

**MINUTES OF THE GATEWAY WATER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY  
LOS ANGELES GATEWAY REGION  
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY BOARD  
AT PARAMOUNT, CALIFORNIA  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2015**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Gateway Water Management Authority was held on Thursday, August 13, 2015 at 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:**

Jordan Monroe	Avalon
Chau Vu	Bell Gardens
Tammy Hierlihy	Central Basin MWD
Vince Brar	Cerritos
Gina Nila	Commerce
Mohammad Mostahkami	Downey
Michael Ackerman	Huntington Park
Mark Stowell	La Mirada
Lisa Rapp	Lakewood
Anthony Arevalo	Long Beach
Kevin Wattier	Long Beach MWD
William Stracker	Lynwood
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 (alternate)	Vernon
Hye Jin Lee	Whittier
Esther Rojas (Alternate)	Water Replenishment District

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

Grace Kast	Executive Officer
Toni Penn	Administrative/Accounting Assistant
Shad Rezai	Southern California Edison
Bill Minasain	Downey Resident
Russ Bryden	LACFCD
Rich Lambros	Cadiz
Laurie Park	WEI
Yvette Kirrin	GCCOG Consulting Engineer
Dave Pelsler	Whittier
Steve Myrter	Signal Hill
Bill De Witt	South Gate
Christina Dixon	Huntington Park

**ITEM 3 - ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None.

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

None.

**ITEM 5 – CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

**AYES: MONROE, VU, HIERLIHY, BRAR, MOSTAHKAMI, ACKERMAN, STOWELL, RAPP, AREVALO, WATTIER, STRACKER, FIGUEROA, CASH, DERAS, NEGRETE, HONEYCUTT, RIGG, ROJAS**

**NOES: NONE**

**ABSTAIN: NILA, LEE**

**ITEM 6 – PRESENTATION: RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING KEVIN L. WATTIER, P.E. FOR HIS CONTRIBUTION TO GWMA**

Chair Cash recognized and commended Director Wattier for his contribution to GWMA.

Ms. Kast read the Resolution of the Board as presented.

Director Wattier thanked the Board and indicated that it was a pleasure to serve on the Board.

Director Cervantes entered at 12:17 p.m.

**ITEM 7 – PRESENTATION: 710 LIVABILITY INITIATIVE**

Ms. Yvette Kirrin, Gateway Cities Council of Governments Consultant Engineer, gave a presentation on the 710 Livability Initiative. She stated that the goal of this initiative would be to facilitate partnerships and initiate planning activities to advance those CA-7 programs that cannot be included in the freeway project. She also described the elements of CA-7 that were already included in the I-710 corridor project and those which were being developed under the Livability Initiative. In closing, she outlined the oversight, strategy and funding aspects of this initiative.

**ITEM 8 – PRESENTATION: PROJECT BRIEFING – CADIZ VALLEY WATER CONSERVATION, RECOVERY, AND STORAGE PROJECT**

Mr. Rich Lambros of Cadiz, Inc. gave a presentation on the Cadiz Valley Water Conservation, Recover & Storage Project and the water supply and reliability opportunities it would provide.

**ITEM 9 – DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING GWMA GRANT POLICY**

Ms. Kast reported that in response to the passage of Proposition 1 last November, an Ad Hoc Committee was formed to review opportunities for grants from Proposition 1. She indicated that the committee members were: Adriana Figueroa, Gladis Deras, Art Cervantes, Anthony Arevalo and Grace Kast. She stated that, at its first meeting earlier this year, the committee reviewed the many opportunities available through Proposition 1 and other grant programs and decided to first develop a grant policy for board consideration. She reported that the committee felt it was important to have a clear understanding of the types of grants which should be pursued and how the costs to apply would be paid and/or shared. She stated that this policy was a result of several committee conference calls and that the approach used by the committee was to focus on cost benefit while still allowing for case-by-case situations.

After detailed discussions, this policy was referred back to staff and the Ad Hoc Committee to discuss the recommendations provided by the Board and to bring it back to the Board for approval at the September Board Meeting.

**ITEM 10 – GATEWAY REGIONAL WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLANS (WMPS) AND MOU AND/OR AMENDMENTS**

Lower Los Angeles River Upper Reach 2 Watershed Group

Director Nila provided an update on the Lower Los Angeles River Upper Reach 2 Watershed Group and indicated that they were developing a scope of work for a project outline in the WMP.

Lower Los Angeles River Watershed Group

Director Myrter provided an update on the Lower Los Angeles River Watershed Group and indicated that they were moving forward with the monitoring program and had selected a consultant to monitor the project.

Los Cerritos Channel Watershed Group

Director Arevalo provided an update on the Los Cerritos Channel Watershed Group and indicated that they were in the process of finalizing the monitoring program.

Lower San Gabriel River Watershed Group

Director Figueroa provided an update on the Lower San Gabriel River Watershed Group and indicated that they were moving forward with the monitoring program.

Director Mostahkami requested that each watershed group have their consultant give quarterly watershed project updates to the Board.

**ITEM 11 – EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT**

Ms. Kast reported that the full application through the Greater LA IRWM group had been submitted to DWR for the final round of Prop 84 IRWM grant funds. She stated that three of those projects were GWMA projects totaling \$5 million in grant funds. She indicated that DWR was expected to announce preliminary scoring results in November.

Ms. Kast reported that she would be submitting a letter to the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy regarding the Prop 1 Grant Program Guidelines requesting that higher priority be given to two of the project evaluation criteria: Water Sustainability/Water Storage/Water Infrastructure and Water Resource and Quality Value.

**ITEM 12 – DIRECTORS’ COMMENTS/REPORT**

Director Pelser reported that he would no longer serve as Whittier’s representative on the GWMA Board. He stated that Hye Jin Lee has been appointed as Whittier’s new representative on the GWMA Board and Kyle Cason would be serving as Whittier’s alternate representative.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:43 p.m.

  
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Charlie Honeycutt, Secretary/Treasurer

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