

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, FEBRUARY 9, 2017**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Gateway Water Management Authority was held on Thursday, February 9, 2017 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 11:49 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
Nick Servin (alternate)	Bell Gardens
Tammy Hierlihy	Central Basin MWD
Mike O'Grady (alternate)	Cerritos
Gina Nila	Commerce
Mohammad Mostahkami	Downey
Christina Dixon (alternate)	Huntington Park
Lisa Rapp	Lakewood
Anthony Arevalo	Long Beach
B. Anatole Falagan (alternate)	Long Beach Water Department
Sam Kouri (alternate)	Montebello
Adriana Figueroa	Norwalk
Chris Cash	Paramount
Hannah Shin-Heydorn	Signal Hill
Gladis Deras (alternate)	South Gate
Claudia Arellano (alternate)	Vernon
Dave Schickling	Whittier
Esther Rojas	Water Replenishment District of Southern California

STAFF AND GUESTS ON SIGN-IN SHEET:

Grace Kast	Executive Officer
Toni Penn	Admin/Accounting Manager
Steve Dorsey	Legal Counsel
Candice Lee	Legal Counsel
Bill Minasian	Downey Resident
Greg Ripperger	Civiltec Engineering
Gerry Greene	CWE
Gabriel Gomez	Pico Rivera
Bill Strand	RRM Design Group

ITEM 3 - ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Chair Cash requested the approval from the Board to add an Urgency Item to the Agenda after Item 5. The Urgency Item was regarding the Notice of Public Hearing and Opportunity to Comment on the proposed revisions to the Clean Water Action Section 303(d) list for the Los Angeles Region and the 2016 Integrated Report. He indicated that comments had to be submitted prior to GWMA's next Board meeting and, therefore, would need to be added to this agenda in the essence of time. Director Rapp moved to approve the addition and Director Figueroa seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following voice vote:

AYES: DOR, MCDONALD, SERVIN, HIERLIHY, O'GRADY, NILA, MOSTAHKAMI, DIXON, RAPP, AREVALO, FIGUEROA, CASH, SHIN-HEYORN, DERAS, ARELLANO, SCHICKLING, ROJAS, FALAGAN

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ITEM 4 – ORAL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

None.

ITEM 5 – CONSENT CALENDAR

Director Mostahkami motioned to approve the consent calendar as presented. Director Deras seconded the motion and was approved by the following voice vote:

AYES: DOR, MCDONALD, SERVIN, HIERLIHY, O'GRADY, NILA, MOSTAHKAMI, DIXON, RAPP, AREVELO, FIGUEROA, CASH, SHIN-HEYORN, DERAS, ARELLANO, SCHICKLING, ROJAS

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: FALAGAN

ITEM 6 – DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE CLEAN WATER ACTION SECTION 303(D) LIST FOR THE LOS ANGELES REGION AND THE 2016 INTEGRATED REPORT

Ms. Kast reported that the Regional Board recently released proposed changes to the 303(d) list. She indicated that comments regarding these changes were due on March 9th and a hearing was scheduled for April 6th. She indicated that the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County would be submitting a request that this comment period be extended by 30 days and requested that GWMA consider sending a similar letter to request an extension as well.

Director Rapp moved to send a letter to the Regional Board requesting a 30-day extension to the comment period on proposed changes to Section 303(d) and Director Figueroa seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following voice vote:

AYES: DOR, MCDONALD, SERVIN, HIERLIHY, O’GRADY, NILA, MOSTAHKAMI, DIXON, RAPP, AREVELO, FIGUEROA, CASH, SHIN-HEYORN, DERAS, ARELLANO, SCHICKLING, ROJAS, FALAGAN

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Director Kouri entered at 12:13 p.m.

ITEM 7 – DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING GWMA’S ROLE IN WATERSHED GROUP IMPLEMENTATION GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

Ms. Kast reported that, at the request of the Lower Los Angeles River Upper Reach 2 Group (LAR UR2), GWMA submitted an application under the State Water Resources Control Board’s Prop 1 Stormwater Implementation Grant Program for an implementation project identified in their Water Management Plan. She stated that the project was selected and awarded \$10M with a \$1M local funding match requirement.

Ms. Kast stated that, because of the grant award, questions about GWMA’s role in contracting and grant compliance had now been raised by staff, legal counsel, the watershed group Chair and the Executive Committee.

Mr. Dorsey and Ms. Lee outlined their concerns regarding GWMA’s involvement in construction contracts and the liability risks to GWMA and its members.

After detailed discussions, the Board recommended that staff schedule a conference call with the Chairs of each of the watershed groups, staff, consultants, and legal counsel to further discuss and bring this item back to the board in March with recommendations.

Director Arevelo left at 12:56 p.m.

ITEM 8 – IRWMP ACTIVITIES AND UPDATE

None.

ITEM 8 – GATEWAY REGION WATERSHED MANAGEMENT GROUPS

Lower Los Angeles River Upper Reach 2 Watershed Group

None.

Lower Los Angeles River Watershed Group

None.

Los Cerritos Channel Watershed Group

None.

Lower San Gabriel River Watershed Group

None.

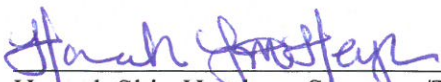
ITEM 9 – EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

None.

ITEM 10 – DIRECTORS' COMMENTS/REPORT

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:09 PM.



Hannah Shin-Heydorn, Secretary/Treasurer

3/9/17

Date