

**MINUTES OF THE GATEWAY WATER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY  
LOS ANGELES GATEWAY REGION  
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY BOARD  
AT PARAMOUNT, CALIFORNIA  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2015**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Gateway Water Management Authority was held on Thursday, February 12, 2015 at Noon at the Clearwater Building, 16401 Paramount Blvd., Paramount, CA 90723.

Vice Chair Adriana Figueroa called the meeting to order at 12:09 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
Len Gorecki	Bellflower
Joseph Legaspi (alternate)	Central Basin MWD
Aaron Hernandez-Torres	Cudahy
Mohammad Mostahkami	Downey
Desi Alvarez (alternate)	Huntington Park
Mark Stowell	La Mirada
Lisa Rapp	Lakewood
Derek Wieske (alternate)	Long Beach
Sam Kouri (alternate)	Montebello
Adriana Figueroa	Norwalk
Gladis Deras (alternate)	Pico Rivera
Frank Beach	Santa Fe Springs
Charlie Honeycutt	Signal Hill
Chris Castillo (proxy)	South Gate
Scott Rigg (alternate)	Vernon

**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
Ester Rojas	WRD
Bill Minasian	Downey
Dan Mueller	Downey
Mike Antos	Council of Watershed Health
Marybeth Vergara	RMC

**ITEM 3 - ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

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 Greater LA IRWM's Lower Los Angeles / Lower San Gabriel Subregion, will be held on February 17, 2015 at 1:30pm at the offices of the Water Replenishment District. He also stated that the next meeting of the Greater LA IRWM's Leadership Committee would be held on February 25, 2015 at 9:30am at the offices of the LA County Flood Control District.

**ITEM 5 - CONSENT CALENDAR**

Director Mostahkami moved to approve the consent calendar. The motion was seconded by Director Cablay and was approved by the following voice votes:

**AYES: DOR, GORECKI, HERNANDEZ-TORRES, MOSTAHKAMI, STOWELL, RAPP, FIGUEROA, BEACH, HONEYCUTT, CABLAY, VU, LEGASPI, ALVAREZ, WIESKE, KOURI, DERAS, CASTILLO, RIGG**

**NOES: NONE**

**ABSTAIN: NONE**

**ITEM 6 – MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATERSHED MANAGEMENT GROUP**

Director Figueroa provided a brief history and background regarding the Greater Los Angeles County Integrated Regional Watershed Management Group. She indicated that, by approving the MOU with GLAC, it would form a partnership between the Greater LA IRWM Leadership Committee and the GWMA for the purpose of seeking and attaining funding for the Gateway region and to establish the GWMA as a member agency representing the Lower Los Angeles and Lower San Gabriel River sub-region.

Director Figueroa indicated that, while joining the GLAC effort was beneficial, it would not preclude GWMA from continuing its own separate regional efforts, projects and grant applications. In closing, Director Figueroa indicated that, if GWMA finds that being a member was not beneficial, GWMA could withdraw from the MOU with a 60-day notice.

After general discussions, Director Rapp moved to approve the MOU to join the GLAC IRWM, to appoint the GWMA Chair to serve as Chair of the Lower San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Steering Committee, and to appoint the GWMA Executive Officer as Alternate to the Chair on the Leadership Committee. The motion was seconded by Director Cablay and approved by the following voice votes:

**AYES: DOR, GORECKI, HERNANDEZ-TORRES, MOSTAHKAMI, STOWELL, RAPP, FIGUEROA, BEACH, HONEYCUTT, CABLAY, VU, LEGASPI, WIESKE, KOURI, DERAS, CASTILLO, RIGG**

**NOES: NONE**

**ABSTAIN: ALVAREZ**

**ITEM 7 – APPOINT REPRESENTATIVE TO GCCOG STRATEGIC TRANSPORTATION PLAN TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (“STP TAC”)**

Director Figueroa provided a brief history and background regarding the GCCOG Strategic Transportation Plan Technical Advisory Committee. She reported that the Chairs of the Watershed groups had requested that a water quality representative be included as part of the Committee to help develop the Water Quality Chapter of the STP. She indicated that the GCCOG Board approved this addition and were now soliciting a representative from GWMA to that position.

Director Gorecki moved to appoint Director Rapp as voting member to the TAC to fill the Water Quality Seat. The motion was seconded by Director Wieske and was approved by the following voice votes:

**AYES: DOR, GORECKI, HERNANDEZ-TORRES, MOSTAHKAMI, STOWELL, RAPP, FIGUEROA, BEACH, HONEYCUTT, CABLAY, VU, LEGASPI, ALVAREZ, WIESKE, KOURI, DERAS, CASTILLO, RIGG**

**NOES: NONE**

**ABSTAIN: NONE**

Director Deras moved to appoint Director Nila as Alternate member to the TAC. The motion was seconded by Director Vu and was approved by the following voice votes:

**AYES: DOR, GORECKI, HERNANDEZ-TORRES, MOSTAHKAMI, STOWELL, RAPP, FIGUEROA, BEACH, HONEYCUTT, CABLAY, VU, LEGASPI, ALVAREZ, WIESKE, KOURI, DERAS, CASTILLO, RIGG**

**NOES: NONE**

**ABSTAIN: NONE**

**ITEM 8 – DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING AFFORDABILITY STUDY RESULTS, CONGRESSIONAL ACTIONS AND NEXT STEPS**

Ms. Kast referred to the enclosed article which affirmed the growing interest of the cost affordability concerns of water regulations on citizens. She stated that the GWMA and the San Gabriel Valley COG could work together in co-hosting a workshop/hearing on the issue with federal legislative representatives to highlight the issue further. She concluded by stating that she will continue to communicate with representatives in the San Gabriel and update the board accordingly.

Director Alvarez left the meeting at 12:54 p.m.

**ITEM 9 – DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN GWMA AND THE CITIES OF BELL GARDENS, DOWNEY, LYNWOOD, NORWALK, PARAMOUNT, PICO RIVERA, SANTA FE SPRINGS, SIGNAL HILL, SOUTH GATE, VERNON, AND WHITTIER FOR THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD GRANT AGREEMENT OF THE LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT (“LID”) BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (“BMPs”) PROGRAM RELATING TO THE LOS ANGELES RIVER, SAN GABRIEL RIVER, AND LOS CERRITOS CHANNEL, AND THEIR TRIBUTARIES**

Ms. Kast reported that earlier this year, GWMA was awarded \$1.073 million in grant funds with a local match of \$270,220 for the Prop 84 Stormwater Grant Program Round 2 by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB). GWMA will help facilitate the receipt, processing, and reimbursement of the SWRCB Grant Agreement funding. As part of this process, GWMA will enter into subrecipient agreements with each of the GWMA members participating in the Project to ensure that the SWRCB Grant Agreement’s provisions are met.

Ms. Kast reported that an exception to this arrangement was the City of Downey (“Downey”). She stated that Downey had made the decision to move forward with a part of its project to coincide with a major street improvement project schedule and had elected to conduct its own Request for Bids and enter into a separate contract. In closing, Ms. Kast reported that Downey’s subrecipient agreement would be modified to incorporate these changes.

Director Mostahkami moved to: 1) approve the Subrecipient Agreement template, 2) authorize the Executive Officer to take necessary steps to develop and maintain a Labor Compliance Program or contract with a third party that has been approved by the Director of DIR to operate a Labor Compliance Program, 3) authorize the Executive Officer to sign and execute individual Subrecipient Agreements with each subrecipient, 4) 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, and 5) authorize the Executive Officer to execute a Subrecipient Agreement with the City of Downey in consultation with legal counsel and contingent upon GWMA’s legal counsel final approval.

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

**AYES: DOR, GORECKI, HERNANDEZ-TORRES, MOSTAHKAMI, STOWELL, RAPP, FIGUEROA, BEACH, HONEYCUTT, CABLAY, VU, LEGASPI, WIESKE, KOURI, DERAS, CASTILLO, RIGG**

**NOES: NONE**

**ABSTAIN: NONE**

**ITEM 10 – DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING TRANSITION OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

Director Figueroa reported on the need for GWMA to transition its financial management system. She indicated that GWMA's activities had increased drastically over the two years and, as previously discussed at GWMA's board meeting in November, an AdHoc committee had been meeting to discuss the possibility of transitioning GWMA's financial management system from its lead agency (Signal Hill) to in-house.

Director Figueroa indicated that this item was brought before the Board to update its members and that no Board action was required at this time. She stated that the Ad Hoc Committee would continue to meet to discuss this item further and that the Committee's recommendations would be brought before the board at its next meeting for possible action.

**ITEM 11 – CLOSED SESSION: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

Direction was given. No reportable action taken.

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

Director Mostahkami reported on the Cap and Trade Program and indicated that the Board needed to take a closer look at this program to see how GWMA could take advantage of this program.

Ms. Kast reported that the COG had established a Sustainability Committee to discuss this Program and that this Committee would be meeting in the near future.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:59 p.m. to a Meeting of the Board on March 12, 2015 at the Progress Park Plaza in Paramount.

  
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Charlie Honeycutt, Secretary/Treasurer

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