

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, JULY 13, 2017**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Gateway Water Management Authority was held on Thursday, July 13, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. at the Progress Park Plaza, 15500 Downey Avenue, Paramount, CA 90723.

Chair Christopher Cash called the meeting to order at 12:13 p.m. Roll was called by Ms. Weiss and a quorum of the Board was declared.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chau Vu	Bell Gardens
Mike O'Grady (alternate)	Cerritos
Gina Nila	Commerce
Mohammad Mostahkami	Downey
Christina Dixon (alternate)	Huntington Park
Mark Stowell	La Mirada
Lisa Rapp	Lakewood
Sam Kouri (alternate)	Montebello
Adriana Figueroa	Norwalk
Christopher Cash	Paramount
Robert Delgadillo (alternate)	Pico Rivera
Mark Grajeda	Pico Water District
Frank Beach (alternate)	Santa Fe Springs
Claudia Arellano (alternate)	Vernon
Dave Schickling	Whittier
Esther Rojas (alternate)	Water Replenishment District of Southern California

STAFF AND GUESTS ON SIGN-IN SHEET:

Grace Kast	Executive Officer
Toni Penn	Admin/Accounting Manager
Bibi Weiss	Office Assistant
Bill Minasian	Downey Resident
Jason Wen	City of Lakewood
Vince Brar	City of Cerritos
Bob Ortega	City of Cerritos
Nick Servin	City of Bell Gardens

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. The motion was seconded by Director Mostahkami and was approved by the following voice vote:

AYES: VU, O’GRADY, NILA, MOSTAHKAMI, DIXON, RAPP, KOURI, FIGUEROA, CASH, DELGADILLO, BEACH, ARELLANO, SCHICKLING, ROJAS

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: STOWELL, GRAJEDA

ITEM 6 – APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO ON-CALL CONSULTANT AD-HOC COMMITTEE

Ms. Kast reported that at the April 13th Board meeting, staff announced that GWMA would be sending out a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to update GWMA’s On-Call List of Consultants. She stated that Directors Beach and Mostahkami volunteered to work with staff to finalize the RFQ for On-Call Consultants. She also stated that staff solicited names of consultants from GWMA Board Members and Alternates to add them to the list of consultant solicitations. She reported that staff would be sending out the RFQ on July 17th, 2017. Director Mostahkami also requested that the RFQ be sent to all Board Members.

Ms. Kast requested that an Ad Hoc Committee be established to review the Statements of Qualifications received. Chairman Cash solicited volunteers and Directors Stowell, Grajeda and Vu volunteered to participate in this Ad Hoc Committee.

ITEM 7 – SELECTION OF FIRM TO CONDUCT GWMA’S FY 2016/17 AUDIT

Ms. Penn reported that on April 21, 2017, an RFP for professional auditing services was issued with a due date of May 31, 2017. She stated that staff received proposals from Fedak & Brown, LLP and James Marta & Company. She indicated that GWMA’s staff and accounting

consultant conducted telephone interviews with both firms. She stated that GWMA's accounting consultant provided a written recommendation to the Board that was included in the agenda packet. In closing, Ms. Penn indicated that it was the recommendation of the Executive Committee, accountant consultant and staff, that GWMA engage the firm Fedak & Brown, LLP to conduct GWMA's FY 2016/17 Audit and Single Audit as presented.

After general discussion, Director Mostahkami moved to engage Fedak & Brown, LLP to conduct GWMA's FY 2016/17 Audit and Single Audit as presented and authorized the Chair to sign the Engagement Letter. The motion was seconded by Director Figueroa and was approved by the following voice vote:

AYES: VU, O'GRADY, NILA, MOSTAHKAMI, DIXON, RAPP, KOURI, FIGUEROA, CASH, DELGADILLO, BEACH, ARELLANO, SCHICKLING, ROJAS, STOWELL, GRAJEDA

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ITEM 8 – GATEWAY REGION WATERSHED MANAGEMENT GROUPS ORAL UPDATES

Lower Los Angeles River Upper Reach 2 Watershed Group

Director Nila reported that the Sub-recipient Agreement for Prop 1 John Anson Ford Project was submitted with comments to staff and GWMA's legal counsel was currently working on finalizing the Agreement.

Lower Los Angeles River Watershed Group

None.

Los Cerritos Channel Watershed Group

Director Rapp updated the Board on the current activities of the Los Cerritos Watershed Group. She reported that both projects were on schedule and making good progress.

Lower San Gabriel River Watershed Group

Director Figueroa updated the Board on recent activities.

ITEM 12 – EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT

Ms. Kast reported that the contract for the Catch Basin Cleaning would end this Calendar year. She indicated that staff would be drafting a Notice Inviting Bids for release soon.

ITEM 13 – DIRECTORS’ COMMENTS/REPORT

Director Mostahkami reported that the Transportation Bill, SB1’s deadline for comments was today, July 13th. Ms. Kast volunteered to write a letter on behalf of GWMA regarding eligibility for using this tax on Green Streets.

Director Mostahkami inquired on grant funding opportunities. Ms. Kast reported that the 4 watershed group chairs and respective consultants have been meeting with the COG and their consultants along with Mr. Charlie Honeycutt, City Manager of Signal Hill for the past year to discuss and review funding opportunities. Once more tangible information becomes available coming out of that joint committee, a report would be given to the Board.

Director Rapp reported that she was invited to a meeting to discuss Stormwater by State Assembly Leader Anthony Rendon.

Director Brar introduced Bob Ortega as the new Water Superintendent for the City of Cerritos.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 PM.



Christopher S. Cash, Chair

9/14/17

Date