

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

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Gateway Water Management Authority was held on Thursday, March 14, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. at the Clearwater Building, 16401 Paramount Boulevard, Paramount, CA.

Chair Lisa Rapp called the meeting to order at 12:14 p.m. Roll was called by Ms. Grace Kast and a quorum of the Board was declared.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Okina Dor	Artesia
Jordan Monroe	Avalon
Robert Linton (alternate)	Bell
Chau Vu	Bell Gardens
Tammy Hierlihy	Central Basin MWD
Dan Mueller (alternate)	Downey
Christina Dixon (alternate)	Huntington Park
Mark Stowell	La Mirada
Lisa Rapp	Lakewood
Melissa You	Long Beach
Tai Tseng (alternate)	Long Beach Water District
James Vernon	Port of Long Beach
Julian Lee (alternate)	Norwalk
Sarah Ho (alternate)	Paramount
Kenner Guerrero (alternate)	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
Traci Gleason	Program Administrative Manager
Nicholas Ghirelli	Legal Counsel
Jason Wen	Lakewood
Virginia Fowler	LACFCD
Bill Minasian	Paramount Resident

**ITEM 3- ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None.

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

None.

**ITEM 5 - CONSENT CALENDAR**

Director Negrete motioned to approve the consent calendar. The motion was seconded by Director Stowell and was approved by the following voice vote:

**AYES: Dor, Linton, Vu, Hierlihy, Mueller, Stowell, Rapp, You, Vernon, Lee, Guerrero, Deras, Arellano, Rojas.**

**NOES: None.**

**ABSTAIN: Minutes Only – Monroe, Tseng, Ho.**

**ITEM 6 – STATUS REPORT UPDATE ON GWMA FUNDING STRATEGY AND GRANT FUNDING PROGRAM**

Executive Officer Grace Kast 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) released the draft 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. The Lower Los Angeles Rivers watershed and its tributaries have \$37.5M available for projects while the RMC Territory has \$30M for projects..

The Proposition 1 2018 IRWM Final Proposition Solicitation Package has not been released. There will be a three-step selection process. First step is the subregion voting members will prioritize the top five to six projects in each region. The chairs and vice chairs will then

reduce the number of projects in each sub-region to approximately three. The top three projects will then be recommended to the Leadership Committee for review and approval. Four GWMA-member projects, approved by the Board in January, will be brought forward to the IRWM Steering Committee.

**ITEM 7 – DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING KOA CONSULTING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RELATING TO (i) PROGRAM MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION/ACCOUNTING/MEETINGS; (ii) GRANT ADMINISTRATION; AND (iii) GREATER LOS ANGELES IRWM DAC COMMITTEE CHAIR AND DACIP TASK FORCE CO-CHAIR**

Director Negrete motioned: 1) to approve the Professional Services Agreement with Koa Consulting for GWMA Program Management and Administration/Accounting/Meetings, Grant Administration, and Greater Los Angeles IRWM DAC Committee Chair and DACIP Task Force Co-Chair with an effective date retroactive to March 1, 2019; and 2) to authorize the Chair to execute the proposed Professional Services Agreement with Koa Consulting. The motion was seconded by Director Vu and was approved by the following voice vote:

**AYES:** Dor, Monroe, Linton, Vu, Hierlihy, Mueller, Stowell, Rapp, You, Vernon, Tseng, Lee, Ho, Guerrero, Deras, Arellano, Rojas.

**NOES:** None.

**ABSTAIN:** None.

**ITEM 8 - GATEWAY REGION WATERSHED MANAGEMENT GROUPS ORAL REPORT**

Lower Los Angeles River Upper Reach 2 Watershed Group

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) environmental documents and design of John Anson Ford Park are underway.

Lower Los Angeles River Watershed Group

The next watershed meeting is on March 25, 2019 in Lakewood.

Los Cerritos Channel Watershed Group

The Mayfair Project is under construction however progress has slowed down due to wet weather.

Lower San Gabriel River Watershed Group

None.

**ITEM 9 – EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S ORAL REPORT**

Director Dixon entered at 12:30 p.m.

Director Tunnicliff entered at 12:35 p.m.

Executive Officer Grace Kast noted the following:

- Annual filing of Form 700s for all Board members and alternates are due April 2, 2019.
- Maywood and Hawaiian Gardens have outstanding membership invoices for Fiscal Year 2018-2019

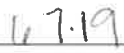
**ITEM 10 – DIRECTORS’ ORAL COMMENTS/REPORT**

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

The next Board Meeting of the Directors of the Gateway Water Management Authority will be on Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. at the Clearwater Building, 16404 Paramount Boulevard, Paramount, CA.

  
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Lisa Rapp, Chair

  
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