

**MINUTES OF THE GATEWAY WATER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
LOS ANGELES GATEWAY REGION
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY BOARD
AT PARAMOUNT, CALIFORNIA
THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 2016**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Gateway Water Management Authority was held on Thursday, August 11, 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 11:37 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
Chau Vu (alternate)	Bell Gardens
Len Gorecki	Bellflower
Tammy Hierlihy	Central Basin MWD
Mike O'Grady (alternate)	Cerritos
Gina Nila	Commerce
Mohammad Mostahkami	Downey
Christina Dixon (alternate)	Huntington Park
Marlin Munoz (alternate)	La Mirada
Lisa Rapp	Lakewood
Anatole Falagan (alternate)	Long Beach Water Department
Chris Cash	Paramount
Noe Negrete	Santa Fe Springs
Gladis Dera (alternate)	South Gate
Scott Rigg (alternate)	Vernon
Dave Schickling	Whittier
Esther Rojas (alternate)	Water Replenishment District

STAFF AND GUESTS ON SIGN-IN SHEET:

Grace Kast	Executive Officer
Toni Penn	Admin/Accounting Manager
Bibi Weiss	Office Assistant
Ken Putnam	City of Bell Gardens
Toyasha Sebbag	City of Lakewood
Charlie Honeycutt	Signal Hill
Virginia Fowler	LACFCD
Bill Minasian	Downey
Iso Nakasato	Assemblywoman Garcia's Office
Cindy Byerrum	Platinum Consulting Group

ITEM 3 - ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

ITEM 4 – ORAL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

None.

ITEM 5 – CONSENT CALENDAR

Director Nila motioned to approve the consent calendar. Director Gorecki seconded the motion which was approved by the following voice vote:

AYES: DOR, MONROE, VU, GORECKI, HIERLIHY, O’GRADY, NILA, MOSTAHKAMI, DIXON, MUNOZ, RAPP, FALAGAN, CASH, NEGRETE, SCHICKLING

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: RIGG, DERAS, ROJAS

ITEM 6 – DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING GWMA AUDIT ACTIVITIES

Cindy Byerrum reported that the opinions expressed by the auditors for FY2014/15 was that the financial statements were presented fairly, in all material respects. She also stated that the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the GWMA as of June 30, 2015 were accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Director Mostahkami to receive and file the Annual Audit for FY 2014/15 as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Deras and was approved by the following voice vote:

AYES: DOR, MONROE, VU, GORECKI, HIERLIHY, O’GRADY, NILA, MOSTAHKAMI, DIXON, MUNOZ, RAPP, FALAGAN, CASH, NEGRETE, SCHICKLING, DERAS, ROJAS, RIGG

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ITEM 7 – DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING PROP 84 IRWM 2015 GRANT

Ms. Kast reported that the four GWMA projects were selected to receive funding under the Prop 84 IRWM 2015 Grant. She stated that those projects were the Advanced Water Meter Replacement Project, which would receive \$745,902, the Gateway Cities Regional Recycled Water Expansion Project, which would receive \$920,810.70; the Paramount Blvd. Turf Replacement Project, which would receive \$1,000,000; and the Southeast Water Efficiency Program, which would receive \$745,902.

Ms. Kast indicated that the GWMA must enter into an MOU with the LACFCD to serve as the Local Project Sponsor by which GWMA will receive the Grant funds. She also stated that GWMA would also be entering into subrecipient agreements with each project participant in order to distribute those funds to participants. Ms. Kast recommended that the Board approve the MOU between the LACFCD and GWMA and the Individual Subrecipient Agreements with each participant as presented.

Director Rapp moved to approve the following actions:

- Approve the MOU between the LACFCD and GWMA and authorize the Executive Officer to make non-material changes to the MOU in consultation with legal counsel;
- Authorize the Chair to sign and execute the MOU between the LACFCD and GWMA;
- Approve individual Subrecipient Agreements with participants of the Advanced Meter Replacement Project, the Southeast Water Efficiency Project, the Gateway Cities Regional Recycled Water System Expansion Project and the Paramount Blvd. Turf Replacement Project;
- Authorize the Executive Officer to sign and execute individual Subrecipient Agreements with participants of the Advanced Meter Replacement Project, the Southeast Water Efficiency Project, the Gateway Cities Regional Recycled Water System Expansion Project and the Paramount Blvd. Turf Replacement Project

The motion was seconded by Director Vu and was approved by the following voice votes:

AYES: DOR, MONROE, VU, GORECKI, HIERLIHY, O'GRADY, NILA, MOSTAHKAMI, DIXON, MUNOZ, RAPP, FALAGAN, CASH, NEGRETE, SCHICKLING, DERAS, ROJAS, RIGG

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ITEM 8 – DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING SUPPORT OF SB953 AND AB1794

Iso Nakasato from Assemblywoman Garcia's office reported that a compromise had been reached between Senator Lara's and Assemblywoman Garcia's offices on the Central Basin Municipal Water District reform bills SB953 and AB1794. She indicated that the Legislature had until August 31st to approve both bills and send them to the Governor for signature.

After general discussions, Director Nila moved to send a letter supporting SB953 and AB1794. The motion was seconded by Director Rigg and was approved by the following voice votes:

**AYES: DOR, MONROE, VU, GORECKI, O'GRADY, NILA,
MOSTAHKAMI, DIXON, MUNOZ, RAPP, CASH, NEGRETE,
SCHICKLING, ROJAS, RIGG**

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: DERAS, HIERLIHY, FALAGAN

Director Vu left the meeting at 11:58 AM.

ITEM 9 – DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING GWMA-HOSTED STORMWATER WORKSHOP

Ms. Kast reported that as a followup to previous board meeting reports, GWMA was working on a Stormwater Workshop. She stated that the date for this workshop had been set for Thursday, October 27, 2016 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. and would be held at the Monte Verde Lodge in the City of Lakewood. She indicated that this workshop would target local and regional elected officials in the Gateway Region. She also indicated that there would be presentations from Mr. John Hunter, who is the consultant for 3 of the 4 watershed groups, and Mr. Ken Farfsing, who is the City Manager of Carson and also previously served as City of Manager for the City of Signal Hill.

Director Schickling recommended that the lawsuit filed by the cities of Gardenia, Rosemead and Whittier be presented at a future board meeting.

ITEM 10 – GATEWAY REGION WATERSHED MANAGEMENT GROUPS

Discussion/Action Regarding Private Entities' Financial Participation

Mr. John Hunter reported that GWMA was currently acting as the fiduciary agent for the Harbor Toxics RMC group, which is comprised of those cities touching the coastline, to share monitoring data. He stated that these participants were being charged about \$12,300 annually.

Mr. Hunter reported that there was now a similar movement for private industries (with individual NPDES permits) to pay for monitoring or join a monitoring program. He stated that a company had approached him requesting that GWMA act as the fiduciary agent for a monitoring program with these private industries. He indicated that this could potentially involve several hundred businesses and would include sites all along the Los Angeles and San Gabriel River for outside the GWMA area.

Ms. Kast indicated that this type of program would require an increase in staffing needs in order to maintain a level of services to GWMA members.

After detailed discussions, Director Dor moved to direct staff to develop a proposal to include a draft agreement and additional staffing requirements for Board consideration in September. The motion was seconded by Director Nila and approved by the following voice votes:

AYES: DOR, MONROE, GORECKI, O'GRADY, HIERLIHY, O'GRADY, NILA, MOSTAHKAMI, DIXON, MUNOZ, RAPP, CASH, NEGRETE, DERAS, ROJAS, RIGG

NOES: SCHICKLING

ABSTAIN: NONE

Lower Los Angeles River Upper Reach 2 Watershed Group

Director Nila reported on the current status of the Lower Los Angeles River Upper Reach 2 Watershed Group and indicated the feasibility study was currently being conducted.

Lower Los Angeles River Watershed Group

None.

Los Cerritos Channel Watershed Group

None.

Lower San Gabriel River Watershed Group

Ms. Kast reported that the Lower San Gabriel River Watershed Group is requesting that GWMA act as the contracting agency for the catch basin retrofit. Director O'Grady indicated that cities are now required to retrofit 10% of their catch basins each year.

Director Mostahkami recommended that an Ad Hoc Committee be established to develop a template for Request for Proposals. Director Mostahkami and Director Negrete volunteered to participate in this committee.

Director O'Grady moved to establish an Adhoc Committee to develop a template for Requests for Proposals and bring it back to the Board for review and approval. The motion was seconded by Director Rapp and was approved by the following voice votes:

AYES: DOR, MONROE, GORECKI, O'GRADY, HIERLIHY, O'GRADY, NILA, MOSTAHKAMI, DIXON, MUNOZ, RAPP, CASH, NEGRETE, DERAS, ROJAS, RIGG, SCHICKLING

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: FALAGAN

Director Rojas left the meeting at 1:09 PM.


ITEM 11 – EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

None.

ITEM 12 – DIRECTORS' COMMENTS/REPORT

Director Mostahkami requested that the consultants from each Watershed Group come to a future meeting of the Board and provide a status update.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:32.



Steve Myrter, Secretary/Treasurer



Date