

**MINUTES OF THE GATEWAY WATER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
LOS ANGELES GATEWAY REGION
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
BOARD
AT PARAMOUNT, CALIFORNIA
THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2018**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Gateway Water Management Authority was held on Thursday, March 8, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. at the Progress Park Plaza, 15500 Downey Avenue, Paramount, CA 90723.

Chair Chris Cash called the meeting to order at 12:09 p.m. Roll was called by Ms. Weiss and a quorum of the Board was declared.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Okina Dor	Artesia
Jordan Monroe	Avalon
Bill Pagett	Bell
Chau Vu	Bell Gardens
Len Gorecki	Bellflower
Sandi Linares-Plimpton (alternate)	Central Basin MWD
Gina Nila	Commerce
Mohammad Mostahkami	Downey
Ernie Hernandez	Hawaiian Gardens
Christina Dixon (alternate)	Huntington Park
Lisa Rapp	Lakewood
Melissa You	Long Beach
Christopher Garner	Long Beach Water Dept.
Adriana Figueroa	Norwalk
Christopher Cash	Paramount
Robert Delgadillo (alternate)	Pico Rivera
Frank Beach	Santa Fe Springs
Kelli Tunncliff	Signal Hill
Gladis Deras (alternate)	South Gate
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	Administrative Asst/Grants Coordinator
Nick Ghirelli	Legal Counsel
Bill Minasian	Downey Resident
Emilio Murga	City of Hawaiian Gardens

Phuong Nguyen
Kekoa Anderson
Cecilia Amaya
Alexa Washburn

City of Whittier
Gateway Cities COG
City of Montebello
National Core/Gateway COG

Director Cash indicated that due to a number of Board members needing to attend another meeting, Agenda Item No. 14 – Closed Session will be moved to Agenda Item No. 3.

Director Hernandez entered at 12:15 p.m.
Director Monroe entered at 12:26 p.m.

ITEM 3 – CLOSED SESSION – PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

No reportable action.

ITEM 4- ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

ITEM 5 – ORAL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

None.

Director Pagett entered at 12:40 p.m.
Director Figueroa entered at 12:50 p.m.
Director You left at 12:50 p.m.

**ITEM 6 – PRESENTATION: GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
CLIMATE ACTION PLANNING FRAMEWORK**

Ms. Kast introduced Alexa Washburn from National Core and also serves as a consultant for the Gateway Cities Council of Government (COG).

Ms. Washburn spoke to the Board and provided a power point presentation regarding the Gateway Cities Climate Action Plan (CAP) Framework. She reported that the Gateway Cities Council of Governments (COG) received grant funds to prepare a regional Climate Action Planning Framework that could be used by local jurisdictions to develop a voluntary CAP for reducing greenhouse gas emissions in their communities. Ms. Washburn stated that the intention of the CAP Framework was to help individual communities in advancing their goals for

economic development, public health, air quality, climate resiliency, equity, and job creation while planning for the impacts of climate change.

Ms. Washburn reported that they were on an 18-month schedule. She stated that the CAP Framework had already held two workshops and indicated that 18 jurisdictions attended the last workshop in February. She reported that the third workshop, would be held on May 15th, 2018, at the Gateway Cities Council of Governments Office in Paramount.

ITEM 7 – CONSENT CALENDAR

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

AYES: DOR, MONROE, PAGETT, VU, GORECKI, LINARES-PLIMPTON, NILA, MOSTAHKAMI, HERNANDEZ, DIXON, RAPP, GARNER, FIGUEROA, CASH, DELGADILLO, BEACH, TUNNICLIFF, ARELLANO, SCHICKLING, ROJAS

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: DERAS

ITEM 8 – GWMA GENERAL COUNSEL TRANSITION AND AMENDMENT TO LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

Ms. Kast reported that on February 28, 2018, Mr. Dorsey informed the GWMA Chair of his intention to retire as GWMA’s general counsel and have Mr. Nicholas Ghirelli take over his duties. She indicated that Mr. Ghirelli was a senior attorney and has a breadth of knowledge in relation to public agency laws, including but not limited to the Brown Act, the Public Records Act, the Conflict of Interest law with an added specialty practice involving NPDES permitting and stormwater program compliance and implementation. She stated that, although Mr. Dorsey would be retiring as GWMA’s general counsel, he and Ms. Candice Lee would still be available to assist Mr. Ghirelli and GWMA as needed during this transition. She indicated that an amendment to the existing legal services agreement was required to specifically change the designated general counsel.

Director Rojas moved to approve Mr. Dorsey’s letter regarding GWMA General Counsel Transition and Amendment to Legal Services Agreement, appointing Mr. Nicholas Ghirelli as General Counsel to the GWMA as presented and authorized the Chair to sign the letter amending the Legal Services Agreement. The motion was seconded by Director Figueroa and was approved by the following voice vote:

AYES: DOR, MONROE, PAGETT, VU, GORECKI, LINARES-PLIMPTON, NILA, MOSTAHKAMI, HERNANDEZ, DIXON, RAPP, GARNER, FIGUEROA, CASH, DELGADILLO, BEACH, TUNNICLIFF, ARELLANO, DERAS, SCHICKLING, ROJAS

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ITEM 9 – GWMA’S ROLE AS A FIDUCIARY FOR THE WATERSHED MANAGEMENT GROUPS

Ms. Kast reported that, at GWMA’s Board meeting in February, staff was requested to bring back a brief written memo of the issues related to GWMA’s fiduciary responsibility for the various watershed groups. She reported that GWMA has assumed certain financial responsibilities for each watershed group, according to the terms of an MOU between the member agencies and GWMA.

After discussion, the Board instructed staff to receive and file the analysis.

ITEM 10 – GWMA’S AUGMENTATION OF SERVICES IN SUPPORT OF GWMA AND GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT “GATEWAY COG” WATER-RELATED COORDINATION ACTIVITIES

Ms. Kast reported that GWMA was now working closely with the Gateway Cities Council of Government (COG) to coordinate and participate in mutually-beneficial activities.

Ms. Kast introduced Mr. Kekoa Anderson from Koa Consulting. Mr. Anderson discussed his proposal with the Board and explained his tasks if his proposal were approved. He clarified that this proposal was for augmentation of services in support of GWMA and the Gateway COG. Mr. Anderson stated that he would enhance existing water-related coordination efforts between GWMA and the COG by facilitation program coordination; managing funding strategies and coordinating grants; provide program management function; facilitate coordination meetings with various stakeholder agencies; and prepare the Program Visioning & Integration Report and Stakeholder & Public Engagement updates for the GWMA and the COG.

Ms. Kast then reported that if approved, the one-year scope of work would be added to the existing agreement between Koa Consulting and the Gateway COG. GWMA and the Gateway COG would then enter into a separate agreement for payment of services under this scope of work. Ms. Kast reported that funds would be available in the General Reserve to cover these costs.

Director Figueroa moved to approve a FY2017/18 budget line item transfer from the General Reserve to Special Projects in the amount not to exceed \$75,000, approve Koa Consulting's proposal, as presented, in an amount not to exceed \$75,000 for one year, and authorized Legal Counsel to develop an Agreement between GWMA and the Gateway Cities COG to reimburse the Gateway Cities COG for GWMA's portion of Koa Consulting's agreement and bring it back to the GWMA Board for approval in April. The motion was seconded by Director Garner and approved by the following voice vote:

AYES: DOR, MONROE, PAGETT, VU, GORECKI, LINARES-PLIMPTON, NILA, MOSTAHKAMI, HERNANDEZ, DIXON, RAPP, GARNER, FIGUEROA, CASH, DELGADILLO, BEACH, TUNNICLIFF, ARELLANO, ROJAS, DERAS

NOES: SCHICKLING

ABSTAIN: NONE

ITEM 11 – GATEWAY REGION WATERSHED MANAGEMENT GROUPS ORAL REPORT

Lower Los Angeles River Upper Reach 2 Watershed Group

Director Nila reported that the Watershed Group was in the process of executing the Sub-Recipient Agreements for the Prop 1 grant.

Lower Los Angeles River Watershed Group

None.

Los Cerritos Channel Watershed Group

Director Rapp indicated that all projects were progressing.

Lower San Gabriel River Watershed Group

Director Figueroa reported that the watershed group was currently working on preparing its budget for FY2018/19. She stated that they would be meeting the following week.

ITEM 12 – EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S ORAL REPORT

Ms. Kast reported to the Board that a Request For Proposal (RFP) for the IRWM Plan update had been sent out to three GWMA On Call Consultants: Tetra Tech, Geosyntec and GEI Consultants. She stated that the due date for the RFP was the following Friday, March 16, 2018.

Ms. Kast reminded the Board that the due date for the Annual Filing of Conflict of Interest Form 700's is April 2, 2018. She asked that if any Board member had not received their log in information from the County Board of Supervisor's to let GWMA staff know.

Ms. Kast announced that the next GWMA Board Meeting in April, would be held at the Gateway Cities Council of Government Office's Clearwater Building, in the upstairs conference room.

ITEM 13 – DIRECTORS' ORAL COMMENTS/REPORT

Director Rapp informed the Board that the City of Lakewood would be hosting a Safe Clean Water Program on April 5, 2018 at the Lakewood Center. She stated that they would be sending out a "save the date" and invited all Board members to attend.

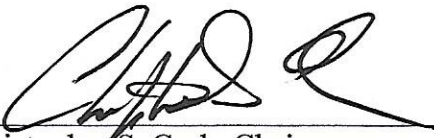
Director Rapp also asked if anyone was interested in seeing the Boulevard Park project, the City of Lakewood would be doing a tour on March 16, 2018 at 9:00 AM.

Director Linares-Plimpton reported that she was involved in a sub-group with the Department of Water Resources and asked if the Board would be interested in having her do a presentation or workshop in the future.

Director Schickling left the meeting at 1:29 PM

Director Mostahkami commended Ms. Kast on her presentation to the Gateway Cities of Government Board at their monthly meeting the previous evening.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:32 PM.



Christopher S. Cash, Chair

4/12/18

Date