

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6A

**MINUTES OF THE GATEWAY WATER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
LOS ANGELES GATEWAY REGION
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
BOARD
AT PARAMOUNT, CALIFORNIA
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2017**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Gateway Water Management Authority was held on Thursday, September 14, 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 12:11 p.m. Roll was called by Ms. Penn and a quorum of the Board was declared.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Audra McDonald (alternate)	Avalon
Chau Vu	Bell Gardens
Len Gorecki	Bellflower
Tammy Hierlihy	Central Basin MWD
Mike O'Grady (alternate)	Cerritos
Gina Nila	Commerce
Christina Dixon (alternate)	Huntington Park
Mark Stowell	La Mirada
Jason Wen (alternate)	Lakewood
Christopher Garner	Long Beach Water Dept.
Lorry Hempe (alternate)	Lynwood
Sam Kouri (alternate)	Montebello
Julian Lee (alternate)	Norwalk
Christopher Cash	Paramount
Robert Delgadillo (alternate)	Pico Rivera
Mark Grajeda	Pico Water District
Frank Beach (alternate)	Santa Fe Springs
Gladis Deras (alternate)	South Gate
Claudia Arellano (alternate)	Vernon
Dave Schickling	Whittier

STAFF AND GUESTS ON SIGN-IN SHEET:

Grace Kast	Executive Officer
Toni Penn	Admin/Accounting Manager
Steve Dorsey	Legal Counsel
Renee Graves	CliftonLarsonAllen LLP
Flor Hotchkiss	CliftonLarsonAllen LLP
Bill Minasian	Downey Resident
Fred Cardenas	City of Vernon
Gerry Greene	CWE

Brandon Goshi	MWD
Robert Delgadillo	City of Pico Rivera
Grissel Chavez	City of Signal Hill
Kelli Tunnicliff	City of Signal Hill
Desi Alvarez	MCM Management Co.

ITEM 3 - ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

ITEM 4 – ORAL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

None.

ITEM 5 – ORAL PRESENTATION – CALIFORNIA WATERFIX

Mr. Brandon Goshi, MWD, gave a detailed presentation on the California Water Fix. He outlined: how regulations affected the current program operations, how the California Water Fix would improve reliability under future regulations, how the overall program would provide enhanced operational flexibility, the total average deliver capability with and without the California. Water Fix, and the cost and cost impacts of the California Water Fix and how it compared to alternatives.

ITEM 6 – CONSENT CALENDAR

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

**AYES: VU, GORECKI, HIERLIHY, O’GRADY, NILA, DIXON,
STOWELL, WEN, GARNER, HEMPE, KOURI, LEE, CASH,
DELGADILLO, GRAJEDA, BEACH, ARELLANO, SCHICKLING**

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: MCDONALD, DERAS

ITEM 7 – DISCUSSION GWMA’S DRAFT RESERVE POLICY

Ms. Kast introduced representatives from GWMA’s Accounting Consultants, Ms. Renee Graves and Ms. Flor Hotchkiss, from CliftonLarsonAllen LLP (formally known as Vicenti, Lloyd & Stutzman, CPAs). She indicated that staff and GWMA’s Accounting Consultants have worked together to develop a Reserve Policy regarding operating reserves and ending fund

balance for Board approval. She stated that this Reserve Policy was being presented today to request input and to answer questions from the Board before it was brought back to the Board in October for action.

Ms. Graves and Ms. Hotchkiss then proceeded to review the draft Reserve Policy. They indicated that this Reserve Policy was intended to ensure that GWMA had sufficient funds to meet current and future financial needs. Ms. Graves reported that this policy was developed in accordance with the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and identified five specific classifications of fund balance. Ms. Hotchkiss then proceeded to outline each of these classifications and stated that GWMA would collect, maintain and segregate its Fund Balance into these five classifications. She stated that it was recommended that the Operating Reserve be funded based on six (6) months of the annual operating budget.

In closing, Ms. Graves reported that the Reserve balances would be reviewed by GWMA staff and its' Accounting Consultants throughout the year and also during the preparation, annual review and approval of the annual Budget.

ITEM 8 – INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT AND DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM ORAL UPDATE

Ms. Kast provided a brief update on current activities of the Integrated Regional Water Management and Disadvantaged Community Involvement Program.

ITEM 9 – GATEWAY REGION WATERSHED MANAGEMENT GROUPS ORAL UPDATES

Lower Los Angeles River Upper Reach 2 Watershed Group

Director Nila reported that they had received the Draft Grant Agreement for the Storm Water Construction/Implementation John Anson Ford Park Infiltration Cistern: Phase 1 and it was currently under review.

Lower Los Angeles River Watershed Group

None.

Los Cerritos Channel Watershed Group

None.

Lower San Gabriel River Watershed Group

None.

ITEM 12 – EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT

Ms. Kast provided an update on the status of the Board Member appointments. She indicated that new appointments would be for a two-year term beginning October 1, 2017 and ending on September 30, 2019. She indicated that staff was still awaiting a response from the City of Cudahy.

Ms. Kast provided an update on the annual Membership Dues for FY2017/18. She indicated that staff was still awaiting payment from the cities of Bell, Hawaiian Gardens, and the Long Beach Water Department.


Ms. Kast provided an update on the Release of Notice Inviting Bids (NIB) for Catch Basin Cleaning. She indicated that the NIB was posted on GWMA’s website and uploaded to Dodge Data & Analytics for publishing. She indicated that the deadline to receive questions was on September 12th and that the deadline to receive bids was set for September 21st at noon, where they will be publicly opened at GWMA headquarters.

Ms. Kast provided an update on the status of the On-Call Consultants for GWMA. She indicated that the deadline to receive Statements of Qualifications was on August 21st at noon. She stated that staff was currently scheduling an Ad Hoc Committee conference call to review the Statement of Qualifications received and their recommendations will be brought before the Board at its October Board meeting for consideration.

ITEM 13 – DIRECTORS’ COMMENTS/REPORT

Director Arellano introduced Mr. Daniel Wall who was recently appointed by the City of Vernon to serve as its alternate board member on the GWMA board.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:17 PM.



Christopher S. Cash, Chair

10/12/17

Date