

**MINUTES OF THE GATEWAY WATER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
LOS ANGELES GATEWAY REGION
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY BOARD
AT PARAMOUNT, CALIFORNIA
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2014**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Gateway Water Management Authority was held on Thursday, December 11, 2014 at Noon at the Progress Park Plaza, 15500 Downey Avenue, Paramount, CA 90723.

Vice-Chair Adriana Figueroa called the meeting to order at 12:17 p.m. Roll was called by Ms. Penn and a quorum of the Board was declared.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Okina Dor	Artesia
Al Cablay (alternate)	Bell
Chau Vu (alternate)	Bell Gardens
Joseph Legaspi (alternate)	Central Basin MWD
Gina Nila	Commerce
Mohammad Mostahkami	Downey
Desi Alvarez (alternate)	Huntington Park
Marlin Munoz (alternate)	La Mirada
Jim Glancy (proxy)	Lakewood
Kevin Wattier	Long Beach Water Dept.
Adriana Figueroa	Norwalk
Gladis Deras (alternate)	Pico Rivera
Frank Beach	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
Candice Lee	General Counsel
Russ Bryden	LACFCD
Ken Farfsing	Signal Hill
Enrique Huerta	Outreach Consultant
Kevin Hunt	Central Basin MWD
Ester Rojas	WRD
Bill Minasian	Downey

ITEM 3 - ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Director Figueroa reported that an item arose after the posting of the agenda. She indicated that a joint letter was written by the Mayors of Los Angeles and San Diego to MWD in strong opposition to adding the Central Basin Groundwater Replenishment Allocation to WMD's Water Supply Allocation Plan.

Director Wattier moved to add Discussion/Action Regarding Central Basin Groundwater Replenishment to the Agenda as Item No. 6. The motion was seconded by Director Glancy and approved by the following voice votes:

AYES: Dor, Cablay, Vu, Legaspi, Nila, Mostahkami, Alvarez, Munoz, Glancy, Wattier, Figueroa, Deras, Beach, Honeycutt, Rigg, Pelser

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ITEM 4 – ORAL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

Mr. Russ Bryden 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 December 9, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. He also stated that the Greater LA IRWM's Lower Los Angeles/Lower San Gabriel Subregion would not be meeting this month.

Mr. Ken Hunt, General Manager of Central Basin MWD, thanked the Board for sending a letter to MWD regarding water replenishment.

ITEM 5 - CONSENT CALENDAR

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

AYES: Dor, Cablay, Vu, Legaspi, Nila, Mostahkami, Alvarez, Munoz, Glancy, Wattier, Figueroa, Deras, Beach, Honeycutt, Rigg, Pelser

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ITEM 6 – DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING CENTRAL BASIN GROUNDWATER REPLENISHMENT

Mr. Farfsing indicated that the essence of the letter from the mayors was to prevent the cities in the Central Basin from having access to approximately 20,000 acre-feet of replenishment water. He stated that if

MWD honored their request, it would prevent the blending of recycled water in the Montebello Forebay, which served to replenish the majority of GWMA's members.

After detailed discussions, Director Wattier moved to send a letter of response to the Mayors of Los Angeles and San Diego outlining its concerns. The motion was seconded by Director Glancy and was approved by the following voice votes:

AYES: Dor, Cablay, Vu, Legaspi, Nila, Mostahkami, Alvarez, Munoz, Glancy, Wattier, Figueroa, Deras, Beach, Honeycutt, Rigg, Pelser

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ITEM 7 – APPROVE THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE MOU WITH LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVER UPPER REACH 2 WATERSHED GROUP

Ms. Kast reported that over the course of the past two months, GWMA had been facilitating and assisting the LAR UR2 in the development of a First Amendment to their existing Memorandum of Understanding. She stated that this Amendment would add implementation of the Plans to the scope and purpose of the MOU and to provide a separate cost-sharing formula for the implementation of the Plans, subject to annual budget review. In closing, Ms. Kast reported that the cost of GWMA administrative and legal services were included in the cost-sharing formula paid by the group resulting in no fiscal impact to GWMA.

Director Nila moved to approve the First Amendment to the MOU and authorize the Chair to execute the MOU Amendment. The motion was seconded by Director Cablay and approved by the following voice votes:

AYES: Dor, Cablay, Vu, Legaspi, Nila, Mostahkami, Alvarez, Munoz, Glancy, Wattier, Figueroa, Deras, Beach, Honeycutt, Rigg, Pelser

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ITEM 8 – APPROVE RELEASE OF RFQ FOR GENERAL ON-CALL PROFESSIONAL GENERAL, TECHNICAL AND/OR ENGINEERING SERVICES

Ms. Kast reported that at its October 9th Board meeting, the Board directed staff to develop a RFQ for general on-call professional general, technical and/or engineering services in preparation for future grant application development. She stated that this request for RFQs does not obligate GWMA to accept any proposals, negotiate with any firm, and award a contract or to proceed with the development of any project proposed in response to this RFQ. She indicated that the awarding of any contract would be brought before the

Board for consideration and approval. In closing, Ms. Kast also recommended that the Board appoint an Ad Hoc Committee to evaluate each Statement of Qualifications received to ensure that all requirements had been met and to make recommendations to the Board based on their evaluations.

Director Mostahkami moved to approve the release of the RFQ for general on-call professional, general, technical and/or engineering services. The motion was seconded by Director Nila and approved by the following voice votes:

AYES: Dor, Cablay, Vu, Legaspi, Nila, Mostahkami, Alvarez, Munoz, Glancy, Wattier, Figueroa, Deras, Beach, Honeycutt, Rigg, Pelser

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

Director Wattier moved to appoint Directors Cablay, Nila, Chau, Honeycutt, and Deras to the Ad Hoc Committee. The motion was seconded by Director Glancy and approved by the following voice votes:

AYES: Dor, Cablay, Vu, Legaspi, Nila, Mostahkami, Alvarez, Munoz, Glancy, Wattier, Figueroa, Deras, Beach, Honeycutt, Rigg, Pelser

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ITEM 9 – DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT

Ms. Kast reported that earlier this year, GWMA was awarded a grant under the \$1M dollar category in the WaterSMART Program administered by the US Bureau of Reclamation. She stated that GWMA would help facilitate the receipt, processing, and reimbursement of the Reclamation Grant Agreement Funding and, as part of this process, GWMA was required to enter into subrecipient agreements with each of the GWMA members participating in the Project to ensure that the Reclamation Grant Agreement's provisions were met.

Ms. Kast recommended that the Board approve the Subrecipient Agreement template, authorize the Executive Officer to sign and execute individual Subrecipient Agreements with each subrecipient, and to authorize the Executive Officer to make non-material changes to the Subrecipient Agreement template in consultation with the Chair and GWMA's legal counsel, if needed.

Director Wattier moved to:

1. Approve the Subrecipient Agreement;
2. Authorize the Executive Officer to sign and execute individual Subrecipient Agreements with each subrecipient; and
3. Authorize the Executive Officer to make non-material changes to the Subrecipient Agreement template in consultation with the Chair and GWMA's legal counsel if needed.

The motion was seconded by Director Cablay and approved by the following voice votes:

AYES: Dor, Cablay, Vu, Legaspi, Nila, Mostahkami, Alvarez, Munoz, Glancy, Wattier, Figueroa, Deras, Beach, Honeycutt, Rigg, Pelser

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

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

Lower Los Angeles River Upper Reach 2 Watershed Group

Director Nila updated the Board on the current status of the Lower Los Angeles River Upper Reach 2 Watershed Group. She stated that the watershed group was currently reviewing and preparing a response to RWQCB's comments on the WMP.

Lower Los Angeles River Watershed Group

Director Myrter updated the Board on the current status of the Lower Los Angeles River Watershed Group. He indicated that the group was currently reviewing comments received from the RWQCB on the WMP and would be meeting in early January to prepare a response.

Los Cerritos Channel River Watershed Group

Director Myrter updated the Board on the current status of the Los Cerritos Channel River Watershed Group. He indicated that the group was currently reviewing comments received from the RWQCB on the WMP.

Lower San Gabriel River Watershed Group

Director Figueroa updated the Board on the current status of the Lower San Gabriel River Watershed Group and indicated that the group was also currently review comments received from the RWQCB.

ITEM 11 – CITY MANAGERS STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Ken Farfsing reported on SWRCB's recent ruling on the MS4 permit, which ignored the economic concerns of the cities. He indicated that the SWRCB would be holding a workshop on December 16th to discuss their ruling and that all written comments must be submitted by January 21st. He also reported that a Joint City managers Meeting would be held on January 21st at noon and would be held at the Monterey Hills Restaurant. He indicated that GWMA's Executive Officer, Ms. Grace Kast would be providing testimony to the SWRCB at the workshop describing the local economic hardship.

ITEM 12 - EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

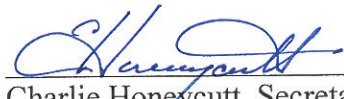
None.

ITEM 13 – DIRECTORS' COMMENTS/REPORTS

Director Mostahkami discussed the Gateway Cities Council of Governments organizational chart that was included in the agenda packet under Item No. 5c

Director Wattier thanked the City of Paramount for hosting GWMA's Board meetings at Progress Park Plaza.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m. to a Meeting of the Board on January 8, 2015 at the Progress Park Plaza in Paramount.



Charlie Honeycutt, Secretary/Treasurer

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