

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 12, 2018**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Gateway Water Management Authority was held on Monday, July 12, 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 12:13 p.m. Roll was called by Ms. Penn and a quorum of the Board was declared.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jordan Monroe	Avalon
Robert Linton (alternate)	Bell
Len Gorecki	Bell Gardens
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
Christopher Garner	Long Beach Water Dept.
Adriana Figueroa	Norwalk
Sarah Ho (alternate)	Paramount
Hannah Shin-Heydorn (alternate)	Signal Hill
Gladis Deras (alternate)	South Gate
Claudia Arellano (alternate)	Vernon
Phuong Nguyen (alternate)	Whittier
Ester Rojas (alternate)	Water Replenishment District

STAFF AND GUESTS ON SIGN-IN SHEET:

Grace Kast	Executive Officer
Toni Penn	Admin/Accounting Manager
Bill Minasian	Downey Resident
Kekoa Anderson	Koa Consulting
Virginia Fowler	LA County Flood Control District
Traci Gleason	Koa Consulting
Andrew Thomas	WRD
Councilman Oley Olsen	Avalon
Melanie Winter	The River Project

Johnathan Perisho
Charlie Honeycutt
Desi Alvarez
Jane Tsong

The River Project
Signal Hill
MCM Management Co.
WCA

ITEM 3- ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

ITEM 4 – ORAL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

None.

Director Garner entered at 12:16 p.m.
Director Nguyen entered at 12:24 p.m.
Director Figueroa entered at 12:25 p.m.

ITEM 5 – PRESENTATION: THE RIVER PROJECT

Ms. Melanie Winter and Mr. Johnathan Perisho from The Water Project gave a presentation on the Nature-Based Distributed Projects. They discussed the project and its multiple benefits.

ITEM 6 – CONSENT CALENDAR

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

**AYES: MONROE, LINTON, GORECKI, O’GRADY, NILA, MUELLER,
DIXON, MUNOZ, RAPP, GARNER, FIGUEROA, HO, SHIN-
HEYDORN, DERAS, ARELLANO, NGUYEN**

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: MINUTES ONLY: ROJAS

Director Gorecki left at 1:14 p.m.

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

Mr. Kekoa Anderson, Koa Consulting, provided the Board with a status update on GWMA Funding Strategy and Grants Program (“Program”). He stated that he was currently

developing the draft GWMA Funding Strategy & Grants program while at the same time beginning to identify candidate projects and priorities for the current grants that were now active. He stated that as the information became more defined over the next few months, he would be seeking direction from the GWMA on how the Board wanted to fund the cost of grant applications. He stated that it was likely GWMA, on behalf of watershed groups or other regional project groups, could be applying for several grants over the 2019 fiscal year.

Director Nila moved to: 1) authorize staff to identify up to 5 projects for inclusion in the Greater LA Prop 1 IRWM Implementation Grant cycle for GWMA Board review, approval, and consideration to fund grant application costs through engagement with the County of LA for the preparation and submittals of the Prop 1 IRWM Implementation Grant Application; and 2) upon final direction from the LA River Upper Reach 2 Group, authorized staff to develop a draft agreement for GWMA to act as the Grant Applicant for the following project: Cities of Bell Gardens and Cudahy for the Asmus, Shull Park and River Road Park water quality and urban greening improvement at the LA River. The motion was seconded by Director Deras and was approved by the following voice vote:

**AYES: MONROE, LINTON, O'GRADY, NILA, MUELLER, DIXON,
MUNOZ, RAPP, GARNER, FIGUEROA, HO, SHIN-HEYDORN,
DERAS, ARELLANO, NGUYEN, ROJAS**

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ITEM 8 – APPROVE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ANCHOR QEA, LLC FOR THE HARBOR TOXIC DOWNSTREAM GROUP

Ms. Kast reported that in March, GWMA issued a Request for Proposal for the Harbor Toxic regional and monitoring reporting for the Harbor Toxic Downstream Group. She stated that the deadline to submit a proposal was on April 9th and that GWMA received three proposals. She indicated that, after careful review of the proposals received, the Harbor Toxic Downstream group had elected to continue with Anchor QEA, LLC. She stated that the Harbor Toxic Downstream Group had requested that GWMA amend the Professional Services Agreement between GWMA and Anchor QEA, LLC to further extend the Agreements expiration date from December 31, 2019 to December 31, 2024, increase the Consultant's compensation to an amount not to exceed \$3,768,533 to cover the extended expiration date, incorporate Consultant's proposed rate sheet into the Agreement and to amend the Services set forth in Exhibit A of the Agreement. The motion was seconded by Director Figueroa and was approved by the following voice vote:

**AYES: MONROE, LINTON, O'GRADY, NILA, MUELLER, DIXON,
MUNOZ, RAPP, GARNER, FIGUEROA, HO, SHIN-HEYDORN,
DERAS, ARELLANO, ROJAS**

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NGUYEN

Directors Ho and Rojas left at 1:20 p.m.

ITEM 12 – GATEWAY REGION WATERSHED MANAGEMENT GROUPS ORAL REPORT

Lower Los Angeles River Upper Reach 2 Watershed Group

Director Nila reported that a Request for Proposal had been released for the design of the Ford Park project of which GWMA was the Grant Awardee.

Lower Los Angeles River Watershed Group

Director Deras reported that the next meeting of the Watershed Group would be held on July 23rd.

Los Cerritos Channel Watershed Group

None.

Lower San Gabriel River Watershed Group

None.

ITEM 13 – EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S ORAL REPORT

None.

ITEM 14 – DIRECTORS' ORAL COMMENTS/REPORT

Director Monroe introduced City of Avalon's Councilman Oley Olsen who was attending today's meeting to get a better understanding of GWMA's activities.

Director Deras invited the GWMA and public to attend the first SELA Arts Festival at the LA River on July 21, 2018 from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. in the LA River Channel.

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The meeting was adjourned at 1:22 p.m.

Lisa Ann Rapp
Lisa Ann Rapp, Chair

8/9/18
Date