

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, AUGUST 9, 2018**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Gateway Water Management Authority was held on Thursday, August 9, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. at the Progress Park Plaza, 15500 Downey Avenue, Paramount, CA.

Chair Lisa Rapp called the meeting to order at 12:18 p.m. Roll was called by Ms. Kast and a quorum of the Board was declared.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Okina Dor	Artesia
Jordan Monroe	Avalon
Nestor Valencia	Bell
Robert Linton (alternate)	Bell
Chau Vu	Bell Gardens
Len Gorecki	Bellflower
Mike O'Grady (alternate)	Cerritos
Gina Nila	Commerce
Dan Mueller (alternate)	Downey
Christina Dixon (alternate)	Huntington Park
Marlin Munoz (alternate)	La Mirada
Lisa Rapp	Lakewood
Melissa You	Long Beach
Christopher Garner	Long Beach Water Dept.
Julian Lee (alternate)	Norwalk
Sarah Ho (alternate)	Paramount
Robert Delgadillo	Pico Rivera
Noe Negrete (alternate)	Santa Fe Springs
Kelli Tunnicliff	Signal Hill
Gladis Deras (alternate)	South Gate
Claudia Arellano (alternate)	Vernon
Esther Rojas (alternate)	Water Replenishment District

**STAFF AND GUESTS ON SIGN-IN SHEET:**

Grace Kast	Executive Officer
Bill Minasian	Downey Resident
Nick Ghirelli	RWG
Virginia Fowler	LACFCD
Kekoa Anderson	Koa Consulting
Traci Gleason	Koa Consulting

**ITEM 3 - ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None.

**ITEM 4 - ORAL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD**

None.

**ITEM 5 - CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

**AYES: DOR, MONROE, VU, GORECKI, O'GRADY, NILA, MUNOZ, RAPP, YOU, GARNER, LEE, HO, DELGADILLO, NEGRETE, TUNNICLIFF, DERAS, ARELLANO, ROJAS**

**NOES: NONE**

**ABSTAIN: MINUTES ONLY – DELGADILLO, VU, YOU, NEGRETE, DOR, TUNNICLIFF**

**ITEM 6 - RESOLUTION 2018-3-A RESOLUTION COMMENDING TONI PENN**

Director Garner motioned to approve the resolution to commend Ms. Toni Penn, who was instrumental in supporting the administrative and accounting duties of GWMA. The motion was seconded by Director Deras and was approved by the following voice vote:

**AYES: DOR, MONROE, VU, GORECKI, O'GRADY, NILA, MUNOZ, RAPP, YOU, GARNER, LEE, HO, DELGADILLO, NEGRETE, TUNNICLIFF, DERAS, ARELLANO, ROJAS**

**NOES: NONE**

**ABSTAIN: NONE**

**ITEM 7 - STATUS REPORT UPDATE ON GWMA FUNDING STRATEGY AND GRANTS PROGRAM**

Mr. Kekoa Anderson, Koa Consulting, provided the Board with an oral report on GWMA Funding Strategy and Grants Program ("Program"). The team is working to get ready for upcoming funding strategies. As directed by the Board at the July 12<sup>th</sup> regular board meeting, up to five projects are to be identified for the Greater LA Prop 1 IRWMP, which is coming out at the end of the year. At the same time, the group is looking at combining projects for Rivers and



Mountains Conservancy (RMC) Lower LA River grant, which is expected to be released within the next few weeks. The funding strategy presented in the past was putting together the funding programs from Measure R and water resource related grants. In summary, the Gateway Cities is divided into two corridors: 710/LA River corridor and the 605/San Gabriel River corridor. The corridors are split into three focus areas: North, Central and South. Fact sheets are being developed and information from the feasibility studies are being pulled together to get ready for the grant. The team will continue to work with the database.

The next steps will be to plan and organize projects along the LA River for the RMC grant as soon as the Lower LA River Grant Guidelines are released. Outreach with Mark Stanley and staff will be important before submission of the grant applications to discuss strategy and consolidation of the projects.

Director Linton entered at 12:25 p.m.

**ITEM 8 - DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING GWMA'S GENERAL AND SINGLE  
AUDIT FOR FY2017/2018**

Ms. Kast reported the FY2017/2018 audit is scheduled for November this year. Total cost is higher than budgeted, largely due to the single audit that hasn't been done before. The total fee for the general and single audit is \$17,842.00, which is \$4,842.00 more than budgeted. There are funds in general reserves to cover the additional cost. It is recommended by GWMA's outside consulting accountants to continue for a 2<sup>nd</sup> year with this auditing firm.

Director Nila motioned to retain Fedak & Brown LLP to conduct GWMA's FY2017/2018 audit and single audit in the amount not to exceed \$17,842; approve the transfer of \$4,842.00 from the GWMA's general reserve to the audit budget line; and to authorize the Executive Officer to sign the Commitment Letter with Fedak & Brown LLP on behalf of the GWMA. The motion was seconded by Director Rojas and was approved by the following voice vote:

**AYES: DOR, MONROE, LINTON, VU, GORECKI, O'GRADY, NILA,  
MUNOZ, RAPP, YOU, GARNER, LEE, HO, DELGADILLO,  
NEGRETE, TUNNICLIFF, DERAS, ARELLANO, ROJAS**

**NOES: NONE**

**ABSTAIN: NONE**

**ITEM 9 - GATEWAY REGION WATERSHED MANAGEMENT GROUPS ORAL REPORTS**

Lower Los Angeles River Upper Reach 2 Watershed Group

Director Nila reported that proposals for the design of the Ford Park project, of which GWMA was the Grant Awardee, were received and are being reviewed with interviews to follow. Once a recommendation is made, the design proposal will be awarded through the City of Bell Gardens.

Lower Los Angeles River Watershed Group

Director Deras reported that the next meeting of the Watershed Group will be held in two weeks.

Los Cerritos Channel Watershed Group

Director Ho reported they are moving forward with their annual report.

Director Rapp reported on a couple of major projects with the Boulevard Park project being essentially done. There have been operational challenges with the treatment equipment, but resolution is anticipated within a couple of weeks. The Mayfair Park Project is in construction with massive excavation for the reservoir and modification to the channel.

Lower San Gabriel River Watershed Group

Director O'Grady reported they are also moving forward with their annual report. He also reported that the Dry Weather Diversion Feasibility Study for El Dorado Park was approved.

**ITEM 10 - EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S ORAL REPORT**

None.

**ITEM 11 - DIRECTORS' ORAL COMMENTS/REPORT**

None.

Director Valencia entered at 12:40 p.m.

**ITEM 12 - CLOSED SESSION – PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT/ EMPLOYMENT GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957 TITLE: EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

Director Mueller and Director Dixon entered.

**ITEM 13 - RESUME REGULAR MEETING AND PROVIDE CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

No reportable action.

**ITEM 14 - DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING KOA CONSULTING AGREEMENT**

Director Negrete motioned: 1) to approve the Professional Services Agreement with Koa Consulting for GWMA Program Management in amounts not to exceed \$279,657.00 for Executive Officer services and \$68,750 for COG Coordination Services, retroactive to August 1, 2018 for a term of 11 months; 2) to authorize the Chair to execute the proposed Professional Services Agreement with Koa Consulting; and 3) to direct the chair to provide a notice of termination of the existing contract with GK Consulting as of July 31, 2018 and direct GK Consulting to provide no further services for the GWMA as of that date. The motion was seconded by Director Gorecki and was approved by the following voice vote:

**AYES: DOR, MONROE, VALENCIA, LINTON, VU, GORECKI, O'GRADY, NILA, MUELLER, DIXON, MUNOZ, RAPP, YOU, GARNER, LEE, HO, DELGADILLO, NEGRETE, TUNNICLIFF, DERAS, ARELLANO, ROJAS**

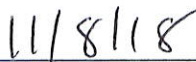
**NOES: NONE**

**ABSTAIN: NONE**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

The next Board Meeting of the Directors of the Gateway Water Management Authority will be on Thursday, September 13, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. at the Progress Park Plaza, 15500 Downey Avenue, Paramount, CA.

  
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Kelli Tunnicliff, Secretary/Treasurer

  
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Date