

**MINUTES OF THE GATEWAY WATER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY  
LOS ANGELES GATEWAY REGION  
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY BOARD  
AT PARAMOUNT, CALIFORNIA  
THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2015**

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Gateway Water Management Authority was held on Thursday, April 9, 2015 Noon at the Progress Park Plaza, 15500 Downey Avenue, Paramount, CA 90723.

Vice Chair Adriana Figueroa called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m. Roll was called by Ms. Penn and a quorum of the Board was declared.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Okina Dor	Artesia
Len Gorecki	Bellflower
Vince Brar	Cerritos
Gina Nila	Commerce
Mohammad Mostahkami	Downey
Lisa Rapp	Lakewood
Anthony Arevelo	Long Beach
Sam Kouri (alternate)	Montebello
Adriana Figueroa	Norwalk
Sarah Ho (alternate)	Paramount
Gladis Deras (alternate)	Pico Rivera
Noe Negrete (alternate)	Santa Fe Springs
Steve Myter (alternate)	Signal Hill
Chris Castillo (proxy)	South Gate
Scott Rigg (alternate)	Vernon
David Pelsler	Whittier

**STAFF AND GUESTS ON SIGN-IN SHEET:**

Grace Kast	Executive Officer
Toni Penn	Administrative/Accounting Assistant
Candice Lee	General Counsel
Russ Bryden	LACFCD
John Hunter	John L. Hunter & Associates
Ester Rojas	WRD
Bill Minasian	Downey
Sharon Green	Los Angeles County Sanitation District
Bill Bennett	GEI Consultants

**ITEM 3 - ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None.

**ITEM 4 – ORAL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD**

None.

**ITEM 5 - CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

**AYES: DOR, GORECKI, BRAR, NILA, MOSTAHKAMI, RAPP, AREVELO, KOURI, FIGUEROA, DERAS, NEGRETE, MYRTER, CASTILLO, RIGG, PELSER**

**NOES: NONE**

**ABSTAIN: HO**

**ITEM 6 – ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 15-1 CHANGING MEETING TIME OF GWMA’S REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Ms. Kast reported the meeting time of GWMA’s regular board meeting continued to conflict with other scheduled monthly meetings which many Directors attend. To resolve this, she recommended that the board adopt Resolution No. 15-1 to change its regular meeting time from 12 noon to 11:30 a.m.

Director Mostahkami moved to adopt Resolution No. 15-1 changing the meeting time of GWMA’s regular board meetings. The motion was seconded by Director Rapp and was approved by the following voice votes:

**AYES: DOR, GORECKI, BRAR, NILA, MOSTAHKAMI, RAPP, AREVELO, KOURI, FIGUEROA, DERAS, NEGRETE, MYRTER, CASTILLO, RIGG, PELSER, HO**

**NOES: NONE**

**ABSTAIN: NONE**

**ITEM 7 – DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR GREATER LOS ANGELES AND LONG BEACH HARBOR WATER TMDL FOR TOXIC POLLUTANTS MONITORING**

Ms. Kast reported that each watershed group, as well as those cities applying for an individual watershed plan, would need to satisfy TMDL requirement. She stated, however, that the consensus of the watershed groups with tentative concurrence by the Regional Board was that a single monitoring station located at the furthest downstream area of each river, would satisfy the monitoring requirements. She reported that a majority of upstream entities expressed interest in sharing the cost to install the monitoring station. She indicated that at GWMA’s last board meeting, the Board authorized Legal Counsel and the Executive Officer to develop an

MOU for members and non-members who would like to share in the cost and included an administrative charge of 3% to GWMA members and 5% for non-members.

Mr. John Hunter, Hunter & Associates, reported on how cost allocations were computed.

After general discussions, Director Rapp moved to approve the MOU with GWMA Members/Non-Members to provide administrative and contractual services for the TMDL Monitoring of the Dominguez Channel and Greater Los Angeles and Long Beach Harbor Waters and authorized Chair to execute the MOU. The motion was seconded by Director Negrete and was approved by the following voice votes:

**AYES: DOR, GORECKI, BRAR, NILA, MOSTAHKAMI, RAPP, AREVELO, KOURI, FIGUEROA, DERAS, NEGRETE, MYRTER, CASTILLO, RIGG, PELSER, HO**

**NOES: NONE**

**ABSTAIN: NONE**

**ITEM 8 – APPROVAL TO SUPPORT SB 485 (HERNANDEZ) LACSD STORMWATER LEGISLATION**

Director Figueroa reported SB 485 would allow the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County to assist local jurisdictions in Los Angeles County in stormwater and dry weather runoff management projects. SB 485 would be specific to the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County and was similar to statutory language in Health and Safety Code Section 4730.66, chaptered in 2002, which only applies to the Orange County Sanitation District. Director Figueroa recommended that the Board adopt a position of support for SB485 and submit the letter of support as presented.

Director Pelsler moved to adopt the position of support for SB485 (Hernandez) LACSD Stormwater Legislation and submit a letter of support as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Rapp and was approved by the following voice votes:

**AYES: DOR, GORECKI, BRAR, NILA, MOSTAHKAMI, RAPP, AREVELO, KOURI, FIGUEROA, DERAS, NEGRETE, MYRTER, CASTILLO, RIGG, PELSER, HO**

**NOES: NONE**

**ABSTAIN: NONE**

**ITEM 9 – RECOMMEND PROJECTS FOR INCLUSION IN THE GLAC PROP 84 GRANT APPLICATION AND ADOPTION OF THE GREATER LA IRWM PLAN**

Ms. Kast reported that during March, staff and GEI Consultants began an aggressive call for projects. She stated that the call for projects generated several small-to-medium sized projects. She indicated that it was

important to note that DWR invoicing, reporting and documentation process was complex and labor intensive. Thus, smaller projects may not see as great a value as larger projects in terms of providing general support.

Ms. Kast indicated that a table of projects was included in the agenda packet for the GWMA Board's consideration to move forward. She stated that the Greater LA IRWM process was looking for a maximum of 5 projects per sub-region with a grant amount totaling between \$5 to \$8M maximum. She indicated that the cost per application had not been finalized with the Greater LA Leadership Committee. However, she stated that GWMA had been involved in the negotiations with their consultant on a per application cost and had requested that a reduced fee be offered for agencies such as GWMA that would provide its own consultant to collect/coordinate/submit data and documents for its projects to the GLAC consultants. She indicated that it was estimated that the cost could be up to \$18k per project and that this would be in addition to the cost incurred by GEI Consultants for the coordination of our projects during the application and award process.

Detailed discussion then ensued with regard to the list of projects presented for the inclusion in the GLAC Prop 84 Final Round.

Director Nila moved to approve the top 3 projects listed on the table for the inclusion in the GLAC Prop 84 Final Round. The motion was seconded by Director Brar and the motion failed based on the following voice votes:

**AYES: NILA, MYRTER, BRAR**

**NOES: DOR, GORECKI, RAPP, MOSTAHKAMI, AREVELO, KOURI, FIGUEROA, DERAS, NEGRETE, CASTILLO, RIGG, PELSER, HO**

**ABSTAIN: NONE**

Director Rapp left the meeting at 12:45 p.m.

Director Pelsler moved to approve Project No. 1 listed on the table for the inclusion in the GLAC Prop 84 Final Round and directed staff to contact the Central Basin MWD to see if they would be willing to expand this project and increase their grant amount request. The motion was seconded by Director Rapp and approved by the following voice votes:

**AYES: DOR, GORECKI, BRAR, MOSTAHKAMI, RAPP, AREVELO, KOURI, FIGUEROA, DERAS, NEGRETE, MYRTER, CASTILLO, RIGG, PELSER, HO**

**NOES: NONE**

**ABSTAIN: NONE**

Director Rapp moved to approve expenditures in an amount not to exceed \$18,000 per project to cover the anticipated application costs through the Greater LA IRWM Plan Process. The motion was seconded by Director Mostahkami and was approved by the following voice votes:

**AYES: DOR, GORECKI, BRAR, NILA, MOSTAHKAMI, AREVELO, KOURI, FIGUEROA, DERAS, NEGRETE, MYRTER, CASTILLO, RIGG, PELSER, HO**

**NOES: NONE**

**ABSTAIN: NONE**

Director Pelsler moved to adopt Resolution No. 15-21 adopting the Greater LA IRWM Plan Update 2014 for the 2015 Final Round of Prop 84 IRWM Grant Program. The motion was seconded by Director Mostahkami and was approved by the following voice votes:

**AYES: DOR, GORECKI, BRAR, NILA, MOSTAHKAMI, AREVELO, KOURI, FIGUEROA, DERAS, NEGRETE, MYRTER, CASTILLO, RIGG, PELSER, HO**

**NOES: NONE**

**ABSTAIN: NONE**

**ITEM 10 – GATEWAY REGION WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLANS (WMPS) AND MOU AND/OR AMENDMENT ACTIVITIES**

Lower Los Angeles River Upper Reach 2 Watershed Group

Ms. Kast reported that in January, GWMA invoiced the Watershed Group members for the administration and cost sharing to implement a CIMP in accordance with the First Amendment. These calculations were based on their FY 2014/15 Annual Budget in the amount of \$240,000 for monitoring equipment purchase and installation (CWE) and \$82,013 for Optional Task 3 for Rio Hondo LRS Development (Paradigm). The Watershed Group has already accepted the proposal from CWE.

She indicated that since receiving Paradigm's \$82,013 proposal, an effort began to potentially reduce the cost for this group as well as other watershed groups by sharing in the cost using the same firm. After researching the issue further, Ms. Kast recommended that the Board approve the Professional Services Agreement with Paradigm Environmental, Inc. as presented and contingent upon Legal Counsel's final approval of non-material changes.

Director Pelsler moved to approve the Professional Services Agreement with Paradigm Environmental, Inc. as presented and contingent upon Legal Counsel's final approval of non-material changes. The motion was seconded by Director Mostahkami and was approved by the following voice votes:

**AYES: DOR, GORECKI, BRAR, NILA, MOSTAHKAMI, RAPP, AREVELO, KOURI, FIGUEROA, DERAS, NEGRETE, MYRTER, CASTILLO, RIGG, PELSER, HO**

**NOES: NONE**

**ABSTAIN: NONE**

Lower Los Angeles River Watershed Group

None.

Los Cerritos Channel Watershed Group

None.

Lower San Gabriel River Watershed Group

None.

**ITEM 11 – CITY MANAGERS’ STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT**

None.

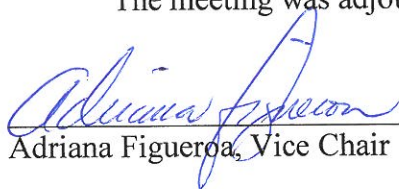
**ITEM 12 – EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT**

None.

**ITEM 13 – DIRECTORS’ COMMENTS/REPORTS**

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:17 p.m.

  
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Adriana Figueroa, Vice Chair

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