

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5A

**MINUTES OF THE GATEWAY WATER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY  
LOS ANGELES GATEWAY REGION  
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY BOARD  
AT PARAMOUNT, CALIFORNIA  
THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2016**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Gateway Water Management Authority was held on Thursday, April 14, 2016 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 11:44 a.m. Roll was called by Ms. Penn and a quorum of the Board was declared.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Okina Dor	Artesia
Jordan Monroe	Avalon
John Oropeza	Bell Gardens
Len Gorecki	Bellflower
Tammy Hierlihy	Central Basin MWD
Mike O'Grady	Cerritos
Gina Nila	Commerce
Aaron Hernandez-Torres	Cudahy
Mohammad Mostahkami	Downey
Mark Stowell	La Mirada
Lisa Rapp	Lakewood
Christopher Garner	Long Beach Water Department
Adriana Figueroa	Norwalk
Chris Cash	Paramount
Gladis Deras	Pico Rivera
Noe Negrete	Santa Fe Springs
Scott Rigg	Vernon
Hye Jin Lee	Whittier
Esther Rojas	Water Replenishment District

STAFF AND GUESTS ON SIGN-IN SHEET:

Grace Kast	Executive Officer
Toni Penn	Admin/Accounting Manager
Brianna Burgess	Office Assistant
Steve Myrter	Signal Hill
Desi Alvarez	MCM
Bill Minasian	Downey
Dan Mueller	Downey
Vince Brar	Cerritos
Joseph Legaspi	Central Basin MWD
Claudia Arellano	Vernon
Virginia Fowler	LACFCD
Melody Wu	WRD

Enrique Huerta  
David Schickling

Green Cities Co.  
Whittier

**ITEM 3 - ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Chair Cash requested the approval from the Board to add an Urgency Item to the Agenda after Item 7. The Urgency Item was regarding Senate Bill 1328. Director Rapp moved to approve the addition and Director Nila seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following voice vote:

**AYES: DOR, MONROE, OROPEZA, GORECKI, HIERLIHY, O'GRADY, NILA, HERNANDEZ-TORRES, MOSTAHKAMI, STOWELL, RAPP, FIGUEROA, CASH, DERAS, NEGRETE, RIGG, LEE, ROJAS**

**NOES: NONE**

**ABSTAIN: NONE**

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

Director Lee introduced Mr. David Schickling, the new Public Works director for the city of Whittier.

**ITEM 5 – CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

**AYES: DOR, MONROE, OROPEZA, GORECKI, HIERLIHY, O'GRADY, NILA, HERNANDEZ-TORRES, MOSTAHKAMI, STOWELL, RAPP, FIGUEROA, CASH, NEGRETE, RIGG, LEE, ROJAS**

**NOES: NONE**

**ABSTAIN: DERAS (FROM MINUTES ONLY)**

**ITEM 6 – DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING GWMA POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

Chair Myrter entered at 11:49.

Ms. Kast reported that GWMA's Ad Hoc committee reviewed and revised the On-Call Consulting Policy to provide more detail. Ms. Kast asked the Board for approval of the revised policy. Director Negrete moved the approval and Director Hernandez-Torres seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following voice vote:

**AYES: DOR, MONROE, OROPEZA, GORECKI, HIERLIHY, O'GRADY, NILA, HERNANDEZ-TORRES, MOSTAHKAMI, STOWELL, RAPP, FIGUEROA, CASH, DERAS, NEGRETE, RIGG, LEE, ROJAS, DERAS**

**NOES: NONE**

**ABSTAIN: NONE**

Director Garner entered at 11:56.

Ms. Kast presented the need for volunteers for additional Ad Hoc Committees for Grant Policies, Procurement of Goods, and Construction & Implementation Policies. Directors Monroe, Gorecki, and Rapp volunteered to be the Ad Hoc Committee for Grant Policies. Directors Mostahkami, Rigg, and Deras volunteered to be the Ad Hoc Committee for Procurement of Goods. Lastly, Directors Negrete, Stowell, and Cash volunteered to be the Ad Hoc Committee for Construction & Implementation Policies.

**ITEM 7 – DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING SB953 AND AB1794**

Ms. Kast introduced Director Legaspi to provide an update and background information on Senate Bill 953 and Assembly Bill 1794. Both bills were consistent with the State Auditor's recommendations which recognized the importance of changing the governance structure of CBMWD. However, they differed primarily in the way they proposed to change the governance structure of the District's Board of Directors. Director Hierlihy provided a handout which was a letter that CBMWD sent to Supervisor Hilda Solis and the County Board of Supervisors on April 12, 2016. The letter disclosed the various actions the District had completed that were recommendations from the State Auditor. However, CBMWD had not taken a formal position on either bill.

After lengthy discussion, Director Mostahkami recommended that representatives for both bills attend GWMA's next Board meeting before the Board made any decisions on the bills.

**ITEM 8 - URGENCY ITEM ADDITION TO AGENDA**

Ms. Kast reported that Senator Lara proposed Senate Bill 1328 that would increase stormwater capture deployment. Director Rapp proposed an amendment be made to page 3, line

item 13, of the bill. Director Rapp requested that the language provide financial incentives for disadvantaged communities, such as reduced match for construction or 100% funding for design.

Director Rapp moved that a letter be submitted with the requested amendment. Director Nila seconded the motion and the motion was approved by the following voice vote:

**AYES: GORECKI, HIERLIHY, NILA, HERNANDEZ-TORRES,  
STOWELL, RAPP, FIGUEROA, CASH, DERAS, RIGG, GARNER,**

**NOES: O'GRADY**

**ABSTAIN: DOR, MOSTAHKAMI, ROJAS, LEE, OROPEZA, NEGRETE**

#### **ITEM 9 – DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING REDUCED MEMBERSHIP DUES**

Ms. Kast reported that in May of 2012, the GWMA Board directed the Executive Officer to offer applications for full membership with reduced dues and that they currently had 5 members with reduced dues: Artesia (\$5000), Bell (\$7500), Cudahy (\$5000), Hawaiian Gardens (\$5000), and Maywood (\$2000). Ms. Kast requested the Board provide direction on continuing the current program; or change and eliminate the Reduced Dues Membership Program.

The Board requested a committee be assigned to assist in the matter and have the matter brought back to the subsequent Board meeting. The committee volunteers were Director Rapp, Director Cash, Director Figueroa, and Director Dor.

Director Monroe left at 12:56 p.m.

#### **ITEM 10 – DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING 20X2020 REGIONAL ALLIANCE 2015 INTERIM TARGETS**

Ms. Kast explained the need to evaluate the 20x2020 Regional Alliance 2015 Interim Targets for the Regional Alliance members and asked for Board approval to get quotes. Director Figueroa moved to approve that Ms. Kast and Chair Cash obtain quotes and if under the Chair's authority, to proceed with the work. Director Rapp seconded the motion which was approved by the following voice vote:

**AYES: DOR, OROPEZA, GORECKI, HIERLIHY, O'GRADY, NILA,  
HERNANDEZ-TORRES, MOSTAHKAMI, STOWELL, RAPP,  
FIGUEROA, CASH, DERAS, NEGRETE, RIGG, LEE, ROJAS,  
GARNER**

**NOES: NONE**

**ABSTAIN: NONE**

**ITEM 11 – IRWM PLAN UPDATE AND ACTIVITIES**

Ms. Kast provided updates regarding the Gateway IRWM Plan and GLAC IRWM Plan Integration. Ms. Kast also updated the Board on the Gateway IRWM Plan Project list update which will include watershed group projects which may apply for Round 1 Stormwater Grant funding from Prop 1.

**ITEM 12 – GATEWAY REGION WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN (WMPs) AND MOU AND/OR AMENDMENT ACTIVITIES**

Lower Los Angeles River Upper Reach 2 Watershed Group

Ms. Kast presented the Proposal from Tetra Tech for Feasibility Study work with the Lower Los Angeles River Upper Reach 2 (LAR UR2) Watershed. Ms. Kast requested that the Board approve the terms and approve the entering into a PSA with Tetra Tech, Inc. to prepare a feasibility study for six structural regional BMP projects that were identified in the LAR UR2 Watershed Management Program Plan. Director Figueroa moved to approve the PSA and Director Hernandez-Torres seconded the motion which was approved by the following voice vote:

**AYES: DOR, OROPEZA, GORECKI, HIERLIHY, O’GRADY, NILA, HERNANDEZ-TORRES, MOSTAHKAMI, STOWELL, RAPP, FIGUEROA, CASH, DERAS, NEGRETE, RIGG, LEE, ROJAS, GARNER**

**NOES: NONE**

**ABSTAIN: NONE**

Ms. Kast then presented a proposal from CWE to provide Watershed Management Program On-Call Professional Services to LAR UR2 Watershed Management Area. Ms. Kast requested approval from the Board and Director Mostahkami moved the approval. Director Negrete seconded the motion which was approved by the following voice vote:

**AYES: DOR, MONROE, OROPEZA, GORECKI, HIERLIHY, O’GRADY, NILA, HERNANDEZ-TORRES, MOSTAHKAMI, STOWELL, RAPP, FIGUEROA, CASH, DERAS, NEGRETE, RIGG, LEE, ROJAS, GARNER**

**NOES: NONE**

**ABSTAIN: NONE**

Lower Los Angeles River Watershed Group

Director Myrter reported that the Lower Los Angeles River Watershed Group was moving forward and were also trying to obtain the final MOU Amendment signature page needed to complete the MOU Amendment.

Los Cerritos Channel Watershed Group

Chair Myrter reported that the next meeting was coming soon.

Lower San Gabriel River Watershed Group

Chair Figueroa reported that there were no updates and that they were also working on obtaining the final MOU Amendment signature page to complete the MOU Amendment.

**ITEM 13 – EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT**

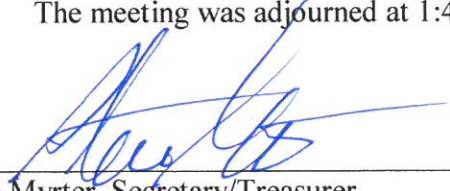
Ms. Kast announced that she hired Ms. Ernestine Llamas to provide support and coordination for GWMA grants. Ms. Kast explained that Ms. Llamas would help GWMA keep in compliance and take charge of any deliverables to the grants.

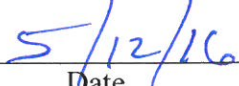
Ms. Kast also reported that she requested a team change from GEI Consultants to work on the USBR project/grant. Ms. Kast explained that a new team has been assigned and to respond to their requests promptly to ensure compliance with the grant.

**ITEM 14 – DIRECTORS’ COMMENTS/REPORT**

Director Rigg informed the Board that Derek Wieske was the new Public Works Director and Carlos Fandino was appointed as the City Administrator for the city of Vernon.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:47 p.m.

  
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Steve Myrter, Secretary/Treasurer

  
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Date