

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, OCTOBER 13, 2016**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Gateway Water Management Authority was held on Thursday, October 13, 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:

Audra McDonald (alternate)	Avalon
Al Cablay (alternate)	Bell
John Oropeza	Bell Gardens
Len Gorecki	Bellflower
Mike O'Grady (alternate)	Cerritos
Gina Nila	Commerce
Mohammad Mostahkami	Downey
Christina Dixon (alternate)	Huntington Park
Mark Stowell	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
Frank Beach (alternate)	Santa Fe Springs
Steve Myrter	Signal Hill
Gladis Deras (alternate)	South Gate
Scott Rigg (alternate)	Vernon
Dave Schickling	Whittier
Esther Rojas (alternate)	Water Replenishment District

STAFF AND GUESTS ON SIGN-IN SHEET:

Toni Penn	Admin/Accounting Manager
Bibi Weiss	Office Assistant
Virginia Fowler	LACFCD
Catherine Jun	Bellflower
Bill Minasian	Downey Resident
Leslie Ward	Vicenti Lloyd & Stutzman, LLC
Mark Grajeda	Pico Water District
Dan Mueller	Downey

Hannah Shin-Heydorn
Charlie Honeycutt

Signal Hill
Signal Hill

ITEM 3 - ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

ITEM 4 – ORAL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

None.

ITEM 5 – CONSENT CALENDAR

Director Mostahkami requested that the minutes of September 8, 2016 be amended to delete the word “Workshop” on page 6 under Directors Comments/Report.

Director Mostahkami motioned to approve the consent calendar with modifications to the minutes of September 8, 2016 as directed. Director Nila seconded the motion which was approved by the following voice vote:

AYES: McDonald, O’Grady, Nila, Mostahkami, Dixon, Stowell, Arevalo, Garner, Figueroa, Cash, Beach, Myrter, Rigg, Schickling, Rojas

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: Gorecki, Wen, Deras, Oropeza

Director Kouri entered at 11: 48 a.m.

ITEM 6 – PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT “PSA” WITH VICENTI, LLOYD & STUTZMAN LLP FOR ON-GOING FINANCIAL CONSULTING SERVICES

Ms. Toni Penn reported that on August 2, 2016, GWMA received notification from Ms. Cindy Byerrum at Platinum Consulting Group that she would be resigning from her position as the Accountant Consultant to GWMA due to scheduling concerns. She stated that later that month, GWMA released a Request for Proposal to establish a contract for an Accountant Consultant with a qualified individual or firm. She indicated that the deadline to submit a proposal was September 2, 2016 and that GWMA had received two proposals.

Ms. Penn reported that, after reviewing the proposals, it was the recommendation of the Executive Committee and GWMA’s Treasurer that the board retain Vicenti, Lloyd & Stutzman, LLP (VLS) to provide ongoing accounting consulting services on an as-needed basis.

Lastly, Ms. Penn reported that GWMA had budgeted a total amount of \$12,000 for Accounting Consulting Services for FY 2016/17. She stated that based on the fee schedule provided by VLS, the Executive Committee was recommending that the Board amend the Budget for FY2016/17 to include an increase to the Professional Services – Accounting Consultant line item by \$5,000 for a total amount of \$17,000.

Director Mostahkami requested that the PSA be amended to include a signature line for GWMA’s Legal Counsel.

Director Mostahkami moved to approve the PSA with Vicenti/ Lloyd & Stutzman, LLP as amended, authorized the Chair to execute this Agreement, and to amend the GWMA’s FY 2016/17 budget to add an additional \$5,000 to the Professional Services line item for Accounting Consultant services. The motion was seconded by Director Figueroa and was approved by the following voice votes:

AYES: McDonald, Oropeza, Gorecki, O’Grady, Nila, Mostahkami, Dixon, Stowell, Wen, Arevalo, Garner, Kouri, Figueroa, Cash, Beach, Myrter, Deras, Rigg, Schickling, Rojas

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ITEM 7 – STATUS ON PRIVATE COMPANIES MOU

Ms. Penn reported that Mr. John Hunter, the lead consultant for the Lower Los Angeles River Watershed (LLAR) Group, was contacted by a private company regarding their NPDES monitoring requirements. She stated that the Regional Board was offering private companies the option to participate with an existing monitoring group to comply with their requirements.

Ms. Penn stated that GWMA had previously worked with requests from other industries and had established Agreements with industries discharging into the Greater (downstream) Los Angeles Harbor. She indicated that this Agreement allowed for cost sharing for the implementation of a coordinated compliance monitoring and reporting plan as required by the Regional Board.

Ms. Penn stated that at the September Board meeting, the Board discussed this request and directed staff and legal counsel to analyze GWMA’s risk factors, how many private companies would be involved, cost factors, staffing requirements, how monies collected from private companies would be allocated and bring a proposal before the Board for consideration. She indicated that staff has made numerous attempts to obtain more information from both the private company that contacted GWMA 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, but have not been able to obtain the desired information.

Ms. Penn reported that staff would continue to work on obtaining additional information to be able to complete a meaningful analysis for the Board's consideration of the practical and legal issues associated with this request and what may be needed to ensure risks were fully addressed. She stated that it was anticipated that all of the information and legal analysis would be brought to the Board in November for consideration.

ITEM 8 – CONSIDERATION TO ACCEPT THE PICO WATER DISTRICT AS GWMA JPA MEMBER

Director Cablay entered at 11:57 a.m.

Ms. Penn reported that the Pico Water District had expressed its desire to join GWMA by approving the JPA Agreement on October 5, 2016. She indicated that Pico Water District would be participating as a full-paying member, which would result in additional appropriations paid to GWMA annually. Ms. Penn recommended that the Board approve Pico Water District's membership to the GWMA. She indicated that for full membership acceptance, GWMA required a super-majority vote.

Director Figueroa moved to approve Pico Water District's membership to the GWMA. The motion was seconded by Director Rigg and approved by the following voice vote:

AYES: McDonald, Oropeza, Gorecki, O'Grady, Nila, Mostahkami, Dixon, Stowell, Wen, Arevalo, Garner, Kouri, Figueroa, Cash, Beach, Myrter, Deras, Rigg, Schickling, Rojas, Cablay

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ITEM 9 – GATEWAY REGION WATERSHED MANAGEMENT GROUPS

Director Figueroa reported that Irma Munoz, Chair of the LA County Regional Water Quality Control Board, had requested a meeting in Norwalk for the four Watershed Group Chairs. She stated that meeting was scheduled for Monday, October 17th.

Lower Los Angeles River Upper Reach 2 Watershed Group

Director Nila gave an update on the Lower Los Angeles River Upper Reach 2 Watershed Group. She indicated that the group was still working on the Feasibility Study.

Lower Los Angeles River Watershed Group

Director Myrter gave an update on the Lower Los Angeles River Watershed Group. He indicated that participants needed to submit their information for the Annual Report that was due on December 1st. He stated that Mr. John Hunter would be available to answer questions and assist as needed.

Los Cerritos Channel Watershed Group

Director Arevalo gave an update on the Los Cerritos Channel Watershed Group. He indicated that the Watershed group was compiling documentation necessary to submit its Annual Report and were planning to meet in the next few weeks.

Lower San Gabriel River Watershed Group

Director Figueroa gave an update on the Lower San Gabriel River Watershed Group and indicated that they too were working on their Annual Report, and would be meeting sometime next week.

ITEM 10 – EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT

Ms. Penn stated that GWMA would be hosting a Stormwater Workshop for Local and Elected Officials and Managers on October 27, 2016 at the City of Lakewood Council Chambers. She encouraged the Board to RSVP to attend this workshop by October 18, 2016.

ITEM 11 – DIRECTORS’ COMMENTS/REPORT

Director Mostahkami reported on Measure M, which was the LA County Traffic Improvement Plan. He stated that Measure M would allow for a ½ cent transportation sales tax.

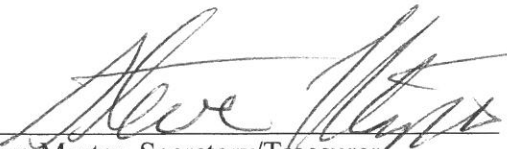
Director Figueroa also reported that Gateway Cities Council of Governments had some information on their website regarding Measure M.

Director Myrter introduced Signal Hill’s new Deputy City Manager, Hannah Shin-Heydorn. He indicated that she had been appointed as Signal Hill’s alternate member on the GWMA Board.

Director McDonald left at 12:06 p.m.

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The meeting was adjourned at 12:07 p.m. to a regular meeting of the Board on October 27, 2016 at the City of Lakewood Council Chambers (Stormwater Workshop for Local and Elected Officials and Managers).



Steve Myrter, Secretary/Treasurer



Date