 12-06-14-2 authorizing entering into an agreement with the State of California and designating a representative to sign the Agreement for the multi-agency, multi-watershed project to incorporate LID Bmps into major transportation corridors (FA-26094-PHASE2 & 14-443-550) project. The motion was seconded by Director Mostahkami and approved by the following voice vote:

AYES: CASH, DOR, VU, INIGUEZ, HIERLIHY, O'GRADY, NILA, HERNANDEZ-TORRES, MOSTAHKAMI, ALVAREZ, STOWELL, RAPP, AREVALO, LEUNG,

**KOURI, DERAS, MORALES-CHOATE, HONEYCUTT, DE WITT, RIGG,
PELSER**

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Adopt Resolution No. 12-06-14-3

Director Alvarez moved to adopt Resolution No. 12-06-14-3 authorizing the Executive Officer to serve as the Project Director for State Water Resources Control Board's Grant Agreement No. 14-443-550 for the Multi-Agency, Multi-Watershed Project to incorporate LID Bmps into major transportation corridors (FA-26094-PHASE2 & 14-443-550) project as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Mostahkami and approved by the following voice vote:

AYES: CASH, DOR, VU, INIGUEZ, HIERLIHY, O'GRADY, NILA, HERNANDEZ-TORRES, MOSTAHKAMI, ALVAREZ, STOWELL, RAPP, AREVALO, LEUNG, KOURI, DERAS, MORALES-CHOATE, HONEYCUTT, DE WITT, RIGG, PELSER

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ITEM 7 – APPROVAL OF STAFFING CONTRACTS

Approve Executive Officer's Extension Contract

Chair Cash indicated that the current agreement with Ms. Kast to serve as GWMA's Executive Officer expired on June 30, 2014. He stated that the Executive Committee had recommended that the term of the agreement be extended for two years through June 30, 2016 on the existing terms and conditions. He also stated that as before, the agreement was terminable by either party on 30 day's advance written notice.

Director Pelser moved to approve the two- year extension of the Executive Officer's agreement as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Arevalo and approved by the following voice votes:

AYES: CASH, DOR, VU, INIGUEZ, HIERLIHY, O'GRADY, NILA, HERNANDEZ-TORRES, MOSTAHKAMI, ALVAREZ, STOWELL, RAPP, AREVALO, LEUNG, KOURI, DERAS, MORALES-CHOATE, HONEYCUTT, DE WITT, RIGG, PELSER

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Approve Accounting/Administrative Assistant Extension Contract

Ms. Kast reported that the GWMA's role in support of the Region and its members was growing. She stated that since that time, while all cash deposits and check disbursements have remained with Signal Hill, the day-to-day accounting had been transferred internally. She stated that this first contract amendment would increase her hourly rate to \$45.00/hr up to a maximum of 150 hrs/month for a total of \$6,750/month. She indicated that this amendment would also eliminate the comprehensive general liability insurance requirements and reduce the automobile liability insurance requirement from a minimum limit of one million dollars per incident or accident for bodily injury, death and property damage to a minimum three hundred thousand.

Director Alvarez moved to approve the Amendment to Agreement with Toni Penn as GWMA's Administrative/Accounting Assistant as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Rapp and approved by the following voice votes:

AYES: CASH, DOR, VU, INIGUEZ, HIERLIHY, O'GRADY, NILA, HERNANDEZ-TORRES, MOSTAHKAMI, ALVAREZ, STOWELL, RAPP, AREVALO, LEUNG, KOURI, DERAS, MORALES-CHOATE, HONEYCUTT, DE WITT, RIGG, PELSER

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ITEM 8 – DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING CATCH BASIN MAINTENANCE AND CLEANING BIDS

Ms. Kast reported that on behalf of the Gateway Region Cities, GMWA released a Notice Inviting Bids for Catch Basin Cleaning/Maintenance Services through well-known electronic media as well as a posting on our website. She indicated that the deadline to receive bids was set for May 27, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. She stated that three sealed bids were received with the caveat that one bidder was extremely higher priced than the other two bidders. In closing, Ms. Kast recommended that the board receive and file all three bids as received and direct staff to distribute complete competitive bid packages to all Gateway Region Cities with no bid selection recommendations.

Director Mostahkami moved to receive and file bids as received and direct staff to distribute complete competitive bid packages to all Gateway Region Cities with no bid selection recommendations. The motion was seconded by Director Chau and was approved by the following voice votes:

AYES: CASH, DOR, VU, INIGUEZ, HIERLIHY, O'GRADY, NILA, HERNANDEZ-TORRES, MOSTAHKAMI, ALVAREZ, STOWELL, RAPP, AREVALO, LEUNG,

**KOURI, DERAS, MORALES-CHOATE, HONEYCUTT, DE WITT, RIGG,
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 that they were in the process of finalizing the WMP.

Lower Los Angeles River Watershed Group

Chair Cash reported on the current status of the Lower Los Angeles River Watershed Group. He stated that they were reviewing the draft WMP.

Los Cerritos Channel River Watershed Group

Director Arevelo reported on the current status of the Los Cerritos Channel River Watershed Group. He stated that they would be hosting a workshop to review the draft WMP prior to submission.

Lower San Gabriel River Watershed Group

Director Arevelo reported on the current status of the Lower San Gabriel River Watershed Group and indicated that they were also in the process of reviewing the draft WMP.

Mr. Farfsing expressed concern that some cities are not taking the draft WMPs to their councils for review.

ITEM 10 – CITY MANAGERS STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Farfsing did a presentation to the Board on the Stormwater Funding Options Report. He stated that the Los Angeles region faces critical, very costly, and seriously underfunded stormwater and urban runoff water quality challenges. He indicated that the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) lead a multi-year effort to develop a sustainable revenue source for municipalities to manage stormwater programs and implement water quality improvement projects which ultimately failed. Mr. Farfsing then proceeded to report in great detail outlining the advantages, disadvantages and recommendations of this report.

ITEM 11 - EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Ms. Kast reported that GWMA did not get the turf replacement grant under the USBR SmartWater Grant Program, but GWMA did get the \$1million advanced meter replacement grant. She stated that along with the \$1.4 million received from Prop 84 Stormwater Grant Round 2 program, GWMA had recently received \$3.9 million in total.

ITEM 12 – DIRECTORS' COMMENTS/REPORTS

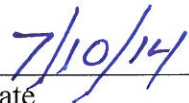
Director De Witt reported that he recently spent time rafting on the Colorado River and stated that water flow was really low. He also indicated that Lake Mead was also really low and could present a real problem.

Director Glancy provided an update on drinking water system operational discharges under MS4.

After general discussions, the Board directed staff to have a presentation given regarding U.S. EPA's definition of US waterways.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:28 p.m. to a Meeting of the Board on July 10, 2014 at the Progress Park Plaza in Paramount.


Chris Cash, Chair


Date

GATEWAY IRWMP PROJECT RANKING JUNE 2014 UPDATE

RANK	ID	PROJECT TITLE	Score
1	39	Fernwood Water Improvement Park	189
2	63	Willow Springs Habitat Enhancement, Trail Improvement and Water Quality Improvements	170
3	32	West San Gabriel River Parkway Phase 3 Development	165
4	17	Outfall Monitoring	145
5	24	Bellflower NPDES Permit and TMDL Compliance Stormwater Improvements	141
6	21	Shallow Wells Abandonment	135
7	33	Catch Basin Trash Inserts and Face Plate Screens	134
8	51	Cesar Chavez Park Recycled Water irrigation Project	128
8	37	Disadvantaged Communities Schools Retrofit Program	128
10	75	Miles Avenue Wellsite Nitrate Blending Improvements*	127
11	1	Pico Rivera Emergency Intertie	126
12	66	El Dorado Park Duck Pond Water Quality and Habitat Improvements	125
13	44	Optimization of Strategies to Reduce Stormwater Impacts on Surface Water Quality based on Cost-Effectiveness	123
14	22	Small System Infrastructure Rehabilitation Project	120
15	7	Los Angeles River Estuary Bacteria TMDL - Southeast Area Low Flow Diversion	120
15	9	Los Cerritos Channel Metals TMDL - Low Flow Diversion	120
17	15	Norwalk Park Reservoir and Booster Pump Station	119
18	64	Citywide Parks Irrigation System Upgrades	119
19	8	Los Angeles River Estuary Bacteria TMDL - Southwest Area Low Flow Diversion	118
20	3	Furman Park/Rio Hondo Elementary School Recycled Water Main Extension and Irrigation System Improvement Project	118
21	61	Pico Rivera 1.5 Million Gallons Reservoir	117
22	19	Potable Water Interconnections- Bloomfield x Hayford and Pioneer x Lakeland	113
23	18	Pilot Plant for Treatment of Los Angeles River Water	113
24	11	New Groundwater Well	113
25	60	Treatment of Low Flow and First Flush Stormwater Discharges - Termino Drain	111
26	59	Chittick Field	111
27	52	Firestone Blvd. Median Project	109
28	67	El Dorado Regional Park Water Quality & Water Conservation	109
29	65	El Dorado Nature Center Lakes Water Quality and Water Conservation	108
30	34	Cha'wot Open Space Preservation and Stormwater Runoff Reduction	108
31	16	Norwalk Water Main/Meter Replacements - Gridley to Maidstone	107
32	69	Long beach Urban Runoff Recycling Facility (LBURRF)	105
33	6	Installation of Catch Basin - Screening Devices (ARS/CPS)	104
34	74	Cerritos/Forest Lawn Cypress Recycled Water System Extension *	104
35	31	Well 21 Conversion Project	101
36	50	Vernon Outfall Monitoring Project	101
37	35	City of Signal Hill Recycled Water System	99
38	70	The Los Cerritos, San Gabriel River and Alamitos Bay Outfall Trash Collectors	99
39	62	Long Beach Graywater Program	97
40	13	Bellflower Municipal Water Distribution System Reconstruction	97

GATEWAY IRWMP PROJECT RANKING JUNE 2014 UPDATE

RANK	ID	PROJECT TITLE	Score
41	53	South Gate Park Recycled Water Conversion project	96
42	54	Tree Well Dry Weather Runoff and First Flow Storm Water Capture/TMDL Project	95
43	48	Vernon Catch Basin Trash Inserts and Face Plate Screen Project	95
44	36	Coyote Creek Irrigation Runoff Reduction Program	92
45	38	Emergency Water Connection Improvements	92
46	23	Splash Pad/Spray and Wading Pool Retrofit	91
47	2	Advance Groundwater Wellhead Treatment Facility**	90
48	5	Hermosillo Park Well - Well No. 9 and water mains	90
49	71	The Los Cerritos, San Gabriel River and Alamitos Bay Low Flow Diversion System	88
50	72	Construct Bioswales/Landscaping in various locations in Long Beach	86
51	14	New Water Well	83
52	20	SCADA and Automation	82
53	73	Pump Station Vortex Separation System (VSS) Devices	81
54	12	New Water Well	81
55	45	57th Street Storm Drain Improvement Project	80
56	30	Storm Drain Improvements in the City of La Mirada	80
57	46	55th Street Storm Drain Improvement Project	80
58	68	El Dorado Nature Center Lake Dredging and Leak Repair	79
59	10	MWD West Coast Feeder Connection and Transmission Main	78
60	4	Groundwater Well Supply Reliability Project	76
61	47	District Boulevard Storm Drain Improvement Project	76
62	58	Well 28 Reservoir and Booster Pump Station	75
63	25	Storm Drain Improvement Project Zone 4	74
64	49	Production Well 22	73
65	29	Storm Drain Improvement Project Zone 7	72
66	55	Well 25 Replacement	71
67	26	Storm Drain Improvement Project Zone 2	71
67	27	Storm Drain Improvement Project Zone 3	71
69	28	Storm Drain Improvement Project Zone 6	60
70	57	Water SCADA Energy Savings Automation Project	47
71	56	Storm Drain Improvements- The Manor and Salt Lake and Wood Avenues.	46
72	43	Addition of 1,4-Dioxane Treatment for Ground Water Extracted from the Central Basin	42
73	41	Addition and/or Expansion of Arsenic Treatment for Ground Water Extracted from the Pressure Zone of the Central Basin	41
73	42	Addition and/or Expansion of Color Treatment for Ground Water Extracted from the Pressure Zone of the Central Basin	41
75	40	Monitoring of Activities Surrounding the Omega Chemical Corporation Superfund Site	39

* 2014 Submitted for 2014 Drought Grant

** Project 2 was re-ranked for the 2014 update and is now ranked at 47 (from 33) and scored 90 (from 101)