

**MINUTES OF THE GATEWAY WATER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
LOS ANGELES GATEWAY REGION
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY BOARD
AT PARAMOUNT, CALIFORNIA
THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 2016**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Gateway Water Management Authority was held on Thursday, June 9, 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 11:48 a.m. Roll was called by Ms. Penn and a quorum of the Board was declared.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jordan Monroe	Avalon
Chau Vu	Bell Gardens
Tammy Hierlihy	Central Basin MWD
Mike O'Grady	Cerritos
Mohammad Mostahkami	Downey
Christina Dixon	Huntington Park
Lisa Rapp	Lakewood
Anthony Arevalo	Long Beach
Christopher Garner	Long Beach Water Department
Sam Kouri	Montebello
Chris Cash	Paramount
Frank Beach	Santa Fe Springs
Steve Myrter	Signal Hill
Chris Castillo	South Gate
Scott Rigg	Vernon
Dave Schickling	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
Bibi Weiss	Office Assistant
Bill Minasian	Downey
Charlie Honeycutt	Signal Hill
Enrique Huerta	Green Cities Co.
Claudia Arellano	Vernon
Dan Mueller	Downey
John Hunter	John Hunter & Associates
Sean Crumby	Long Beach
Desi Alvarez	MCM Management

Director Arevalo introduced Sean Crumby to the Board as a future alternate member for Long Beach.

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 O’Grady seconded the motion which was approved by the following voice vote:

AYES: MONROE, VU, HIERLIHY, O’GRADY, MOSTAHKAMI, DIXON, RAPP, AREVALO, GARNER, KOURI, CASH, MYRTER, CASTILLO, RIGG, SCHICKLING

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: ROJAS, BEACH

ITEM 6 – DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING GWMA’S POLICY AND PROCEDURES

Ms. Kast reported that, as part of transferring all of the accounting and financial activities from Signal Hill as our Lead Agency, an Ad Hoc Committee was established to assist in the development of the Goods and Services Policy. She stated that the Ad Hoc Committee, consisting of Directors Mostahkami, Deras and Rigg, reviewed and revised the policy during the month of May. The Committee recommended that the Board approve GWMA’s Goods and Services Policy as presented.

Ms. Kast recommended that the Board approve the Policy as presented. Director Vu motioned to approve the Policy. Director Rigg seconded the motion which was approved by the following voice vote:

AYES: MONROE, VU, HIERLIHY, O’GRADY, MOSTAHKAMI, DIXON, RAPP, AREVALO, GARNER, KOURI, CASH, MYRTER, CASTILLO, RIGG, SCHICKLING, ROJAS, BEACH

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ITEM 7 – DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING BID SELECTION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROPOSITION 84 GRANT PROJECT

Ms. Kast reported that the bid proposals for the construction of the Proposition 84 Stormwater Grant Project were publicly opened and read on April 5, 2016 in the office of the Gateway Water Management Authority. Ms. Kast explained that the lowest bidder's (PALP, Inc.'s) bid was \$115,905 higher than the original estimated amount. She noted that the participants would be invoiced for the cost overruns. Ms. Kast recommended that the Board authorize staff to invoice participants for the cost overrun and approve the contract with PALP, Inc. once the cost increase is collected.

Director Mostahkami recommended that the contract be approved by Legal Counsel before the Chair executed the contract. He also recommended that staff confirm that the selected contractor, PALP, Inc. was registered with the Department of Industrial Relations.

Director Mostahkami motioned to approve the invoicing of participants as well as approval of the contract with PALP, Inc. with his recommendations added. Director Rapp seconded the motion which was approved by the following voice vote:

AYES: MONROE, VU, HIERLIHY, O'GRADY, MOSTAHKAMI, DIXON, RAPP, AREVALO, GARNER, KOURI, CASH, MYRTER, CASTILLO, RIGG, SCHICKLING, ROJAS, BEACH

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ITEM 8 – FY 2016/17 BUDGET

Ms. Kast presented the Fiscal Year 2016/17 Budget which included Revenues, Operating Expenses, and Special Projects. Ms. Kast explained that the budget was supported by membership dues, which was \$15,000 per member in past years, as well as the administrative fees collected from MOUs.

Ms. Kast recommended that the Board adopt the FY 2016/17 Budget as presented and approve the annual membership of \$15,000 with the exception of approved reduced dues. Ms. Kast also recommended the Board adopt member and non-member administrative fees for MOUs at 3% and 5%, respectively.

Director O'Grady motioned to approve the Budget as presented, the annual membership fee, and the administrative fees for members and non-members. Director Myrter seconded the motion and it was approved by the following voice vote:

**AYES: MONROE, VU, HIERLIHY, O'GRADY, MOSTAHKAMI, DIXON,
RAPP, AREVALO, GARNER, KOURI, CASH, MYRTER,
CASTILLO, RIGG, SCHICKLING, ROJAS, BEACH**

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

**ITEM 9 – GATEWAY REGION WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN (WMPs) AND
MOU AND/OR AMENDMENT ACTIVITES**

Lower Los Angeles River Upper Reach 2 Watershed Group

Director Vu reported that the Feasibility Study was underway.

Lower Los Angeles River Watershed Group

Director Myrter reported that the Watershed was in the implementation stage and there was nothing further to report.

Ms. Kast reported that GWMA was working on an agreement with Caltrans to include all four watershed groups. She also stated that Caltrans would only be financial contributors with no voting rights.

Los Cerritos Channel Watershed Group

Director Arevalo reported on two projects that were underway with two more in their early stages.

Lower San Gabriel River Watershed Group

Director O'Grady reported that there was nothing to report.

ITEM 10 – EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Ms. Kast reported that Assemblywoman Garcia's staff contacted her regarding the possibility of holding a joint Stormwater Workshop. Ms. Kast updated the Board on the current status of the 20x2020. Ms. Kast also reported that a representative from Senator Lara's office was unable to attend today's board meeting, but was tentatively trying to attend GWMA's board meeting in July. In closing, Ms. Kast introduced Ms. Bibi Weiss and indicated that she would be replacing Ms. Burgess.

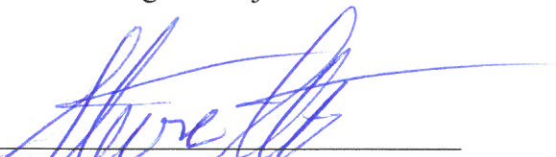
Director Kouri left at 12:25 p.m.

ITEM 11 – DIRECTORS’ COMMENTS/REPORT

Director Rapp wanted to thank LA County Flood Control District for giving approval to Lakewood for the use of their rubber dam.

Director Mostahkami reported that the expenditure plan for Measure R2 would be slightly altered to help benefit the cities more.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35.



Steve Myrter, Secretary/Treasurer



Date