

**MINUTES OF THE GATEWAY WATER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
LOS ANGELES GATEWAY REGION
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY BOARD
AT PARAMOUNT, CALIFORNIA
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2014**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Gateway Water Management Authority was held on Thursday, October 9, 2014 at Noon at the Progress Park Plaza, 15500 Downey Avenue, Paramount, CA 90723.

Chair Chris Cash called the meeting to order at 12:05p.m. Roll was called by Ms. Kast and a quorum of the Board was declared.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chris Cash	Paramount
Okina Dor	Artesia
Chau Vu	Bell Gardens
Len Gorecki	Bellflower
Vince Brar	Cerritos
Mohammad Mostahkami	Downey
Desi Alvarez	Huntington Park
Mark Stowell	La Mirada
Jim Glancy (proxy)	Lakewood
Derek Wieske (alternate)	Long Beach
Gladis Deras (alternate)	Pico Rivera
Matt Tryon (proxy)	Santa Fe Springs
Charlie Honeycutt	Signal Hill
Scott Rigg (alternate)	Vernon
David Pelser	Whittier

STAFF AND GUESTS ON SIGN-IN SHEET:

Grace Kast	Executive Officer
Toni Penn	Administrative/Accounting Assistant
Virginia Fowler	LACFCD
Ken Farfsing	Signal Hill
Chris Castillo	South Gate

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 October 22, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. She also reported that their comments had been submitted to DWR and thanked DWR for streamlining the process.

ITEM 5 - CONSENT CALENDAR

Director Alvarez moved the approval of the consent calendar. The motion was seconded by Director Rigg and was approved by the following voice votes:

AYES: **Cash, Dor, Vu, Gorecki, Brar, Mostahkami, Alvarez, Wieske, Wattier, Deras, Tryon, Honeycutt, Rigg**

NOES: **None**

ABSTAIN: **Pelser, Stowell, Glancy**

ITEM 6 – ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 14-03 IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSITION 1, THE WATER QUALITY, SUPPLY AND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2014

Ms. Kast reported that Proposition 1, the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act had been placed on the November 4, 2014 ballot. She stated that this ballot measure would allocate \$7.545 billion for water related projects throughout the State of California. Ms. Kast recommended that the Board adopt Resolution 14-03 in support of Proposition 1.

Director Wattier moved to adopt Resolution 14-03 in support of Proposition 1, the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014. The motion was seconded by Director Vu and was approved by the following voice votes:

AYES: **Cash, Dor, Vu, Gorecki, Brar, Mostahkami, Alvarez, Wieske, Wattier, Deras, Tryon, Honeycutt, Rigg, Pelser, Glancy, Stowell**

NOES: **None**

ABSTAIN: **None**

ITEM 7 – DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING DWR'S DROUGHT GRANT FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

Ms. Kast reported that DWR's Drought Grant Program offered up to \$200 million for immediate drought relief through its grant solicitation. She indicated that GWMA's regional application of 3 projects totaled \$6.7 million and that GWMA had been recommended for 59% of its requested grant amount, equating to \$3.9 million. She stated that the other regions in the funding area received 100% of their request.

Ms. Kast reported that, while GWMA was seeking 100% of its grant request, it was good news for the region. She stated that staff was currently working on reviewing and reallocating funds.

ITEM 8 – DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING WATERSMART GRANT ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES – BUREAU OF RECLAMATION 2014

Ms. Kast reported that, in response to the Funding Opportunity Announcement, WaterSMART Water and Energy Efficiency Grants for FY2014, the GWMA submitted an application with the purpose of acquiring funds to help support the development and implementation of GWMA's Regional Advanced Meter Infrastructure Program. She stated that there are 9 member agencies participating in this program.

Ms. Kast recommended that the Board approve the proposal from GEI Consultants, Inc. to provide professional WaterSMART Grant administrative services in the amount not to exceed \$75,000 over the course of 3 years.

Director Alavarez moved to approve the proposal from GEI Consultants, Inc. to provide WaterSMART Grant Administrative Services – Bureau of Reclamation 2014 in the amount not to exceed 75,000 over the course of 3 years. The motion was seconded by Director Wieske and was approved by the following voice votes:

AYES: **Cash, Dor, Vu, Gorecki, Brar, Mostahkami, Alvarez, Wieske, Wattier, Deras, Tryon, Honeycutt, Rigg, Pelser, Glancy, Stowell**

NOES: **None**

ABSTAIN: **None**

ITEM 9 – DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING WATER-ENERGY GRANT APPLICATION(S)

Ms. Kast reported that the maximum available funding through the 2014 Water-Energy grants solicitation was \$19 million and that the maximum allowable grant award was \$2.5 million per proposal. She stated that a proposal was a project or suite of projects or actions that were proposed for funding. She reported that GWMA had contacted its member agencies soliciting proposed projects and indicated that GWMA had received 2 projects from the City of South Gate and 2 projects from the City of Pico Rivera. She stated that all projects had been reviewed by Mr. Bill Bennett from GEI Consultants, Inc. and indicated that all but one of these projects might be competitive for receiving grant funds. She stated that the guidelines for the Grant had not been finalized and that this could push back the application deadline.

Ms. Kast stated that the preliminary estimates for retaining a consultant to develop a proposal with up to 3 projects would be approximately \$25,000 per project.

After detailed discussions, Director Deras moved to direct staff to solicit more projects and/or a regional project for consideration and to bring this item back to the Board at its next meeting for discussion/action. The motion was seconded by Director Rigg and approved by the following voice votes:

AYES: **Cash, Dor, Vu, Gorecki, Brar, Mostahkami, Alvarez, Wieske, Wattier, Deras, Tryon, Honeycutt, Rigg, Pelser, Glancy, Stowell**

NOES: **None**

ABSTAIN: **None.**

The Board also directed staff to contact GEI Consultants, Inc. to discuss their pricing for this grant application and to also solicit statements of qualifications from other consultant groups in preparation for future grant application developments.

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

Lower Los Angeles River Upper Reach 2 Watershed Group

Ms. Kast reported that the Request for Proposals to implement a Coordinated Integrated Monitoring Program (CIMP) for the Los Angeles River Upper Reach 2 Watershed Group has been sent out.

Lower Los Angeles River Watershed Group

None.

Los Cerritos Channel River Watershed Group

None.

Lower San Gabriel River Watershed Group

None.

ITEM 11 – CITY MANAGERS STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Ken Farfsing reported that the Steering Committee had met to discuss the Disadvantaged Community Program. He indicated that \$850 million was available to communities for storm water capture. He also stated that the Sustainability Committee would be reviewing this and recommended that GWMA participate in that committee.

ITEM 12 - EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT


None.

ITEM 13 – DIRECTORS' COMMENTS/REPORTS

None.

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The meeting was adjourned at 12:59 p.m. to a Meeting of the Board on November 13, 2014 at the Progress Park Plaza in Paramount.



Charlie Honeycutt, Secretary/Treasurer

11-13-14

Date