### MINUTES OF THE GATEWAY WATER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY LOS ANGELES GATEWAY REGION

# INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY BOARD AT PARAMOUNT, CALIFORNIA THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2015

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Gateway Water Management Authority was held on Thursday, April 16, 2015 10:00 a.m. at the Progress Park Plaza, 15500 Downey Avenue, Paramount, CA 90723.

Chair Chris Cash called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.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)

Len Gorecki

Bell Gardens
Bellflower

Tammy Hierlihy Central Basin MWD

Vince Brar Cerritos
Gina Nila Commerce
Mohammad Mostahkami Downey
Lisa Rapp Lakewood
Anthony Arevelo Long Beach

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Sam Kouri (alternate)

Adriana Figueroa

Chris Cash

Long Beach

Montebello

Norwalk

Paramount

Gladis Deras (alternate)

Frank Beach

Charlie Honeycutt

Santa Fe Springs

Signal Hill

Chris Castillo (proxy)
Scott Rigg (alternate)
Vernon
David Pelser
Whittier

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

Grace Kast Executive Officer

Toni Penn Administrative/Accounting Assistant

Russ Bryden LACFCD

Richard Watson & Associates

Ester Rojas WRD

Bill Bennett GEI Consultants

#### ITEM 3 - ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

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

None.

## ITEM 5 – DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING SELECTION OF PROJECT(S) FOR RECOMMENDATION TO LOWER SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES SUB-REGION STEERING COMMITTEE FOR FINAL ROUND OF PROP 84 IRWM GRANT FUNDS

Director Figueroa moved to retract the Board action that was taken at the special board meeting on April 9, 2015 approving Project No. 1 listed on the table for the inclusion in the GLAD Prop 84 Final Round. The motion was seconded by Director Mostahkami and approved by the following voice votes:

**AYES:** 

DOR, CABLAY, VU, GORECKI, HIERLIHY, BRAR, NILA, MOSTAHKAMI,

RAPP, AREVALO, KOURI, FIGUEROA, CASH, DERAS, BEACH,

HONEYCUTT, CASTILLO, RIGG, PELSER

NOES:

**NONE** 

**ABSTAIN:** 

NONE

Ms. Kast updated the Board on the recent, expedited solicitation of projects since the last board meeting. She reported that the process was re-opened to ensure that everyone had submitted any and all projects. Mr. Bill Bennett, GEI Consultants, provided a brief summary of each of the proposed projects listed on the most recent table for consideration.

Detailed discussions then ensued with regards to each project that was listed on the table. Each project was discussed, reviewed and amended, as necessary, in order to reduce the overall total grant request amount being put forth by GWMA.

Director Nila moved to approve all projects listed on the table as amended for the inclusion in the next step under the GLAC Prop 84 Final Round. The motion was seconded by Director Mostahkami and was approved by the following voice votes:

**AYES:** 

DOR, CABLAY, VU, GORECKI, HIERLIHY, BRAR, NILA, MOSTAHKAMI,

RAPP, AREVALO, KOURI, FIGUEROA, CASH, DERAS, BEACH,

HONEYCUTT, CASTILLO, RIGG, PELSER

NOES:

NONE

**ABSTAIN:** 

NONE

Ms. Kast indicated that because of the high number of projects moving forward to the next step, the Professional Services Agreement with GEI may need to be increased.

After detailed discussions, Director Dewitt moved to amend the Professional Services Agreement with GEI to increase the amount sufficiently in order to assist GWMA with the development, prioritization and input of all of the projects into the OPTI system and data collection and coordination with GLAC's consultants during the application process. The motion was seconded by Director Cablay and was approved by the following voice votes:

**AYES:** 

DOR, CABLAY, VU, GORECKI, HIERLIHY, BRAR, NILA, MOSTAHKAMI,

RAPP, AREVALO, KOURI, FIGUEROA, CASH, DERAS, BEACH,

HONEYCUTT, CASTILLO, RIGG, PELSER

**NOES:** 

**NONE** 

**ABSTAIN:** 

NONE

The meeting was adjourned at 12:17 p.m.

Charlie Honeycutt, Secretary/Treasurer

5/14/15 Date