

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

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Gateway Water Management Authority was held on Thursday, July 10, 2014 at Noon at the Progress Park Plaza, 15500 Downey Avenue, Paramount, CA 90723.

Chair Chris Cash called the meeting to order at 12:06 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
Mohammad Mostahkami	Downey
Mark Stowell	La Mirada
Lisa Rapp	Lakewood
Anthony Arevalo	Long Beach
Kevin Wattier	Long Beach Water Dept.
Danilo Batson	Montebello
Gladis Deras (alternate)	Pico Rivera
Sarina Morales-Choate (proxy)	Santa Fe Springs
Steve Myrter (alternate)	Signal Hill
William De Witt	South Gate
Scott Rigg (alternate)	Vernon

STAFF AND GUESTS ON SIGN-IN SHEET:

Grace Kast	Executive Officer
Toni Penn	Administrative/Accounting Assistant
Blake Whittington	Council for Watershed Health
Virginia Fowler	LACFCD
Ester Rojas	Water Replenishment District
Jim Glancy	City of Lakewood
Art Cervantes	South Gate

ITEM 3 - ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Chairman Cash reported that a closed session item pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54954.2 (b) arose after the agenda had been posted. He recommended that a closed session be added to the agenda as an urgency item.

Director Wattier moved to a Closed Session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54954.2 (b) to the agenda as an urgency item. The motion was seconded by Director Rigg and was approved by the following voice votes:

AYES: **Cash, Dor, Vu, Iniguez, Hierlihy, Mostahkami, Stowell, Rapp, Arevalo, Wattier, Batson, Deras, Morales-Choate, Myrter, De Witt, Rigg.**

NOES: **None.**

ABSTAIN: **None.**

ITEM 4 – CLOSED SESSION: PURSUANT TO GOV. CODE SECTION 54954.2 (B)

No reportable action.

ITEM 5 – ORAL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

None.

ITEM 6 - CONSENT CALENDAR

Director Rapp moved the approval of the consent calendar. Director De Witt seconded the motion which was approved by the following voice votes:

AYES: **Cash, Dor, Vu, Iniguez, Hierlihy, Mostahkami, Stowell, Rapp, Arevalo, Wattier, Batson, Deras, Morales-Choate, Myrter, De Witt, Rigg.**

NOES: **None.**

ABSTAIN: **None.**

ITEM 7 – DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING GATEWAY IRWM PROP 84 GRANT FUNDING AND IRWM PLAN UPDATE

Ms. Grace Kast provided an update on the Gateway IRWM Prop 84 grant funding and IRWM Plan. She indicated that GEI was currently working on three projects. She then proceeded to outline each project and answer questions from the Board with regards to these projects.

ITEM 8 – DISCUSSION REGARDING DRAFTING NEW MOUS FOR WMP/CIMP IMPLEMENTATION

Ms. Kast reported that new MOUs or amendments for WMP/CIMP implementation may be needed soon.

Several board members indicated that they believed the MOUs included the design and implementation phases and that there was no need to draft new MOUs.

Ms. Kast indicated that staff would review all existing MOUs to ensure all included both the design and implementation phase and would report back to the watershed groups.

ITEM 9 – HARBOR TOXICS POLLUTANTS TMDL GROUP

Ms. Kast reported that in April of this year, GWMA entered into an MOU with the members of the Harbor Toxic Pollutants TMDL Group. She stated that to implement the work described in that MOU, GWMA legal counsel, risk management and staff have been working on developing the Professional Services Agreement with ANCHOR QEA, LLC. She indicated that this firm had unique qualifications and experience to conduct this type of complex work. She stated that the terms of this contract include a termination date of June 30, 2019, with a contract price of \$2,086,658 that was fully paid by the Harbor Toxic Pollutants TMDL Group. In closing, Ms. Kast recommended that the Board approve the contract with ANCHOR QEA, LLC as presented.

Director Arevalo moved to approve the contract with ANCHOR QEA, LLC as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Vu and was approved by the following voice votes:

AYES: **Cash, Dor, Vu, Iniguez, Hierlihy, Mostahkami, Stowell, Rapp, Arevalo, Wattier, Batson, Deras, Morales-Choate, Myrter, De Witt, Rigg.**

NOES: **None.**

ABSTAIN: **None.**

ITEM 10 – GATEWAY REGION WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLANS (WMPS) ACTIVITIES

Lower Los Angeles River Upper Reach 2 Watershed Group

Director Vu updated the Board on the current status of the Lower Los Angeles River Upper Reach 2 Watershed Group and indicated that the group would be meeting the following week.

Lower Los Angeles River Watershed Group

Director Myrter reported on the current status of the Los Angeles River Watershed Group and indicated that the WMP was submitted on time.

Los Cerritos Channel River Watershed Group

Director Arevelo updated the Board on the current status of the Lower Los Angeles River Upper Reach 2 Watershed Group and indicated that their plan had been submitted and that the group would be meeting next month.

Lower San Gabriel River Watershed Group

None.

ITEM 11 – CITY MANAGERS STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

None.

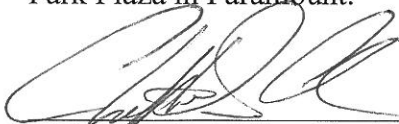
ITEM 12 - EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Ms. Kast reported on the status of applications for reduced dues and that staff was still awaiting applications from the City of Maywood and the City of Artesia.

ITEM 13 – DIRECTORS' COMMENTS/REPORTS

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 12.50 p.m. to a Meeting of the Board on August 14, 2014 at the Progress Park Plaza in Paramount.


Chris Cash, Chairman

8/14/14
Date