

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

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Gateway Water Management Authority was held on Thursday, July 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
Chau Vu (alternate)	Bell Gardens
Len Gorecki	Bellflower
Joseph Legaspi (alternate)	Central Basin MWD
Mike O’Grady (alternate)	Cerritos
Gina Nila	Commerce
Aaron Hernandez-Torres	Cudahy
Mohammad Mostahkami	Downey
Marlin Munoz (alternate)	La Mirada
Lisa Rapp	Lakewood
Anthony Arevalo	Long Beach
Christopher Garner	Long Beach Water Department
Sam Kouri (alternate)	Montebello
Chris Cash	Paramount
Noe Negrete	Santa Fe Springs
Steve Myrter	Signal Hill
William DeWitt	South Gate

STAFF AND GUESTS ON SIGN-IN SHEET:

Grace Kast	Executive Officer
Toni Penn	Admin/Accounting Manager
Bibi Weiss	Office Assistant
Dave Pelser	HR Green Consulting
Charlie Honeycutt	Signal Hill
Catherine Jun	Bellflower
Virginia Fowler	LACFCD
Julia Juarez	Senator Lara’s Office
Jason Wen	Lakewood
Bill Minasian	Downey
Iso Nakasato	Assemblywoman Garcia’s Office

ITEM 3 - ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

ITEM 4 – ORAL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

None.

ITEM 5 – CONSENT CALENDAR

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

AYES: MONROE, VU, GORECKI, LEGASPI, O’GRADY, HERNANDEZ-TORRES, MOSTAHKAMI, MUNOZ, RAPP, AREVALO, GARNER, KOURI, CASH, NEGRETE

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: DOR, NILA

ITEM 6 – DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING SB953 (LARA)

Ms. Kast welcomed Julia Juarez, District Officer from Senator Lara’s office.

Ms. Juarez updated the Board on the current status of SB953. She stated that the Bill was currently with the Assembly Appropriations Committee. She stated that this Bill required that the board of directors of the Central Basin MWD consist of 7 members, five of which must be elected and 2 of which must be appointed by the board of supervisors of the County of Los Angeles that had a minimum of five years’ experience and be employed by the appointing agency/city.

Director William DeWitt entered the meeting at 12:06 pm.

ITEM 7 – DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING GWMA’S POLICY AND PROCEDURES: GWMA’S CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE PROJECTS

Ms. Kast reported that an Ad Hoc Committee was assigned to help develop a policy for the GWMA. She indicated that, during discussion with GWMA Staff, the Ad Hoc Committee and GWMA’s legal counsel, it was decided to loosely base the Procurement Procedures on the Uniform jurisdiction of the California Uniform Construction Cost Accounting Commission. She also stated that among the differences between the Procedure and the Act were the facts that the Procedures had lower bidding categories, and unlike the Act, applied to maintenance agreements.

Steve Dorsey, Legal Counsel, reviewed a handout and a detailed discussion took place.

Director Nila motioned to approve GWMA's Procurement Procedures for Construction and Maintenance Projects as amended in a form satisfactory to Legal Counsel. Director DeWitt seconded the motion and was approved by the following voice vote:

AYES: MONROE, VU, GORECKI, LEGASPI, O'GRADY, HERNANDEZ-TORRES, MOSTAHKAMI, MUNOZ, RAPP, AREVALO, GARNER, KOURI, CASH, NEGRETE

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ITEM 8 – DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING HOSTING A STORMWATER NPDES WORKSHOP

Ms. Kast introduced Iso Nakasato from Assemblywoman Garcia's office. Ms. Kast reported that GWMA was approached by Ms. Nakasato to host the Stormwater NPDES Workshop. Ms. Kast asked for volunteers to help with the Workshop to be held possibly in September/October.

Director's Gina Nila, Lisa Rapp and Mr. Charlie Honeycutt volunteered to help.

ITEM 9 – DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING THE INCLUSION OF SWMPs INTO THE GATEWAY IRWM PLAN

Ms. Kast reported that in order to complete the Stormwater Grant Prop 1 eligibility process, each watershed group must incorporate their respective Storm Water Resource Plans into the Gateway IRWM Plan by reference. She stated that GWMA had received written requests from the LSGR, LLAR, LCC and LAR UR2 Watershed Groups requesting that their respective SWRPs be incorporated into the Gateway IRWM in accordance with the guidelines published by the State Water Resources Control Board on December 15, 2015. Ms. Kast recommended that the Board approve resolutions to incorporate each of the 4 SWRPs into the Gateway IRWM Plan by reference as presented.

Director Nila motioned to approve resolutions as presented to incorporate each of the 4 SWRPs into the Gateway IRWM Plan by reference. The motion was seconded by Director Negrete and approved by the following voice vote:

AYES: MONROE, VU, GORECKI, LEGASPI, O'GRADY, HERNANDEZ-TORRES, MOSTAHKAMI, MUNOZ, RAPP, AREVALO, GARNER, KOURI, CASH, DOR, DE WITT

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Director Legaspi left the meeting at 1:00 pm.

ITEM 10 – GATEWAY REGION WATERSHED MANAGEMENT GROUPS

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 stated that the feasibility study and soil testing was being performed at six sites.

Lower Los Angeles River Watershed Group

None.

Los Cerritos Channel Watershed Group

Director Arevalo reported on the current status of the Los Cerritos Channel Watershed Group.

Lower San Gabriel River Watershed Group

None.

Director Munoz left the meeting at 1:11 pm.

Director's Kouri and Arevalo left the meeting at 1:13 pm.

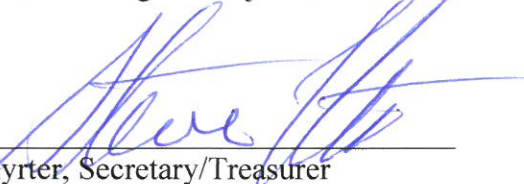
ITEM 11 – EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Ms. Kast reported that staff was currently soliciting proposals for a grant/project manager for the Advanced Meter Replacement regional project.


ITEM 12 – DIRECTORS’ COMMENTS/REPORT

Director DeWitt gave an update on water testing in the Los Angeles River.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:17.



Steve Myrter, Secretary/Treasurer



Date