

**MINUTES OF THE GATEWAY WATER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY  
LOS ANGELES GATEWAY REGION  
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY  
BOARD  
AT PARAMOUNT, CALIFORNIA  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2016**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Gateway Water Management Authority was held on Thursday, November 10, 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
Audra McDonald (alternate)	Avalon
Chau Vu (alternate)	Bell Gardens
Len Gorecki	Bellflower
Mike O'Grady (alternate)	Cerritos
Gina Nila	Commerce
Mohammad Mostahkami	Downey
Christina Dixon (alternate)	Huntington Park
Marlin Munoz (alternate)	La Mirada
Jason Wen (alternate)	Lakewood
Anthony Arevalo	Long Beach
Christopher Garner	Long Beach Water Department
Sam Kouri (alternate)	Montebello
Adriana Figueroa	Norwalk
Chris Cash	Paramount
Mark Grajeda	Pico Water District
Noe Negrete	Santa Fe Springs
Steve Myrter	Signal Hill
Gladis Deras (alternate)	South Gate
Scott Rigg (alternate)	Vernon
Kyle Cason	Whittier

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

Grace Kast	Executive Officer
Toni Penn	Admin/Accounting Manager
Bibi Weiss	Office Assistant
Steve Dorsey	Legal Counsel
Candice Lee	Legal Counsel
Virginia Fowler	LACFCD
Catherine Jun	Bellflower
Bill Minasian	Downey Resident

**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 as presented. Director Figueroa seconded the motion which was approved by the following voice vote:

**AYES: Dor, McDonald, Vu, Gorecki, O’Grady, Nila, Mostahkami, Dixon, Munoz, Wen, Arevalo, Garner, Kouri, Figueroa, Cash, Grajeda, Negrete, Myrter, Rigg**

**NOES: None.**

**ABSTAIN: None.**

**ITEM 6 – DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING THE SELECTION FOR PROJECT & GRANT MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE ADVANCED METER REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

Director Cason entered the meeting at 11:55 AM.

Ms. Kast reported that, in August, GWMA issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for project coordination and grant management of GWMA’s regional Advanced Meter Replacement project which was awarded funds from DWR’s Integrated Regional Water Management “IRWM” grant program via the Greater LA IRWM process. She stated this project included 11 recipients. She indicated that these recipients were: Long Beach Water Dept, Pico Water District, and the cities of Bellflower, Cerritos, Commerce, Downey, Lakewood, Norwalk, Pico Rivera, South Gate, and Whittier.

Ms. Kast reported that the budget for this work was \$90,610 of which \$50,000 was reimbursed from the grant and the remainder shared by the sub-recipients involved in the project. She stated that the sub-recipient agreements include the collection of \$40,610 for the matching portion of the grant.

Ms. Kast stated that the deadline to submit a proposal was on August 31, 2016 at 4:00 P.M. GWMA received four proposals, which were from Avant Garde, Civiltec Engineering, Inc., GEI Consultants, and Stetson Engineers, Inc.

She indicated that, in accordance with the GWMA's Consulting Policy, the Proposals were reviewed by staff. She reported that it was the recommendation of the Executive Officer that the Board retain Civiltec Engineering, Inc. to provide Project & Grant Management Services for GWMA's Advanced Meter Replacement Project. She stated that this recommendation was based upon their responsiveness, grant experience, team and proposal cost.

Director Mostahkami motioned to accept the Proposal from Civiltec Engineering, Inc. as presented and authorize the Executive Officer to issue a Notice to Proceed once all sub-recipient agreements and matching funds are invoiced. Director Negrete seconded the motion which was approved by the following votes:

**AYES:** Dor, McDonald, Vu, Gorecki, O'Grady, Nila, Mostahkami, Dixon, Munoz, Wen, Arevalo, Garner, Kouri, Figueroa, Cash, Grajeda, Negrete, Myrter, Rigg, Cason

**NOES:** None.

**ABSTAIN:** None.

**ITEM 7 – DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING POTENTIAL PRIVATE PARTIES' FINANCIAL COST SHARING PARTICIPATION IN HARBOR TOXICS TMDL MONITORING ACTIVITIES**

Director Deras entered the meeting at 12:15 PM.

Ms. Kast stated that since the October Board Meeting, staff was still working on obtaining additional information from both the private company that contacted GMWA and also Regional Board staff regarding the role that private parties would take in existing monitoring groups, such as the watershed groups involved with GWMA.

After general discussion, GWMA legal counsel was asked to review and advise. Mr. Steve Dorsey indicated that in his legal opinion it is feasible to do.

Ms. Candice Lee talked about the GWMA and private parties' agreements and the potential liability and exposure.

After discussion by the Board, Director Nila moved to defer and not take action now, but continue talking to the Regional Board. Director Gorecki seconded the motion which was approved by the following vote:

**AYES:** Dor, McDonald, Vu, Gorecki, O’Grady, Nila, Mostahkami, Dixon, Munoz, Wen, Arevalo, Garner, Kouri, Figueroa, Cash, Grajeda, Negrete, Myrter, Rigg, Cason, Deras

**NOES:** None.

**ABSTAIN:** None.

**ITEM 8 – DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING STATE FUNDING FOR MANDATED STORMWATER COMPLIANCE**

Director Garner left the meeting at 12:18 PM.

Director Cash discussed the State Funding for Mandated Stormwater Compliance. He suggested the 4 Watershed Group Chairs form an Ad Hoc Committee, to work together and make inquiries with the Regional Board.

Director Figueroa reported that she had received a call from Sam Unger from the State Regional Board and Irma Munoz, Chair of the State Regional Board and they would be setting up a meeting to discuss this issue in greater detail.

After general discussion, it was suggested by Director Cash that the Ad Hoc Committee discuss this item, and that this item be put on a GWMA Board Agenda in the future.

**ITEM 9 – IRWMP ACTIVITIES AND UPDATE**

Ms. Kast reported that the GLAC DAC Operating Guidelines were being worked on. She also informed the Board that the DACIP Task Force was meeting regularly.

After general discussion, it was suggested that this be added as an Agenda standing item beginning in March.

**ITEM 10 – GATEWAY REGION WATERSHED MANAGEMENT GROUPS**

**Lower Los Angeles River Upper Reach 2 Watershed Group**

Director Nila reported that they are working on the annual reports and the feasibility study.

Lower Los Angeles River Watershed Group

Director Myrter reported that they are working on WMP's and it was going well.

Los Cerritos Channel Watershed Group

Director Arevalo reported that the BMP project was moving forward. He stated that the Lakewood and Bellflower projects were doing well

Lower San Gabriel River Watershed Group

Director Figueroa reported that they were working on the annual reports and feasibility study.

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

Ms. Kast thanked everyone for their participation at the Stormwater Workshop on October 27<sup>th</sup>. She stated that the presentations by John Hunter and Ken Farfising were on the GWMA Website.

Ms. Kast also announced that there was a Stormwater Workshop in San Dimas being presented by Congresswoman Napolitano on November 18.

Ms. Kast announced that there were still some watershed group Invoices and GWMA Membership Dues that had not been paid.

There was discussion regarding the GWMA December Board Meeting being cancelled. Director Arevalo motioned to cancel the GWMA December Board Meeting unless any pressing items came forward. The motion was seconded by Director Mostahkami and was approved by the following voice votes:

AYES: **Dor, McDonald, Vu, Gorecki, O'Grady, Nila, Mostahkami, Dixon, Munoz, Wen, Arevalo, Kouri, Figueroa, Cash, Grajeda, Negrete, Myrter, Rigg, Cason, Deras**

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

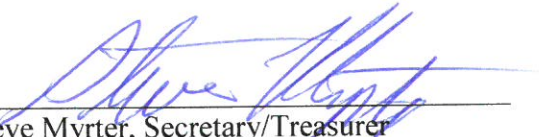
Director Munoz and Director Arevalo left the meeting at 12:56 PM.

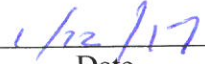
**ITEM 12 – DIRECTORS’ COMMENTS/REPORT**

Director Gorecki reported that the City of Bellflower approved the sale of the City of Bellflower’s water system to a private company. He also stated that Measure M passed by 55% (unofficial).

Director Mostahkami spoke about Measure M in Downey.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:57 PM.

  
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Steve Myrter, Secretary/Treasurer

  
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