

**MINUTES OF THE GATEWAY WATER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
LOS ANGELES GATEWAY REGION
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
BOARD
AT PARAMOUNT, CALIFORNIA
THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2017**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Gateway Water Management Authority was held on Thursday, March 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 11:44 a.m. Roll was called by Ms. Penn and a quorum of the Board was declared.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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| Okina Dor | Artesia |
| Audra McDonald (alternate) | Avalon |
| Nick Servin (alternate) | Bell Gardens |
| Len Gorecki | Bellflower |
| Tammy Hierlihy | Central Basin MWD |
| 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 |
| Adriana Figueroa | Norwalk |
| Chris Cash | Paramount |
| Gabriel Gomez (alternate) | Pico Rivera |
| Mark Grajeda | Pico Water District |
| Frank Beach (alternate) | Santa Fe Springs |
| 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:

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| Grace Kast | Executive Officer |
| Toni Penn | Admin/Accounting Manager |
| Bill Minasian | Downey Resident |
| John Hunter | John Hunter & Associates |
| Charlie Honeycutt | City of Signal Hill |
| David Pelsler | HR Green |

ITEM 3 - ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Chair Cash requested the approval from the Board to add an Urgency Item to the Agenda after Item 7. The Urgency Item was regarding the Prop 84 2015 Grant. Director Figueroa moved to approve the addition and Director Nila seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following voice vote:

AYES: DOR, MCDONALD, SERVIN, O'GRADY, NILA, DIXON, AREVALO, GARNER, FIGUEROA, CASH, GOMEZ, SHIN-HEYDORN, DERAS, ARELLANO, SCHICKLING, ROJAS, GRAJEDA, WEN, STOWELL, GORECKI, BEACH

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: HIERLIHY

ITEM 4 – ORAL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

None.

ITEM 5 – CONSENT CALENDAR

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

AYES: DOR, MCDONALD, SERVIN, HIERLIHY, O'GRADY, NILA, DIXON, AREVALO, GARNER, FIGUEROA, CASH, GOMEZ, SHIN-HEYDORN, DERAS, ARELLANO, SCHICKLING, ROJAS

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: GRAJEDA, WEN, STOWELL, GORECKI, BEACH

ITEM 6 – AUDIT FOR FY 2015/16

Ms. Kast reported that the opinions expressed by the auditors for FY 15/16 was that the financial statements were presented fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the GWMA as of June 30, 2016, and the respective changes in financial position for the fiscal year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. She stated that the auditors did not note deficiencies in internal controls that could cause the financial statements to be materially misstated. She also stated that

the auditor's tests did not disclose any instances of non-compliance or other matters that were required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards. Ms. Kast recommended that the Board receive and file the Annual Financial Statements for FY 15-16 as presented.

Director Grajeda motioned to receive and file the Annual Audited Financial Statements for FY 15/16 as presented. Director Servin seconded the motion and was approved by the following voice vote:

AYES: DOR, MCDONALD, SERVIN, HIERLIHY, O'GRADY, NILA, DIXON, AREVALO, GARNER, FIGUEROA, CASH, GOMEZ, SHIN-HEYDORN, DERAS, ARELLANO, SCHICKLING, ROJAS, GRAJEDA, WEN, STOWELL, GORECKI, BEACH

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ITEM 7 – DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING USBR WATERSMART GRANT

Ms. Kast reported that on February 28th, GWMA received notification from the City of Vernon that they would be withdrawing from participation in this grant due to changes occurring within their city. She stated that the City of Vernon was committed to installing 512 meters by December 2017 under this grant. She indicated that staff immediately notified the USBR and had received confirmation that the meters could be redistributed among the remaining participants in the grant.

Ms. Kast reported that staff had contacted the remaining participants to determine if there was an interest in these meters. She stated that the cities of Lakewood, Norwalk and South Gate had expressed interest and indicated that Lakewood would receive 75 meters, Norwalk would receive 219 meters and South Gate would receive 218 meters. In closing, Ms. Kast stated that since all participants had already executed a Sub-Recipient Agreement with GWMA, these Agreements would need to be amended to reflect the removal of the City of Vernon.

After general discussions, Director Nila moved to authorize the Executive Officer to work with legal counsel to develop a First Amendment to the Sub-Recipient Agreement template and to authorize the Executive Officer to sign and execute individual First Amendment to the Sub-Recipient Agreement with each Sub-Recipient. The motion was seconded by Director Garner and approved by the following voice vote:

AYES: DOR, MCDONALD, SERVIN, HIERLIHY, O'GRADY, NILA, DIXON, AREVALO, GARNER, FIGUEROA, CASH, GOMEZ, SHIN-HEYDORN, DERAS, ARELLANO, SCHICKLING, ROJAS, GRAJEDA, WEN, STOWELL, GORECKI, BEACH

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ITEM 8 – DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING PROP 84 2015 GRANT

Ms. Kast reported that on March 7th, GWMA received notification from the City of Vernon that they would be withdrawing from participating in this grant due to changes occurring within their city. She stated that the City of Vernon was committed to installing 319 meters. She indicated that staff had received confirmation that the meters could be redistributed among the remaining participants in the grant.

Ms. Kast stated that since all participants had already executed a Sub-Recipient Agreement with GWMA, these Agreements would need to be amended to reflect the removal of the City of Vernon.

After general discussions, Director Figueroa moved to authorize the Executive Officer to work with legal counsel to develop a First Amendment to the Sub-Recipient Agreement template and to authorize the Executive Officer to sign and execute individual First Amendment to the Sub-Recipient Agreement with each Sub-Recipient. The motion was seconded by Director Nila and approved by the following voice vote:

AYES: DOR, MCDONALD, SERVIN, O’GRADY, NILA, DIXON, AREVALO, GARNER, FIGUEROA, CASH, GOMEZ, SHIN-HEYDORN, DERAS, ARELLANO, SCHICKLING, ROJAS, GRAJEDA, WEN, STOWELL, GORECKI, BEACH

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: HIERLIHY

Ms. Kast reported that GWMA had retained Civiltec Engineers, Inc. to handle the project management for this grant. She stated that GWMA was to collect the fee for project management services from Sub-Recipients prior to giving Civiltech Engineers, Inc. notice to proceed. She stated that due to this recent change, staff was unable to invoice Sub-Recipients until all the Amendments were received. Ms. Kast recommended that the Board issue a Notice to Proceed to Civiltec Engineers, Inc. in an amount not to exceed the contract amount as Quarterly reports would need to be completed and submitted by Civiltec Engineers, Inc.

Director Grajeda moved to issue a Notice to Proceed to Civiltec Engineers, Inc. in the amount not to exceed the contract amount. The motion was seconded by Director O’Grady and approved by the following voice votes:

**AYES: DOR, MCDONALD, SERVIN, O'GRADY, NILA, DIXON,
GARNER, FIGUEROA, CASH, GOMEZ, SHIN-HEYDORN,
DERAS, ARELLANO, SCHICKLING, ROJAS, GRAJEDA, WEN,
STOWELL, GORECKI, BEACH**

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: AREVALO, HIERLIHY

ITEM 9 – IRWMP ACTIVITIES AND UPDATE

Ms. Kast provided an update on the IRWMP activities. She indicated that the DWR proposal for DACIP would be submitted by the end of March.

Director Mostahkami entered at 12:01 p.m.

ITEM 10 – GATEWAY REGION WATERSHED MANAGEMENT GROUPS

Mr. John Hunter, John Hunter & Associates, gave a detailed presentation on the proposed changes to the 303d list.

Lower Los Angeles River Upper Reach 2 Watershed Group

Ms. Nila provided a brief update on the Lower Los Angeles River Upper Reach 2 Watershed Group. She indicated that the SWRCB had applauded the group for their efforts.

Lower Los Angeles River Watershed Group

None.

Los Cerritos Channel Watershed Group

Director Arevalo reported that the projects were delayed due to the weather, but indicated that the project was now proceeding on schedule. He indicated that the group would be meeting next week.

Lower San Gabriel River Watershed Group

Director Figueroa reported that the group would be meeting next week and that the group was currently working on the budget for next fiscal year.


ITEM 11 – EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT

None.

ITEM 12 – DIRECTORS’ COMMENTS/REPORT

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:39 PM.



Hannah Shin-Heydorn, Secretary/Treasurer

4/13/17
Date