

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

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Gateway Water Management Authority was held on Thursday, February 11, 2016 at 11:30 a.m. at the Clearwater Building 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor 16401 Paramount Blvd., Paramount, CA 90723.

Chair Steve Myrter called the meeting to order at 11:50 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	Cerritos
Gina Nila	Commerce
Mohammad Mostahkami	Downey
Christina Dixon (alternate)	Huntington Park
Mark Stowell	La Mirada
Lisa Rapp	Lakewood
Anthony Arevalo	Long Beach
Frank Beach	Santa Fe Springs
Steve Myrter	Signal Hill
Claudia Arellano	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
Dan Bartelson	Signal Hill
Desi Alvarez	MCM
Russ Bryden	LACFCD
Kristen Ruffell	LACSD
Bill Minasian	Downey
Charlie Honeycutt	Signal Hill
Gerry Greene	CWE
Dan Mueller	Downey
Raul Godinez II	Lynwood

**ITEM 3 - ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None.

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

None.

**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: MONROE, VU, GORECKI, HIERLIHY, O’GRADY, NILA,  
MOSTAHKAMI, DIXON, RAPP, AREVALO, MYRTER,  
ARELLANO, LEE**

**NOES: NONE**

**ABSTAIN: ROJAS, STOWELL**

**ITEM 6 – PRESENTATION – SENATE BILL 485 – THE SANITATION DISTRICTS  
AND STORMWATER (KRISTEN RUFFELL, LOS ANGELES COUNTY SANITATION  
DISTRICT)**

Ms. Kast introduced Ms. Kristen Ruffell from the Los Angeles County Sanitation District. Ms. Ruffell presented background information on Senate Bill 485 that took effect on January 1, 2016. Ms. Ruffell reported that the LACSD was searching for partners to begin developing projects, such as assisting in implementing monitoring programs or stormwater treatment.

Director Beach and Director Dor entered at 12:00 pm.

**ITEM 7 – DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING GWMA’S MARCH 2016 BOARD  
MEETING DATE AND TIME**

Ms. Kast reported that many Board members would not be able to attend the March Board meeting due to a conflicting event. Ms. Kast recommended the Board change the date of the March Board meeting a week in advance to either Wednesday March 2 or Thursday March 3. Director Chau motioned to change the March Board meeting to Thursday March 3 at 11:30 am, a week prior to the normal date. Director Gorecki seconded the motion and it was approved by the following voice vote:

**AYES: DOR, MONROE, VU, GORECKI, HIERLIHY, O'GRADY, NILA, MOSTAHKAMI, DIXON, STOWELL, RAPP, AREVALO, BEACH, MYRTER, ARELLANO, ROJAS, LEE**

**NOES: NONE**

**ABSTAIN: NONE**

**ITEM 8 – GATEWAY REGION WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN (WMPs) AND MOU AND/OR AMENDMENT ACTIVITIES**

Lower Los Angeles River Upper Reach 2 Watershed Group

Director Nila reported that the Lower Los Angeles River Upper Reach 2 Watershed Group had their CIMP approved and began monitoring. Ms. Kast stated that in February 2013, GWMA entered into a Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with CWE Corporation as recommend by the Los Angeles River Upper Reach 2 (LAR UR2) Watershed Group. This PSA expires on February 18, 2016. The LAR UR2 watershed group has requested that GWMA amend the Agreement to extend the term of the Agreement to February 18, 2018.

Director Nila motioned to approve a First Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement between GWMA and CWE Corporation for the LAR UR2 Watershed Group. Director Mostahkami seconded the motion and it was approved by the following voice vote:

**AYES: DOR, MONROE, VU, GORECKI, HIERLIHY, O'GRADY, NILA, MOSTAHKAMI, DIXON, STOWELL, RAPP, AREVALO, BEACH, MYRTER, ARELLANO, ROJAS, LEE**

**NOES: NONE**

**ABSTAIN: NONE**

Lower Los Angeles River Watershed Group

Director Myrter reported that the Lower Los Angeles River Watershed Group was moving forward with the project.

Los Cerritos Channel Watershed Group

Director Arevalo reported that the Los Cerritos Channel Watershed Group had approved all MOU's and invoices will be paid.

Lower San Gabriel River Watershed Group

Director O'Grady reported that there were no updates.

**ITEM 14 – EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

Ms. Kast announced that GWMA's new website had launched and she provided everyone with the new domain (www.gatewaywater.org). Ms. Kast reported that the future Agendas for Board meetings would not be emailed prior to the meeting any longer, but instead would be posted to the new website.

**ITEM 15 – DIRECTORS' COMMENTS/REPORT**

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:24 p.m. to March 3, 2016 at Progress Park in Paramount.

  
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Steve Myrter, Secretary/Treasurer

  
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Date