

**MINUTES OF THE GATEWAY WATER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
LOS ANGELES GATEWAY REGION
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
BOARD
AT PARAMOUNT, CALIFORNIA
THURSDAY, JUNE 14, 2018**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Gateway Water Management Authority was held on Monday, June 14, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. at the Progress Park Plaza, 15500 Downey Avenue, Paramount, CA.

Vice Chair Adriana Figueroa called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m. Roll was called by Ms. Penn and a quorum of the Board was declared.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Okina Dor	Artesia
Jordan Monroe	Avalon
Robert Linton (alternate)	Bell
Veronica Sanchez (alternate)	Bell Gardens
Joseph Legaspi (alternate)	Central Basin MWD
Gina Nila	Commerce
Dan Mueller (alternate)	Downey
Christina Dixon (alternate)	Huntington Park
Mark Stowell	La Mirada
Lisa Rapp	Lakewood
Melissa You	Long Beach
Christopher Garner	Long Beach Water Dept.
Cecilia Amaya (alternate)	Montebello
Adriana Figueroa	Norwalk
Sarah Ho (alternate)	Paramount
Kenner Guerrero (alternate)	Pico Rivera
Mark Grajeda	Pico Rivera Water District
Kelli Tunnicliff	Signal Hill
Gladis Deras (alternate)	South Gate
Claudia Arellano (alternate)	Vernon
Phuong Nguyen (alternate)	Whittier

STAFF AND GUESTS ON SIGN-IN SHEET:

Grace Kast	Executive Officer
Toni Penn	Admin/Accounting Manager
Bill Minasian	Downey Resident
Kekoa Anderson	Koa Consulting
Russ Bryden	LA County Flood Control District

ITEM 3- ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

ITEM 4 – ORAL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

None.

ITEM 5 – ELECTION/APPOINTMENTS

Ms. Kast reported that, with the resignation of Chris Cash on June 1, 2018, the position of Chair of the GWMA was now vacant. She stated that staff was requesting that the Chair also be appointed to serve as the Chair of the Lower San Gabriel/Lower Los Angeles IRWM Sub-region Steering Committee which also votes on the Greater LA IRWM Leadership Committee. She stated that she has been serving as the alternate for the Chair.

Director Nila nominated Director Rapp as Chair of the GWMA. The motion was seconded by Director Tunnichliff and was approved by the following voice vote:

AYES: DOR, MONROE, LINTON, SANCHEZ, LEGASPI, NILA, MUELLER, DIXON, STOWELL, RAPP, YOU, GARNER, AMAYA, FIGUEROA, HO, GUERRERO, GRAJEDA, TUNNICLIFF, DERAS, ARELLANO, NGUYEN

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Director Rapp nominated Direct Figueroa as Vice Chair of the GWMA. The motion was seconded by Director Grajeda and was approved by the following voice vote:

AYES: DOR, MONROE, LINTON, SANCHEZ, LEGASPI, NILA, MUELLER, DIXON, STOWELL, RAPP, YOU, GARNER, AMAYA, FIGUEROA, HO, GUERRERO, GRAJEDA, TUNNICLIFF, DERAS, ARELLANO, NGUYEN

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Director Rapp nominated Director Tunnicliff as Secretary/Treasurer of the GWMA. The motion was seconded by Director Stowell and was approved by the following voice vote:

AYES: DOR, MONROE, LINTON, SANCHEZ, LEGASPI, NILA, MUELLER, DIXON, STOWELL, RAPP, YOU, GARNER, AMAYA, FIGUEROA, HO, GUERRERO, GRAJEDA, TUNNICLIFF, DERAS, ARELLANO, NGUYEN

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

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: DOR, MONROE, LINTON, NILA, MUELLER, DIXON, STOWELL, RAPP, YOU, GARNER, FIGUEROA, TUNNICLIFF, DERAS

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: MINUTES ONLY: GRAJEDA, LEGASPI, NGUYEN, HO, ARELLANO, GUERRERO, AMAYA, SANCHEZ

ITEM 7 – PRESENTATION: SAFE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM – LA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT

Mr. Russ Bryden gave a presentation of Los Angeles County Flood Control District's Safe Clean Water Program. He reviewed the program in detail and indicated that the intent of this Program was to improve public health. He stated that by reducing pollution in streams, rivers, lakes, and oceans, eliminating wasting of stormwater that would otherwise flow to the ocean, and investing in the communities through public education and school curriculum the County believes it leads to behavioral changes toward stormwater, creates green infrastructures job training, and puts needed emphasis on underserved communities. He also discussed programs pertaining to municipalities, districts and regional objectives along with the funding process. In closing Mr. Bryden indicated that there will be a Board of Supervisors Public Hearing on July 10th.

ITEM 8 – GWMA MEMBERSHIP REDUCED DUES FOR FY2018/19 (ARTESIA, BELL, CUDAHY & MAYWOOD)

Ms. Kast reported that in July 2017, the Board adopted a Membership Dues Policy that outlined the eligibility requirements for JPA Member reduced dues. Ms. Kast stated that GWMA currently had 4 memberships with reduced dues, which were as follows: Artesia (\$5,500); Bell (\$7,500); Cudahy (\$5,500); and Maywood (\$4,500). She indicated that GWMA received a total of 4 reduced dues applications from the cities of Artesia, Bell, Cudahy and Maywood for FY 2018/19. She stated that Artesia’s audited financial for 2016 were not yet finalized and noted that, had they been finalized, Artesia would not have qualified for reduced dues.

Director Dor discussed the reasons why Artesia would not qualify for reduced dues and requested that the Board revisit GWMA’s Reduced Dues Policy.

Director Figueroa moved to approve reduced dues for FY2018/19 for the cities of Artesia, Bell, Cudahy, and Maywood. The motion was seconded by Director Deras and was approved by the following voice vote:

AYES: DOR, MONROE, LINTON, SANCHEZ, LEGASPI, NILA, MUELLER, DIXON, STOWELL, RAPP, YOU, GARNER, AMAYA, FIGUEROA, HO, GUERRERO, GRAJEDA, TUNNICLIFF, DERAS, ARELLANO, NGUYEN

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ITEM 9 – GWMA FY 2018/19 OPERATING BUDGET

Ms. Kast presented the GWMA proposed budget for FY 2018/19, which reflected actual costs and projections through the end of the fiscal year. She stated that staff anticipated an ending fund balance of \$496,922 for FY 2017/18 (including watershed group reserves). She stated that the administrative budget did not include MOU project costs or grant project costs, but it did reflect the administrative and legal costs associated with the MOUs.

Director Nila moved to approve GWMA’s FY2018/19 operating budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Dor and was approved by the following voice votes:

AYES: DOR, MONROE, LINTON, SANCHEZ, LEGASPI, NILA, MUELLER, DIXON, STOWELL, RAPP, YOU, GARNER, AMAYA, FIGUEROA, HO, GUERRERO, GRAJEDA, TUNNICLIFF, DERAS, ARELLANO, NGUYEN

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Directors Figueroa and Garner left at 1:24 p.m.

ITEM 10 – STATUS REPORT UPDATE ON GWMA FUNDING STRATEGY & GRANT PROGRAM

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

Director Nila moved to authorize staff to solicit proposals from GWMA’s On-Call Consulting list as needed. The motion was seconded by Director Arellano and was approved by the following voice votes:

AYES: DOR, MONROE, LINTON, SANCHEZ, LEGASPI, NILA, MUELLER, DIXON, STOWELL, RAPP, YOU, AMAYA, HO, GUERRERO, GRAJEDA, TUNNICLIFF, DERAS, ARELLANO, NGUYEN

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ITEM 11 – APPROVE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ANCHOR QEA, LLC FOR THE HARBOR TOXIC DOWNSTREAM GROUP

Ms. Kast reported that in July 2014, GWMA entered into a Professional Services Agreement with Anchor QEA, LLC as recommended by the Harbor Toxics Downstream Group to develop a coordinated compliance monitoring and reporting plan, implement and conduct the monitoring set forth in the CCMRP and perform other professional services. She indicated that this Agreement was set to expire on September 30, 2019. She indicated that the Harbor Toxics Downstream Group had requested that GWMA amend the Agreement to extend the terms of the Agreement for an additional three months to December 31, 2019 in order to coincide with the annual reporting period.

Director Nila moved to approve the First Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement between GWMA and Anchor QEA, LLC for the Harbor Toxic Downstream Group as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Dor and approved by the following voice votes:

AYES: DOR, MONROE, LINTON, SANCHEZ, LEGASPI, NILA,
MUELLER, DIXON, STOWELL, RAPP, YOU, AMAYA, HO,
GUERRERO, GRAJEDA, TUNNICLIFF, DERAS, ARELLANO,
NGUYEN

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

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

None.

Los Cerritos Channel Watershed Group

Director Rapp reported that one project was completed and that another project had begun.

Lower San Gabriel River Watershed Group

None.

ITEM 13 – EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S ORAL REPORT

None.

ITEM 14 – DIRECTORS’ ORAL COMMENTS/REPORT

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.



Kelli Turnicliff, Secretary/Treasurer

7-12-18

Date