

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, MAY 12, 2016**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Gateway Water Management Authority was held on Thursday, May 12, 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 11:45 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	Bell Gardens
Bernardo Iniguez	Bellflower
Tammy Hierlihy	Central Basin MWD
Mike O'Grady	Cerritos
Gina Nila	Commerce
Mohammad Mostahkami	Downey
Joseph Colombo	Hawaiian Gardens
Konya Vivanti	Lakewood
Anthony Arevalo	Long Beach
Christopher Garner	Long Beach Water Department
Adriana Figueroa	Norwalk
Chris Cash	Paramount
Steve Myrter	Signal Hill
Chris Castillo	South Gate
Scott Rigg	Vernon
Dave Schickling	Whittier

**STAFF AND GUESTS ON SIGN-IN SHEET:**

Grace Kast	Executive Officer
Toni Penn	Admin/Accounting Manager
Brianna Burgess	Office Assistant
Bill Miniasian	Downey
Ismile Noorbaksh	Hawaiian Gardens
Jose Solorio	Central Basin
Charlie Honeycutt	Signal Hill
Ashley Medina	Assemblymember Garcia Office
Iso Nakasato	Assemblymember Garcia Office
Virginia Fowler	LACFCD
Bill DeWitt	South Gate

**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 Mostahkami and was approved by the following voice vote:

**AYES: DOR, MONROE, INIGUEZ, HIERLIHY, O’GRADY, NILA, MOSTAHKAMI, COLOMBO, VIVANTI, AREVALO, GARNER, FIGUEROA, CASH, MYRTER, CASTILLO, SCHICKLING**

**NOES: NONE**

**ABSTAIN: VU**

**ITEM 6 – LEGISLATION**

Ms. Ashley Medina presented an amended copy of Assemblymember Garcia’s Bill AB1794 to the Board and answered any questions that the Board members had.

**ITEM 7 – WORKSHOP – FY 2016/17 GWMA ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET**

Ms. Kast updated the Board on the draft GWMA Budget for the Fiscal Year 2016/17.

Director Rigg and Director De Witt entered at 11:50 am.

Director Mostahkami indicated that Grant Revenue should be listed as “Grant Revenue and Admin Fees”.

**ITEM 8 – DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING IRWM PLAN PROJECT LIST 2016**

Ms. Kast presented the Gateway IRWM Plan Project List for 2016 which included a Project Index and an updated ranking analysis for the IRWM Plan.

Director Vu moved to approve the Gateway IRWM Plan Project List 2016 as presented. Director Nila seconded the motion which was approved by the following voice vote:

**AYES: DOR, MONROE, INIGUEZ, HIERLIHY, O'GRADY, NILA, MOSTAHKAMI, COLOMBO, VIVANTI, AREVALO, GARNER, FIGUEROA, CASH, MYRTER, CASTILLO, SCHICKLING, VU, RIGG**

**NOES: NONE**

**ABSTAIN: NONE**

**ITEM 9 – DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING GWMA GRANT POLICY AND PROCEDURES**

Ms. Kast presented the new GWMA Grant Policy that was worked on by the GWMA Grant Policy Ad Hoc Committee, consisting of Director Monroe, Director Gorecki, and Director Rapp. Director Mostahkami mentioned that the policy should include the ability for the Board to make alterations to the policy. He also recommended the Board add the words “for securing and managing the Grant” at the end of the first paragraph in the policy.

Director Nila motioned to approve the policy if amended. Director Colombo seconded the motion and the motion was approved by the following voice vote:

**AYES: DOR, MONROE, INIGUEZ, HIERLIHY, O'GRADY, NILA, MOSTAHKAMI, COLOMBO, VIVANTI, AREVALO, GARNER, FIGUEROA, CASH, MYRTER, CASTILLO, SCHICKLING, VU, RIGG**

**NOES: NONE**

**ABSTAIN: NONE**

**ITEM 10 – GATEWAY REGION WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN (WMPs) AND MOU AND/OR AMENDMENT ACTIVITES**

Lower Los Angeles River Upper Reach 2 Watershed Group

Director Nila reported that the Feasibility Studies contract was awarded.

Lower Los Angeles River Watershed Group

Director Vivanti reported that there were no updates.

Los Cerritos Channel Watershed Group

Director Vivanti reported that there were no updates.

Lower San Gabriel River Watershed Group

Chair Figueroa reported that there were no updates.

**ITEM 11 – EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT**

None.

**ITEM 12 – DIRECTORS’ COMMENTS/REPORT**

Director Hierlihy reported that Central Basin had Grant Programs and were encouraging participation which needed to be completed by the end of the calendar year.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

  
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Steve Myrter, Secretary/Treasurer

  
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