

**MINUTES OF THE GATEWAY WATER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY  
LOS ANGELES GATEWAY REGION  
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY  
BOARD  
AT PARAMOUNT, CALIFORNIA  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2019**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Gateway Water Management Authority was held on Thursday, February 14, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. at the Progress Park Plaza, 15500 Downey Avenue, Paramount, CA.

Chair Lisa Rapp called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m. Roll was called by Ms. Grace Kast and a quorum of the Board was declared.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Okina Dor	Artesia
Robert Linton	Bell
Chau Vu	Bell Gardens
Len Gorecki	Bellflower
Tammy Hierlihy	Central Basin MWD
Mike O’Grady (alternate)	Cerritos
Gina Nila	Commerce
Aaron Hernandez-Torres	Cudahy
Dan Mueller (alternate)	Downey
Christina Dixon (alternate)	Huntington Park
Mark Stowell	La Mirada
Lisa Rapp	Lakewood
Melissa You	Long Beach
B. Anatole Falagan	Long Beach Water District
Lorry Hempe (alternate)	Lynwood
Danilo Batson	Montebello
Julian Lee (alternate)	Norwalk
Adriana Figueroa	Paramount
Kenner Guerrero (alternate)	Pico Rivera
Noe Negrete (alternate)	Santa Fe Springs
Kelli Tunncliff	Signal Hill
Gladis Deras (alternate)	South Gate
Claudia Arellano (alternate)	Vernon
Phuong Nguyen (alternate)	Whittier
Esther Rojas (alternate)	Water Replenishment District

STAFF AND GUESTS ON SIGN-IN SHEET:

Grace Kast	Executive Officer
Traci Gleason	Program Administrative Manager
Nicholas Ghirelli	Legal Counsel
William Stracker	Lynwood
Bill Minasian	Paramount Resident

**ITEM 3- ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None.

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

None.

**ITEM 5 - CONSENT CALENDAR**

Legal Counsel Nicholas Ghirelli and Director Esther Rojas requested a correction in the board members present list which needs to show their attendance.

Director Julian Lee motioned to approve the consent calendar with that correction. The motion was seconded by Director Gina Nila and was approved by the following voice vote:

**AYES:** Vu, Gorecki, Hierlihy, O’Grady, Nila, Mueller, Dixon, Rapp, You, Hempe, Batson, Lee, Figueroa, Guerrero, Tunncliff, Deras, Arellano, Rojas.

**NOES:** None.

**ABSTAIN:** Minutes Only – Stowell, Negrete, Falagan.

**ITEM 6 – CONSIDERATION TO ACCEPT THE PORT OF LONG BEACH AS A GWMA JPA MEMBER**

Director Phuong Nguyen entered at 12:15 p.m.

Director Robert Linton entered at 12:16 p.m.

Executive Officer Grace Kast reported Port of Long Beach (POLB) held their board of commissioners meeting on February 11<sup>th</sup> and voted to approve the JPA agreement along with a resolution appointing a board member and alternates. For membership acceptance, GWMA requires a super-majority vote of the Board. Additionally, POLB requested a reduced membership fee of one-half for Fiscal Year 2018/2019.

Director Gina Nila motioned to approve the Port of Long Beach Membership to the GWMA and to approve pro-rated membership dues of \$7,500 for fiscal year 2018/2019. The motion was seconded by Director Mark Stowell.

**AYES:** Linton, Vu, Gorecki, Hierlihy, O'Grady, Nila, Mueller, Dixon, Stowell, Rapp, You, Falagan, Hempe, Batson, Lee, Figueroa, Guerrero, Tunncliff, Deras, Arellano, Rojas

**NOES:** Negrete.

**ABSTAIN:** None.

**ITEM 7 – DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING THE GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGION INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITY (DAC) COMMITTEE CHAIR AND VENTURA/UPPER SANTA CLARA/GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY IRWM DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM (DACIP) TASK FORCE CO-CHAIR.**

Director Lisa Rapp provided the background that for the past eight months, GWMA has not been participating in a leadership role in the DACIP Program due to budget constraints. Purpose of discussion is to ask any board member that has a desire to volunteer and fulfill the position as DAC Committee Chair and DACIP Task Force Co-Chair.

Following discussion, there were no volunteers to fulfill the position as DAC Committee Chair and DACIP Task Force Co-Chair. It was recommended that the Executive Officer provides a proposal to the Executive Board to serve as GWMA's representative to fill the position as the DAC Committee Chair and the DACIP Task Force Chair.

**ITEM 8 - ORAL REPORT UPDATE ON GWMA FUNDING STRATEGY AND GRANTS PROGRAM**

Director Okina Dor entered at 12:33 p.m.

Mr. Kekoa Anderson provided the Board with a status update on GWMA Funding Strategy and Grants Program. The San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) has released the guidelines for Proposition 68 Grant Funding Program. There are various eligible project categories: Implementation Projects; Planning Projects; Disadvantaged Community Investment; and Community Access Projects. Similar to RMC's Proposition 1 Grant Funding Program, there are two funding areas: Lower Los Angeles Rivers watershed and its tributaries; and RMC Territory. There is \$37.5M available for projects located within the Lower Los Angeles Rivers watershed and its tributaries. There is \$30M available for projects in the RMC Territory. It is expected the call for projects will occur in the Spring of 2019.

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

Lower Los Angeles River Upper Reach 2 Watershed Group

Director Gina Nila reported that a contract was awarded for the preparation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) environmental documents and design of John Anson Ford Park.

Lower Los Angeles River Watershed Group

Director Gladis Deras noted the next watershed meeting is on February 25, 2019 in Lakewood.

Los Cerritos Channel Watershed Group

Director Lisa Rapp reported the Mayfair Project is under construction.

Lower San Gabriel River Watershed Group

Director Mike O'Grady reported they are working to identify regional projects.

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

None.

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

None.

**ITEM 12 – CLOSED SESSION – PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION, GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957, TITLE: EXECUTIVE OFFICER; AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT/EMPLOYMENT, GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957, TITLE: EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

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


No reportable action.

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The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

The next Board Meeting of the Directors of the Gateway Water Management Authority will be on Thursday, March 14, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. at the Clearwater Building, 16404 Paramount Boulevard, Paramount, CA.

  
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Lisa A. Rapp, Chair

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