

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

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Gateway Water Management Authority was held on Thursday, November 9, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. at the Progress Park Plaza, 15500 Downey Avenue, Paramount, CA 90723.

Vice Chair Adriana Figueroa called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m. Roll was called by Ms. Weiss and a quorum of the Board was declared.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Okina Dor	Artesia
Bill Pagett	Bell
Chau Vu	Bell Gardens
Bernardo Iniguez (alternate)	Bellflower
Sandi Linares-Plimpton (alternate)	Central Basin MWD
Mike O'Grady (alternate)	Cerritos
Gina Nila	Commerce
Mohammad Mostahkami	Downey
Christina Dixon (alternate)	Huntington Park
Mark Stowell	La Mirada
Konya Vivanti (alternate)	Lakewood
Melissa You	Long Beach
Christopher Garner	Long Beach Water Dept.
Sam Kouri (alternate)	Montebello
Adriana Figueroa	Norwalk
Sarah Ho (alternate)	Paramount
Noe Negrete (alternate)	Santa Fe Springs
Kelli Tunnicliff	Signal Hill
Claudia Arellano (alternate)	Vernon
Dave Schickling	Whittier
Esther Rojas (alternate)	Water Replenishment District

STAFF AND GUESTS ON SIGN-IN SHEET:

Grace Kast	Executive Officer
Toni Penn	Admin/Accounting Manager
Bibi Weiss	Office Assistant
Bill Minasian	Downey Resident
Desi Alvarez	MCM Management Co.
Mark Stanley	Rivers and Mountains Conservancy
Mark Moss	Central Basin MWD

Kimberly Henry

AMEC

ITEM 3 - ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

ITEM 4 – ORAL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

None.

ITEM 5 – LOWER LA RIVER REVITALIZATION PLAN PRESENTATION (MARK STANLEY)

Ms. Kast introduced Mr. Mark Stanley from the San Gabriel Rivers and Mountains Conservancy. Mr. Stanley gave a presentation on the Lower LA River Revitalization Plan which was established in 2015, after Governor Jerry Brown signed Assembly Bill 530. This bill authorized the creation of a local “Working Group” to develop the Lower LA River Revitalization Plan.

Mr. Stanley informed the Board that the Lower LA River Revitalization Plan would identify ways to maintain the flood control features, restore natural features where possible, and create opportunities for recreation in Southeast LA County. Mr. Stanley stated that a draft would be available in December for review and that the Final Plan Completion was scheduled for February 2018.

Director You entered at 12:14 p.m.
Director Schickling entered at 12:18 p.m.
Director Garner entered at 12:21 p.m.
Director Rojas entered at 12:21 p.m.

ITEM 6 – CONSENT CALENDAR

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

AYES: DOR, PAGETT, VU, INIGUEZ, LINARES-PLIMPTON, O’GRADY, NILA, MOSTAHKAMI, DIXON, STOWELL, VIVANTI, YOU, GARNER, KOURI, FIGUEROA, HO, NEGRETE, TUNNICLIFF, ARELLANO, SCHICKLING, ROJAS

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ITEM 7 – DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING CHANGING THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING DATE TO A BI-MONTHLY SCHEDULE

Ms. Kast reported that GWMA's regular scheduled board meetings were held the second Thursday of each month at 12:00 p.m. She stated that at the last board meeting, a Board Member requested consideration to change the GWMA regularly scheduled board meetings from monthly to bi-monthly. Ms. Kast discussed the pros and cons of changing the Board Meeting to bi-monthly as well as the requirements under the Ralph M. Brown Act.

After general discussion, Director Vivanti moved that no action be taken to change the current monthly GWMA Regular Board Meeting schedule. The motion was seconded by Director Iniguez and was approved by the following voice vote:

AYES: DOR, PAGETT, VU, INIGUEZ, LINARES-PLIMPTON, O'GRADY, NILA, DIXON, STOWELL, VIVANTI, YOU, GARNER, KOURI, FIGUEROA, HO, NEGRETE, TUNNICLIFF, ARELLANO, ROJAS

NOES: SCHICKLING

ABSTAIN: MOSTAHKAMI

ITEM 8 – DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF GWMA'S UPDATED ON-CALL CONSULTANT SERVICES LIST

Ms. Kast reported that on July 17, 2017, GWMA issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to update GWMA's On-Call List of Consultants. She stated that GWMA received six (6) Statements of Qualifications from the following firms: 1) Atkins Global; 2) GEI Consultants, Inc.; 3) Geosyntec Consultants; 4) RRM Design Group; 5) Simplus Management; and 6) Tetra Tech.

Ms. Kast indicated that five (5) consultants currently on GWMA's On-Call Consultants List, were not requested to resubmit an SOQ. She stated that this was because there were no team member changes or other factors which warranted a new SOQ. She reported that these 5 consultants were: 1) Stetson Engineers, Inc.; 2) Civiltec Engineering; 3) CWE; 4) John L. Hunter & Associates; and 5) Richard Watson & Associates, Inc.

Ms. Kast reported that at the October 12, 2017 GWMA Board Meeting, she presented to the Board, the top four (4) firms that had been selected by an Ad Hoc Committee, consisting of Directors Stowell, Grajeda and Vu. She stated that the top four (4) firms selected were: 1) Tetra Tech; 2) Geosyntec Consultants; 3) GEI Consultants; and 4) Atkins Global.

After general discussions, Director Nila moved to 1) approve GWMA's updated On-Call Consultant Services List as presented, 2) approve On-Call Consultant Professional Services Agreements with Tetra Tech, Geosyntec Consultants, GEI Consultants, and Atkins Global, and 3) authorize the Chair to execute the On-Call Professional Services Agreements in a form approved by Legal Counsel. The motion was seconded by Director Stowell and approved by the following voice vote:

AYES: DOR, PAGETT, VU, INIGUEZ, LINARES-PLIMPTON, O'GRADY, NILA, MOSTAHKAMI, DIXON, STOWELL, VIVANTI, YOU, GARNER, KOURI, FIGUEROA, HO, NEGRETE, TUNNICLIFF, ARELLANO, SCHICKLING, ROJAS

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Director Mostahkami left at 12:51 p.m.

ITEM 9 –DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR CATCH BASIN CLEANING

Ms. Kast reported that at the October 12, 2017 GWMA Board Meeting, GWMA had received three (3) Notice Inviting Sealed Bids for Catch Basin Cleaning. She stated that the 3 sealed bids were from 1) Ron's Maintenance, Inc; 2) United Storm Water, Inc.; and 3) Nationwide Environmental Services.

Ms. Kast reported that a protest letter was received from United Stormwater, Inc. regarding the types of licenses to conduct the work. Ms. Kast then informed the Board, that after review by staff, legal counsel and engineers, it was recommended that all 3 bids be rejected in order to conduct the entire process again. Ms. Kast also stated that it was further recommended that the process for these services be conducted as a Request for Proposal (RFP) rather than a Notice Inviting Bids, since the work performed would be for cleaning services only.

Ms. Kast then reported on the process of the RFP and that three (3) Proposals were received. She stated that they were from the following: 1) Ron's Maintenance, Inc.; 2) United Storm Water, Inc.; and 3) Nationwide Environmental Services.

Ms. Kast reported that after careful review, 3 of the 3 proposals were deemed to be responsive to GWMA's requirements and that it was GWMA's staff recommendation to receive and file the Proposals and distribute the entire Request for Proposals package, along with Willdan Engineering's Proposal Analysis to assist cities with their selection. She concluded by stating that GWMA would not be making a recommendation to Gateway Region Cities regarding the Proposals.

Director Vivanti moved to receive and file all three Proposals and direct staff to distribute the complete Request for Proposal Package to each of the Gateway Region Cities with no proposal recommendation. The motion was seconded by Director Negrete and was approved by the following voice vote:

AYES: DOR, PAGETT, VU, INIGUEZ, LINARES-PLIMPTON, O'GRADY, NILA, DIXON, STOWELL, VIVANTI, YOU, GARNER, KOURI, FIGUEROA, HO, NEGRETE, TUNNICLIFF, ARELLANO, SCHICKLING, ROJAS

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ITEM 10 –GATEWAY REGION WATERSHED MANAGEMENT GROUPS ORAL UPDATES

Lower Los Angeles River Upper Reach 2 Watershed Group

Director Nila reported that the Agreement with the SWRCB for Prop 1 was currently being finalized and she indicated that a conference call with the SWRCB was scheduled for next week.

Lower Los Angeles River Watershed Group

Director Vivanti reported that a special meeting would be held on November 27th to finalize the annual reports that are due to the Regional Board.

Los Cerritos Channel Watershed Group

Director Vivanti reported that they were currently also working on their annual report. She also stated that they may not get their station on time, due to monitoring issues with the County.

Lower San Gabriel River Watershed Group

Director Figueroa reported that they were working on completing their annual report. She also stated that they too were having monitoring issues with the County and they had a conference call with the County scheduled for November 15, 2017.

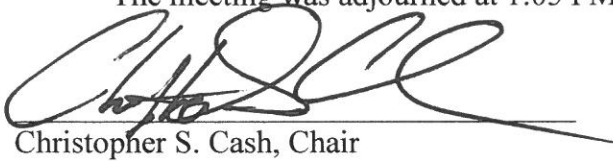
ITEM 11 – EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT

None.

ITEM 12 – DIRECTORS’ COMMENTS/REPORT

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 PM.



Christopher S. Cash, Chair

1-11-2018
Date