

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

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Gateway Water Management Authority was held on Thursday, November 14, 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 12:03 p.m. Roll was called by Ms. Grace Kast and a quorum of the Board was declared.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Okina Dor	Artesia
Chau Vu	Bell Gardens
Len Gorecki	Bellflower
Tammy Hierlihy	Central Basin MWD
Mike O’Grady	Cerritos
Gina Nila	Commerce
Christina Dixon	Huntington Park
Mark Stowell	La Mirada
Lisa Rapp	Lakewood
Christopher Garner	Long Beach Water District
Janna Morimoto (alternate)	Port of Long Beach
Adriana Figueroa	Paramount
Sarina Morales-Choate (alternate)	Santa Fe Springs
Kelli Tunnicliff	Signal Hill
Claudia Arellano (alternate)	Vernon
Vicki Smith	Whittier
Esther Rojas (alternate)	WRD

STAFF AND GUESTS ON SIGN-IN SHEET:

Grace Kast	Executive Officer
Traci Gleason	Program Administrative Manager
Candice Lee	Legal Counsel
Halie Simmons	City of Signal Hill
Derwin Dy	City of Lakewood
Desi Alvarez	MCM Management
Richard Watson	Richard Watson & Associates
Bill Minasian	Downey Resident

ITEM 3 - ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

ITEM 4 - ORAL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

None.

ITEM 5 - PRESENTATION BY MATTHEW HACKER– MWD STORMWATER

Mr. Matthew Hacker, P.G., of Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) gave a presentation regarding a new pilot program that MWD is launching. The purpose of the pilot program is to: study the relationship between stormwater capture and water supply yield; gather additional flow monitoring data for stormwater projects; and evaluate how MWD can participate in direct use and recharge stormwater projects.

Stormwater Direct Use Pilot program will begin in January 2020, has a budget of up to \$5M, and is open to all MWD member agencies. A maximum of 15 projects will be selected. Eligible project types include retrofit and new projects. Monitoring will be required for at least three years, with monitoring reports due each year. Direct Use projects must have an estimated minimum capture and use 1 acre-foot per year, include meter(s) for measurement of capture and use; and have completed California Environmental Quality Act.

Stormwater Recharge Pilot program will begin in March 2020, has a budget of up to \$7.5M, and is also open to all MWD member agencies. A maximum of 10 projects will be selected. Eligible project types include monitoring and installation, and also new construction. Monitoring will be required for at least three years, with monitoring reports due each year. Stormwater Recharge project must have an estimated capture of at least 40 acre-feet per year; must be new water supply, and must be in Metropolitan's service area.

ITEM 6 - PRESENTATION BY RICHARD WATSON & ASSOCIATES - UPDATE ON BACTERIA SCIENTIFIC STUDY AND ZINC PETITION

Mr. Richard Watson of Richard Watson & Associates, provided an informational presentation regarding a proposed scientific study to address challenges associated with implementation efforts to protect human health at beaches and inland surface waters through targeted reduction of bacteriological pollution. The City of and County of Los Angeles and three of the watersheds developed a special study approach, budget and way to fund it through Measure W. This approach has been presented to all watershed management programs and enhanced watershed management program groups and discussed with regional board staff.

The study would consist of four tasks: Stakeholder Process; Risk Assessment; Risk Management, and Regulatory Revisions. It would be a five-year program. The cost estimate of the project is approximately \$8.6M. If an optional task for strategic planning tool application is included, then the project total cost would be approximately \$9.8M.

Neither the City nor the County of Los Angeles are interested in leading the study.

The next steps are to take it to the Watershed Area Steering Committees, and identify information that would be helpful to inform the Watershed Area Steering Committees.

ITEM 7 - CONSENT CALENDAR

Director Garner entered at 12:50 pm.

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

AYES: Dor, Vu, O’Grady, Nila, Stowell, Rapp, Garner, Figueroa, Morales-Choate, Tunncliff, Arellano, Rojas

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: (Minutes only) Gorecki, Hierlihy, Dixon, Morimoto, Smith

ITEM 8 – DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING THE THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CWE CORPORATION RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LOS ANGELES RIVER UPPER REACH 2 COORDINATED INTEGRATED MONITORING PROGRAM

The Los Angeles River Upper Reach 2 (LAR UR2) Watershed group is requesting GWMA to amend the Professional Services Agreement with CWE Corporation to include LAR UR2 Watershed Management Area (WMA) Coordinated Integrated Monitoring Program (CIMP) implementation services from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022 with the results of the efforts to be annually reported to the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (LARWQCB) by December 15, and to increase compensation for the additional services.

Director Figueroa motioned to approve the third amendment to the Professional Services Agreement between GWMA and CWE Corporation for the LAR UR2 Watershed Group. The motion was seconded by Director Gorecki and was approved by the following voice vote:

AYES: Dor, Vu, Gorecki, Hierlihy, O’Grady, Nila, Dixon, Stowell, Rapp, Garner, Morimoto, Figueroa, Morales-Choate, Tunncliff, Arellano, Smith, Rojas

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

Director You entered at 12:55 p.m.

ITEM 9 – STATUS REPORT UPDATE ON GWMA FUNDING STRATEGY & GRANTS PROGRAM

GWMA in partnership with Gateway Cities Council of Government and Water Conservation Authority (WCA) submitted an application for the 68 Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) Proposition 68 Grant Program in July. At this time, only one project, which is identified as a WCA project, will be recommended at the November RMC Meeting.

The Proposal Solicitation Package Guidelines for the Proposition 1 Stormwater Grant Program, Round 2, states \$10M maximum per agency. Because GWMA was previously awarded \$9.9M for the John Anson Ford Cistern Infiltration Project, GWMA is not eligible for Round 2 of the grant program.

ITEM 13 - GATEWAY REGION WATERSHED MANAGEMENT GROUPS ORAL REPORT

Lower Los Angeles River Upper Reach 2 Watershed Group

A \$7.7M construction contract was recently awarded for the John Anson Ford Infiltration Cistern Project.

Lower Los Angeles River Watershed Group

None.

Los Cerritos Channel Watershed Group

Bolivar Park and Los Cerritos Channel Sub-basin 4 Water Capture Project are completed and operational.

Lower San Gabriel River Watershed Group

There was no LSGR meeting last month.

ITEM 14 – EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S ORAL REPORT

None.

ITEM 15 – DIRECTORS’ ORAL COMMENTS/REPORT

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

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



Lisa Rapp, Chair

1/9/20
Date