

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6A

**MINUTES OF THE GATEWAY WATER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
LOS ANGELES GATEWAY REGION
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY BOARD
AT PARAMOUNT, CALIFORNIA
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2015**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Gateway Water Management Authority was held on Thursday, October 8, 2015 at 11:30 a.m. at the Progress Park Plaza, 15500 Downey Avenue, Paramount, CA 90723.

Secretary/Treasurer Charlie Honeycutt called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m. Roll was called by Ms. Penn and a quorum of the Board was declared.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jordan Monroe	Avalon
Chau Vu (alternate)	Bell Gardens
Tammy Hierlihy	Central Basin MWD
Vince Brar	Cerritos
Gina Nila	Commerce
Aaron Hernandez-Torres	Cudahy
Mohammad Mostahkami	Downey
Christina Dixon (alternate)	Huntington Park
Mark Stowell	La Mirada
Lisa Rapp	Lakewood
Anthony Arevalo	Long Beach
Christopher Garner	Long Beach MWD
Lorry Hempe	Lynwood
Chris Cash	Paramount
Gladis Deras (alternate)	Pico Rivera
Noe Negrete	Santa Fe Springs
Charlie Honeycutt	Signal Hill
William De Witt	South Gate
Scott Rigg (alternate)	Vernon
Kyle Cason (alternate)	Whittier
Esther Rojas (alternate)	Water Replenishment District

STAFF AND GUESTS ON SIGN-IN SHEET:

Grace Kast	Executive Officer
Toni Penn	Admin/Accounting Manager
Brianna Burgess	Office Assistance
Gerry Greene	CWE
Bill Minasian	Downey Resident
Miranda Cole Corona	Commerce
Lorry Hempe	Lynwood
Christopher Garner	Long Beach WD
Kim Brown	SCE
Esther Rojas	WRD
Steve Myrter	Signal Hill
Christopher Castillo	South Gate

ITEM 3 - ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

ITEM 4 – ORAL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

None.

ITEM 5 – CONSENT CALENDAR

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

AYES: MONROE, HIERLIHY, BRAR, HERNANDEZ-TORRES, DIXON, STOWELL, RAPP, GARNER, HEMPE, CASH, DERAS, HONEYCUTT, DE WITT, RIGG, CASON, ROJAS

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NILA, VU, MOSTAHKAMI

ITEM 6 – STATUS OF ACCOUNTING TRANSITION

Ms. Kast reported on the status of the transition of banking from the city of Signal Hill to Wells Fargo.

Directors Negrete, Arevalo, and Castillo entered at 11:45.

ITEM 7 – DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING LETTER SUPPORTING THE FAIR ALLOCATION OF PROP 1 WATER BOND FUNDS TO THE RIVERS & MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY

Ms. Kast reported on the presentation from the previous board meeting from Mr. Mark Stanley. The presentation focused on the Gateway Cities and Rivers Urban Greening Master Plan which would connect communities to help those in need along the Lower LA River. The Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) needed support from GWMA for a fair allocation of Prop. 1 Water Board Funds to the RMC.

Director Vu moved to authorize the Chair to sign and submit the letter supporting the fair allocation of Prop. 1 Water Board Funds to the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Mostahkami and was approved by the following voice vote:

AYES: MONROE, HIERLIHY, HERNANDEZ-TORRES, DIXON, STOWELL, RAPP, GARNER, HEMPE, CASH, DERAS, HONEYCUTT, RIGG, CASON, ROJAS, NILA, VU, MOSTAHKAMI, AREVALO, NEGRETE

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ITEM 8 – DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD STORM WATER PLAN GUIDELINES AND PROP 1 STORM WATER GRANT GUIDELINES

Ms. Kast reported that the SWRCB presented a guidelines draft on September 30th for the Storm Water Plan requirements and the Prop. 1 Storm Water Grant Program. Ms. Kast explained that the meeting was attended by several California stakeholders including many from GWMA. The attendees provided comments and suggestions which allowed the staff to complete an official public comment letter for submittal.

Director Nila moved to authorize the Chair to sign and submit the public comment letter to the SWRCB as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Deras and was approved by the following voice vote:

AYES: MONROE, HIERLIHY, STOWELL, RAPP, STRACKER, BATSON, HONEYCUTT, LEE, INIGUEZ, O’GRADY, DIXON, WIESKE, LEUNG, DERAS, RIGG, ROJAS, MORALES, DOR

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ITEM 9 – DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING GWMA BYLAWS

Ms. Kast reviewed the draft bylaws. After general discussion, the Board focused on two sections: 1) member appointments and whether independent contractors should be allowed on the Board. She reported that the JPA currently specifies a 2-year term for all board members and alternates. She explained that the current method leads to misinterpretation of how appointments are made due to membership commencement dates and/or vacancy dates. Ms. Kast reported the draft of the new Bylaws. It was recommended during the meeting that there be one board member, two alternates, and one proxy for each member agency. Mr. Dorsey was directed to make the appropriate changes.

Directors Brar and De Witt entered at 12:10 p.m.

Ms. Kast then reported on the issue of independent contractors being appointed to the Board. Ms. Kast provided two options, one being an independent contractor may be appointed to the Board with conditions, and the other that an independent contractor may never be appointed to the Board. The first option contained four subsections. The first subsection, 1a, stated that a Board Member cannot participate in discussions on or vote on

the annual budget. The second subsection, 1b, stated that the Board cannot participate in discussions on or vote on contracts with vendors and/or contractors. The third subsection, 1c, stated that the Board Member cannot approve a contract with the independent contractor Board Member or his/her firm or in connection with which the independent contractor Board Member or his/her firm will be a subcontractor. Lastly, 1d stated that if 1a and 1b caused an insufficient number of Board Members to take action on a matter, then the independent Board Members may participate as necessary and would be determined by lot.

Director Lorry moved to eliminate sections 1a, 1b, and 1d from the first alternative approach to draft Bylaws. The motion died for lack of a second.

Director Brar moved to continue with the second alternative approach which would not allow independent contractors to be appointed to the Board. Director Rapp seconded this motion and was defeated by the following voice vote:

AYES: BRAR, NILA, RAPP, AREVALO, CASH, NEGRETE, DE WITT, RIGG

NOES: MONROE, VU, HERNANDEZ-TORRES, DIXON, STOWELL, GARNER, HEMPE, DERAS, HONEYCUTT

ABSTAIN: HIERLIHY, MOSTAHKAMI, CASON, ROJAS

Director Negrete moved to eliminate sections 1a, 1b, and 1d from the first alternative approach to draft Bylaws, again. The motion was seconded by Director Stowell and was approved by the following voice vote:

AYES: NEGRETE, MONROE, VU, HERNANDEZ-TORRES, DIXON, STOWELL, GARNER, HEMPE, HONEYCUTT

NOES: DERAS, BRAR, NILA, RAPP, AREVALO, CASH, DE WITT, RIGG

ABSTAIN: HIERLIHY, MOSTAHKAMI, CASON, ROJAS

The Board directed legal counsel to make the changes to the Bylaws and bring the revised document to the November board meeting for a formal vote on the Bylaws in their entirety.

ITEM 10 – GATEWAY REGION WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN (WMPs) AND MOU AND/OR AMENDMENTS ACTIVITIES

Lower Los Angeles River Upper Reach 2 Watershed Group

Director Nila updated the Board on the Lower Los Angeles River Upper Reach 2 Watershed Group and indicated that they were still waiting for the CIMP to be approved.

Lower Los Angeles River Watershed Group

Director Myrter indicated that the Lower Los Angeles River Watershed Group would be meeting in October.

Los Cerritos Channel Watershed Group

Director Arevelo indicated that the Los Cerritos Channel Watershed Group would be meeting in October.

Lower San Gabriel River Watershed Group

None.

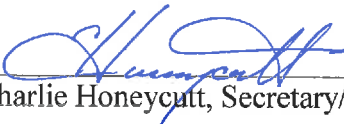
ITEM 11 – EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT

None.

ITEM 12 – DIRECTORS’ COMMENTS/REPORT

Director Honeycutt introduced the new Deputy City Manager for Signal Hill, Dan Bartelson.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.



Charlie Honeycutt, Secretary/Treasurer

11/12/2015
Date