

**MINUTES OF THE GATEWAY WATER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY  
LOS ANGELES GATEWAY REGION  
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY BOARD  
AT PARAMOUNT, CALIFORNIA  
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2015**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Gateway Water Management Authority was held on Thursday, June 11, 2015 11:30 a.m. at the Progress Park Plaza, 15500 Downey Avenue, Paramount, CA 90723.

Chair Chris Cash called the meeting to order at 11:37 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)	Bell Gardens
Bernardo Iniguez (alternate)	Bellflower
Tammy Hierlihy	Central Basin MWD
Mike O'Grady (alternate)	Cerritos
Aaron Hernandez-Torres	Cudahy
Mohammad Mostahkami	Downey
Michael Ackerman	Huntington Park
Mark Stowell	La Mirada
Lisa Rapp	Lakewood
Anthony Arevalo	Long Beach
Eric Leung (alternate)	Long Beach MWD
Danilo Batson	Montebello
Adriana Figueroa	Norwalk
Chris Cash	Paramount
Gladis Deras (alternate)	Pico Rivera
Noe Negrete (alternate)	Santa Fe Springs
Charlie Honeycutt	Signal Hill
Art Cervantes (alternate)	South Gate
Scott Rigg	Vernon

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

Grace Kast	Executive Officer
Toni Penn	Administrative/Accounting Assistant
Richard Watson	Richard Watson & Assoc.
Esther Rojas	WRD
Ken Farfsing	Signal Hill

**ITEM 3 - ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Ms. Kast reported that an item arrived after the posting of the agenda that must be addressed before the end of the fiscal year on June 30, 2015. Ms. Kast recommended that the Possible Fund Transfer Agreement with Caltrans for the Los Cerritos Channel Water Capture Projects be added to the agenda as an urgency item.

Director Mostahkami moved to add, as an urgency item, the Possible Fund Transfer Agreement with Caltrans for the Los Cerritos Channel Water Capture Projects as Item No. 11C(2) on the agenda. The motion was seconded by Director Figueroa and was approved by the following voice votes:

**AYES: DOR, CABLAY, VU, INIGUEZ, HIERLIHY, O'GRADY, HERNANDEZ-TORRES, MOSTAHKAMI, ACKERMAN, STOWELL, RAPP, AREVALO, LEUNG, BATSON, FIGUEROA, CASH, DERAS, NEGRETE, HONEYCUTT, CERVANTES, RIGG**

**NOES: NONE**

**ABSTAIN: NONE**

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

None.

**ITEM 5 – PRESENTATION: CENTRAL BASIN'S DROUGHT OUTREACH PROGRAMS**

Director Hierlihy gave a presentation to the Board outlining Central Basin MWD's drought outreach programs. She stated, that in response to Governor Brown's Executive Order to implement water restrictions to reduce water use by 25%, Central Basin MWD launched its campaign known as "In a Drought, Shut your Tap!" She stated that this campaign would utilize traditional and new media venues, press releases, printed material and they would hold outreach meetings to educate the public on the importance of conserving water and ways to conserve water.

**ITEM 6 – CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

**AYES: DOR, CABLAY, VU, INIGUEZ, HIERLIHY, O'GRADY, HERNANDEZ-TORRES, MOSTAHKAMI, ACKERMAN, STOWELL, RAPP, AREVALO, LEUNG, BATSON, FIGUEROA, CASH, DERAS, NEGRETE, HONEYCUTT, CERVANTES, RIGG**

**NOES: NONE**

**ABSTAIN: NONE**

**ITEM 7 – APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 15-3, A RESOLUTION OF THE GATEWAY WATER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY “GWMA” RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING KENNETH “KEN” C. FARFSING**

Ms. Kast recommended that the Board approve Resolution No. 15-3, recognizing and commending Kenneth “Ken” C. Farfsing for over 37 years of experience in economic development, city management, and regional issues such as stormwater and urban runoff. Ms. Kast indicated that Mr. Farfsing had spent countless hours supporting and advocating for GWMA and its members on regional issues.

Director Mostahkami moved to approve Resolution No. 15-3, A Resolution of the Gateway Water Management Authority “GWMA” Recognizing and Commending Kenneth “Ken” C. Farfsing. The motion was seconded by Director Cablay and was approved by the following voice votes:

**AYES: DOR, CABLAY, VU, INIGUEZ, HIERLIHY, O’GRADY, HERNANDEZ-TORRES, MOSTAHKAMI, ACKERMAN, STOWELL, RAPP, AREVALO, LEUNG, BATSON, FIGUEROA, CASH, DERAS, NEGRETE, HONEYCUTT, CERVANTES, RIGG**

**NOES: NONE**

**ABSTAIN: NONE**

**ITEM 8 – APPROVE 2<sup>ND</sup> AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH TONI PENN AS GWMA’S PART-TIME ADMINISTRATIVE AND ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT**

Ms. Kast reported that, in June 2013, the GWMA Board of Directors approved retaining the contract services of a part-time Administrative and Accounting Assistant. She stated that, in June 2014, the GWMA Board of Directors approved a 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment to the Agreement between GWMA and Toni Penn that extended her contract to June 20, 2015, increased her hourly rate and total hours of service.

Ms. Kast recommended that the Board approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment which would extend her agreement on a month-to-month basis with the same terms as in the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment including the ability for either party to terminate with a 30-day notice.

Director Mostahkami moved to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment to the Agreement with Toni Penn as GWMA’s Part-Time Administrative and Accountant Assistant. The motion was seconded by Director Cablay and was approved by the following voice votes:

**AYES: DOR, CABLAY, VU, INIGUEZ, HIERLIHY, O'GRADY, HERNANDEZ-TORRES, MOSTAHKAMI, ACKERMAN, STOWELL, RAPP, AREVALO, LEUNG, BATSON, FIGUEROA, CASH, DERAS, NEGRETE, HONEYCUTT, CERVANTES, RIGG**

**NOES: NONE**

**ABSTAIN: NONE**

**ITEM 9 – APPROVE NEW JPA MEMBERSHIP**

Ms. Kast reported that the City of Avalon (“Avalon”) had reached out to mainland entities to more fully participate and access benefits through more regional partnerships. She stated that Avalon had expressed its desire to join GWMA by approving the JPA agreement on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. She indicated that acceptance by the GWMA requires a super-majority vote. In closing, Ms. Kast reported that Avalon anticipated having a resolution adopted on June 16 to appoint their board member and alternate.

Director Figueroa moved to approve the City of Avalon’s membership to the GWMA. The motion was seconded by Director Ackerman and was approved by the following voice votes:

**AYES: DOR, CABLAY, VU, INIGUEZ, HIERLIHY, O'GRADY, HERNANDEZ-TORRES, MOSTAHKAMI, ACKERMAN, STOWELL, RAPP, AREVALO, LEUNG, BATSON, FIGUEROA, CASH, DERAS, NEGRETE, HONEYCUTT, CERVANTES, RIGG**

**NOES: NONE**

**ABSTAIN: NONE**

**ITEM 10 – FY 2015/16 BUDGET**

Ms. Kast reported that the proposed budget for FY 2015/16 reflected actual costs and projections through the end of this fiscal year.

After detailed discussions, Director Mostahkami moved to carry this agenda item over to the Board meeting in July to allow additional time to review and update the proposed budget and also authorized the payment of any demands in the interim. The motion was seconded by Director Cablay and was approved by the following voice votes:

**AYES: DOR, CABLAY, VU, INIGUEZ, HIERLIHY, O'GRADY, HERNANDEZ-TORRES, MOSTAHKAMI, ACKERMAN, STOWELL, RAPP, AREVALO,**

**LEUNG, BATSON, FIGUEROA, CASH, DERAS, NEGRETE, HONEYCUTT,  
CERVANTES, RIGG**

**NOES: NONE**

**ABSTAIN: NONE**

**ITEM 11 – GATEWAY REGIONAL WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLANS (WMPS) AND MOU  
AND/OR AMENDMENTS**

Lower Los Angeles River Upper Reach 2 Watershed Group

None.

Lower Los Angeles River Watershed Group

None.

Los Cerritos Channel Watershed Group

Ms. Kast reported that over the course of the past several months, GWMA had been facilitating and assisting the Los Cerritos Channel Watershed Group to develop 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-share formula for the implementation of the Plans, subject to annual budget approval.

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

**AYES: DOR, CABLAY, VU, INIGUEZ, HIERLIHY, O'GRADY, HERNANDEZ-TORRES, MOSTAHKAMI, ACKERMAN, STOWELL, RAPP, AREVALO, LEUNG, BATSON, FIGUEROA, CASH, DERAS, NEGRETE, HONEYCUTT, CERVANTES, RIGG**

**NOES: NONE**

**ABSTAIN: NONE**

Mr. Watson, Rich Watson & Associates, reported on some potential funding available from Cal Trans for some of LCC projects. He indicated, that according to Cal Trans, Cal Trans was required to help local agencies with their stormwater projects and must do so in the following ways: 1) Cal Trans can do it themselves, or 2) Cal Trans can give the funds to local agencies such as a municipality or a JPA.

Mr. Watson reported that Cal Trans would like to obligate \$10M from the current fiscal year budget that ends June 30, 2015. He stated that he understands that GWMA had already adopted a policy that GWMA would not own and operate facilities. He indicated that ownership would be one of the municipalities involved in the project and maintenance would be handled by one of the municipalities involved.

After general discussions, Director Rapp authorized the Chair to sign an agreement with Cal Trans and to execute respective subrecipient agreements with participants, if needed, with legal review. The motion was seconded by Director Iniguez and was approved by the following voice votes:

**AYES: DOR, CABLAY, VU, INIGUEZ, HIERLIHY, O'GRADY, HERNANDEZ-TORRES, MOSTAHKAMI, ACKERMAN, STOWELL, RAPP, LEUNG, BATSON, FIGUEROA, CASH, DERAS, NEGRETE, HONEYCUTT, CERVANTES, RIGG**

**NOES: NONE**

**ABSTAIN: AREVALO**

Lower San Gabriel River Watershed Group

None.

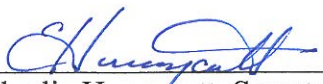
ITEM 12 – EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

None.

ITEM 13 – DIRECTORS' COMMENTS/REPORT

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:11 p.m.

  
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Charlie Honeycutt, Secretary/Treasurer

7/9/15  
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Date