

**MINUTES OF THE GATEWAY WATER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
LOS ANGELES GATEWAY REGION
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
BOARD
AT PARAMOUNT, CALIFORNIA
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2019**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Gateway Water Management Authority was held on Thursday, September 12, 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 12:07 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
Bernardo Iniguez (alternate)	Bellflower
Mike O'Grady (alternate)	Cerritos
Gina Nila	Commerce
Dan Mueller (alternate)	Downey
Mark Stowell	La Mirada
Lisa Rapp	Lakewood
Melissa You	Long Beach
Christopher Garner	Long Beach Water District
James Vernon	Port of Long Beach
Cecilia Amaya	Montebello
Adriana Figueroa	Paramount
Kenner Guerrero (alternate)	Pico Rivera
Sarina Morales-Choate (alternate)	Santa Fe Springs
Kelli Tunnicliff	Signal Hill
Claudia Arellano (alternate)	Vernon
Kyle Cason	Whittier
Esther Rojas (alternate)	WRD

STAFF AND GUESTS ON SIGN-IN SHEET:

Grace Kast	Executive Officer
Traci Gleason	Program Administrative Manager
Nicholas Ghirelli	Legal Counsel
Glen Kau	Compton
Jillian Croci	Long Beach Water District
John Hunter	John L. Hunter & Associates
Dan Villines	BKF Engineers

STAFF AND GUESTS (continued):

Sully Saro
Bill Minasian

Rivers and Mountains Conservancy
Downey Resident

ITEM 3 - ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

ITEM 4 - ORAL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

None.

ITEM 5 - CONSENT CALENDAR

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

AYES: Dor, Monroe, Iniguez, Nila, Stowell, Rapp, Vernon, Amaya, Figueroa, Morales-Choate, Tunnicliff, Arellano, Rojas

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: (Minutes only) O’Grady, Mueller, Guerrero, Garner, Cason

Director Linton entered at 12:10 p.m.

ITEM 6 – DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING AMENDING THE GWMA BYLAWS TO ACCEPT THE AUTOMATIC RE-APPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES FOR THE FOLLOWING TWO-YEAR TERMS WITHOUT FURTHER ACTION OF MEMBER AGENCY’S LEGISLATIVE BODY.

GWMA bylaws addresses the appointment of members of the board of governors. Section 1 states that all board member terms will be 2 years, starting on October 1st of each odd-numbered years and terminating on September 30th, two years later. Section 3 states that a member agency may appoint a member of its legislative body to the GWMA Board by minute action or appoint other persons to the GWMA Board by adoption of a resolution.

The bylaws 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 also do not address the unique situation where a member agency who has very recently appointed its board member and alternates for the current term, 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 at the July Board Meeting, 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.

Per the direction of the Board, staff proposed language to the Bylaws for the Board to take action. Additionally, staff also revised and distributed via email 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.

Director Okina motioned for the amendment of the Bylaws to accept the automatic re-appointment of current board members and alternates appointed in office as of September 30th of an odd numbered year for the following full two-year term without further action of the Member agency's legislative body, unless the Member agency provides written notice of an alternate Board appointee prior to October 1st of that year. The motion was seconded by Director Garner and was approved by the following voice vote:

AYES: Dor, Monroe, Linton, Iniguez, O'Grady, Nila, Mueller, Stowell, Rapp, Garner, Vernon, Amaya, Figueroa, Guerrero Morales-Choate, Tunncliff, Arellano, Cason, Rojas

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ITEM 7 – DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTADING FOR LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVER UPPER REACH 2 “LAR UR2”

The existing MOU between GWMA and LAR UR2 Watershed Group expires December 31, 2019. Both parties wish to extend the MOU's term through December 31, 2024, so that the Watershed Group can continue to implement the Group's watershed management program (WMP) and coordinated integrated monitoring program (CIMP) to comply with MS4 Permit requirements with the support of GWMA's consultant, including the process of updating the WMP and CIMP through adaptive management.

GWMA's direct and indirect administrative costs will be accounted for and paid from the GWMA administrative fee collected annually.

Director Nila motioned to approve the second amendment to the MOU and authorize the Chair to execute the MOU Amendment. The motion was seconded by Director Figueroa and was approved by the following voice vote:

AYES: Dor, Monroe, Linton, Iniguez, O'Grady, Nila, Mueller, Stowell, Rapp, Garner, Vernon, Amaya, Figueroa, Guerrero Morales-Choate, Tunncliff, Arellano, Cason, Rojas

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ITEM 8 – DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH RICHARD WATSON & ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR THE LOS CERRITOS CHANNEL

The Los Cerritos Channel (LCC) Watershed group is requesting GWMA to amend the Professional Services Agreement with Richard Watson & Associates (RWA) to: (1) amend the scope of work to include feasibility studies for projects that may be included in the LCC Group's Watershed Area Storm Water Investment Plan and update the scope of services to reflect current consultant projects; (2) update RWA's rate sheet; (3) Increase the payment by an additional one-time, not to exceed amount of \$225,000 for work related to the feasibility study; and, (4) clarify that the current not to exceed amount of \$650,000 is an annual amount based on the Group's approved annual budget. The term of the Professional Services Agreement will expire on September 30, 2026.

Director Figueroa motioned to approve the first amendment to the Professional Services Agreement between GWMA and RWA for the LCC Watershed Group. The motion was seconded by Director Iniguez and was approved by the following voice vote:

AYES: Dor, Monroe, Linton, Iniguez, O'Grady, Nila, Mueller, Stowell, Rapp, Garner, Vernon, Amaya, Figueroa, Guerrero Morales-Choate, Tunnicliff, Arellano, Cason, Rojas

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ITEM 9 – DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING ADOPTION OF THE 2017 UPDATED GREATER LA IRWM PLAN

In 2015, the GWMA Board of Directors approved joining the Greater LA IRWM and subsequently also approved the 2014 Greater LA IRWM Plan Update for purposes of the 2015 Proposition 84 Final Round IRWM Grant process. The resolution adopted by GWMA was specific for Proposition 84 funding.

Currently, the Proposition 1 Round 1 Greater LA IRWM grant process is underway, and GWMA is applying on behalf of two GWMA-member projects as the project proponent. As part of the Greater LA IRWM grant process, the Department of Water Resources requires that project proponents must adopt the 2017 Updated Greater LA IRWM Plan for the current round.

Director Rojas motioned to approve Resolution No. 19-2, adopting the 2017 Updated Greater LA IRWM Plan. The motion was seconded by Director Garner and was approved by the following voice vote:

AYES: Dor, Monroe, Linton, Iniguez, O'Grady, Nila, Mueller, Stowell, Rapp, Garner, Vernon, Amaya, Figueroa, Guerrero Morales-Choate, Tunnicliff, Arellano, Cason, Rojas

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

Director You entered at 12:15 p.m.

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

Agenda Item was removed.

ITEM 11 – UPDATE ON BACTERIA SCIENTIFIC STUDY AND ZINC PETITION

Agenda Item was removed.

ITEM 12 – 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 reported that Judge Sanders has not issued a judgment yet and that he will continue to provide a status update on the MS4 Permit Litigation as information becomes available.

ITEM 13 - 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 complete and the construction documents are out to bid.

Lower Los Angeles River Watershed Group

The next LSGR meeting will be held September 23rd. The watershed group authorized the development of 10% plans for two regional projects - Spane Park (in Paramount) and for Furman Park (in Downey).

Los Cerritos Channel Watershed Group

Construction is underway for Caruthers Park Stormwater and Urban Runoff Capture Project.

Lower San Gabriel River Watershed Group

The next LSGR meeting will be held September 19th.

ITEM 14 – EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S ORAL REPORT

Executive Officer Grace Kast announced Southern California Water Coalition is having a stormwater workshop “Innovative Solutions for Stormwater Capture” on September 27th at Los Angeles County Public Works in Alhambra. Copies of the program agenda were made available to the Directors.

Ms. Kast noted that recently Pico Rivera has been in the news regarding the condition of their groundwater supply. The concern is becoming a growing issue statewide and nationwide. The Board requested for Executive Officer Grace Kast to coordinate with Gateway Cities Council of

Government Executive Director Nancy Pfeffer to host a Gateway-wide workshop for the region's elected officials and managers regarding the issue.

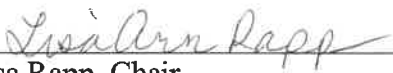
Director Chau entered at 12:25 p.m.

ITEM 15 – DIRECTORS' ORAL COMMENTS/REPORT

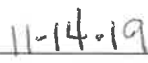
None.

The next regular Board Meeting of the Directors of the Gateway Water Management Authority will be on Thursday, October 10, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. at the Progress Park Plaza, 15500 Downey Avenue, Paramount, CA.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m., to the special board meeting scheduled for 12:40 p.m. on September 12, 2019.



Lisa Rapp, Chair



Date