

**MINUTES OF THE GATEWAY WATER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
LOS ANGELES GATEWAY REGION
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
BOARD
AT PARAMOUNT, CALIFORNIA
THURSDAY, JULY 11, 2019**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Gateway Water Management Authority was held on Thursday, July 11, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. at the 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. Grace Kast 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
Bernardo Iniguez (alternate)	Bellflower
Tammy Hierlihy	Central Basin MWD
Gina Nila	Commerce
Christina Dixon (alternate)	Huntington Park
Mark Stowell	La Mirada
Lisa Rapp	Lakewood
Melissa You	Long Beach
B. Anatole Falagan (alternate)	Long Beach Water District
James Vernon	Port of Long Beach
Lorry Hempe (alternate)	Lynwood
Adriana Figueroa	Paramount
Monica Heredia	Pico Rivera
Sarina Morales-Choate (alternate)	Santa Fe Springs
Kelli Tunnicliff	Signal Hill
Claudia Arellano (alternate)	Vernon
Esther Rojas (alternate)	WRD

STAFF AND GUESTS ON SIGN-IN SHEET:

Grace Kast	Executive Officer
Traci Gleason	Program Administrative Manager
Nicholas Ghirelli	Legal Counsel
Kekoa Anderson	Funding/Grants Program
Virginia Fowler	LA County Flood Control District
Teresa Villegas	LA County Public Works
Desi Alvarez	MGM Management

STAFF AND GUESTS (continued):

Carlos Moran	Tree People
Stephen Ceasar	Tree People
Boykin Witherspoon	California State University
Bill Minasian	Downey Resident

ITEM 3 - ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

ITEM 4 - ORAL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

None.

ITEM 5 - CONSENT CALENDAR

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

AYES: Dor, Monroe, Linton, Iniguez, Hierlihy, Dixon, Stowell, Vernon, Hempe, Figueroa, Heredia, Morales-Choate, Arellano.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: (Minutes only) Sanchez, Nila, Rapp, Falagan, Tunnicliff, Rojas.

ITEM 6 – PRESENTATION: UPDATE ON GREATER LOS ANGELES REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Director You entered at 12:15 p.m.

Mr. Carlos Moran, Mr. Stephen Ceasar, and Mr. Boykin Witherspoon, representing TreePeople an organization that supports the people of Los Angeles to unite together to plant and care for trees, harvest rain, and renew depleted landscapes, provided a presentation regarding the public program that is aimed to ensure regional water resource management considers the health, safety, welfare and resiliency of lower-income community members.

ITEM 7 – CONSIDERATION TO ACCEPT THE CITY OF COMPTON AS A GWMA JPA MEMBER

Executive Officer Grace Kast reported the City of Compton reached out to her with the request to become a GWMA JPA Member. For membership acceptance, GWMA requires a super-majority vote of the Board.

Director Nila motioned to accept the City of Compton as a GWMA JPA Member. The motion was seconded by Director Tunnicliff and was approved by the following voice vote:

AYES: Dor, Monroe, Sanchez, Linton, Iniguez, Hierlihy, Nila, Dixon, Stowell, Rapp, You, Falagan, Vernon, Hempe, Figueroa, Heredia, Morales-Choate, Tunncliff, Arellano, Rojas.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ITEM 8 – DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING AMENDING THE GWMA BYLAWS TO ACCEPT THE AUTOMATIC RE-APPOINTMENT OF RECENTLY APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES FOR NEW TWO-YEAR TERMS

The GWMA bylaws currently impose a mandatory duty on member agencies' legislative bodies to re-appoint their designated board members and alternates every two years, before the new term begins on October 1st. The bylaws do not address a unique situation where a member agency has very recently appointed its board member and alternates for the current term, but is asked to quickly re-appoint a new board member and alternates, who are likely the same persons, for the next term.

While deliberating this Bylaw amendment, the Board expressed interest in amending the Bylaws to authorize all current board members and alternates, regardless of when they were appointed, to be automatically re-appointed for successive terms.

The Board also provided staff direction to revise GWMA's template resolution for each Member Agency's Council/Board to clearly designate that their board member and alternate(s) for the forthcoming term beginning October 1st will continue to serve successive terms.

Further discussions and recommended action regarding the amendment to the bylaws will be presented at the next board meeting.

ITEM 9 – DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING ADOPTION OF THE 2014 GREATER LA IRWM PLAN UPDATE

Agenda Item was removed.

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

Mr. Kekoa Anderson provided the Board with a status update on GWMA Funding Strategy and Grants Program.

GWMA staff, in partnership with Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG) and Water Conservation Authority (WCA), submitted a planning grant application for the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Proposition 68 Grant Program. The grant would fund the development of a collaborated regional plan that emphasize critical benefits to improve livability and meet best management practices associated with urban greening and open space, watershed management, transportation, economy, public health and environment. GWMA is the grant applicant and will be the grant manager, if successfully awarded.

ITEM 11 – UPDATE ON MS4 PERMIT LITIGATION AND IMPACT ON GWMA

The cities of Gardena and Duarte have filed a lawsuit challenging the 2012 MS4 Permit and seeking to void the Permit, including Enhanced Watershed Management Plans (EWMPs). Legal counsel Mr. Nick Ghirelli will continue to provide a status update on the MS4 Permit Litigation as information becomes available. Judgement was abstained.

ITEM 12 - GATEWAY REGION WATERSHED MANAGEMENT GROUPS ORAL REPORT

Lower Los Angeles River Upper Reach 2 Watershed Group

The final design for the John Anson Ford Infiltration Cistern Project is being completed.

Lower Los Angeles River Watershed Group

None.

Los Cerritos Channel Watershed Group

Irrigation of the park is now on automated basis at Boulevard Park. Approximately 60k gallons of diverted water is being used to irrigate the park.

Mayfair is scheduled to be completed in October/November.

Excavation is done at Curathurs. Installation of the Pre-Cast Chambers is scheduled for July 24th.

Lower San Gabriel River Watershed Group

None.

ITEM 13– EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S ORAL REPORT

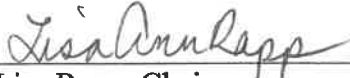
None.

ITEM 13 – DIRECTORS’ ORAL COMMENTS/REPORT

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:58 p.m.

The next Board Meeting of the Directors of the Gateway Water Management Authority will be on Thursday, August 8, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. at the Progress Park Plaza, 15500 Downey Avenue, Paramount, CA.



Lisa Rapp, Chair

9/12/19

Date