

**MINUTES OF THE GATEWAY WATER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
LOS ANGELES GATEWAY REGION
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
BOARD
VIA VIDEO CONFERENCING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2020**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Gateway Water Management Authority was held on Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. via WebEx and Phone Conference.

Chair Lisa Rapp called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. Roll was called by Executive Officer Grace Kast and a quorum of the Board was declared.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Okina Dor	Artesia
Jordan Monroe	Avalon
Chau Vu	Bell Gardens
Len Gorecki	Bellflower
Mike O'Grady	Cerritos
Gina Nila	Commerce
Tana McCoy	Compton
Dan Mueller	Downey
Cesar Roldan	Huntington Park
Mark Stowell	La Mirada
Lisa Rapp	Lakewood
Melissa You	Long Beach
Jillian Croci (alternate)	Long Beach Water
Lorry Hempe (alternate)	Lynwood
Adriana Figueroa	Paramount
Monica Heredia	Pico Rivera
James Vernon	Port of Long Beach
Noe Negrete	Santa Fe Springs
Kelli Tunnicliff	Signal Hill
Gladis Deras	South Gate
Jazmine Hook (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
Nicholas Ghirelli	Legal Counsel
Kekoa Anderson	Funding/Grants Program
Whitford Marin	City of Huntington Park
Gerald Green	CWE
John Hunter	John L. Hunter & Associates
Nina Turner	(not available)

ITEM 3 - ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

ITEM 4 - ORAL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

None.

ITEM 5 - CONSENT CALENDAR

Director Deras and Director Monroe entered at 12:08 p.m.

Director Mueller entered at 12:10 p.m.

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, Vu, Gorecki, O'Grady, Nila, McCoy, Roldan, Stowell, Rapp, You, Croci, Hemepe, Figueroa, Heredia, Vernon, Negrete, Hooks, Smith, Rojas.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: Mueller, Tunncliff. (Minutes only.)

ITEMS 6 - DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR CATCH BASIN CLEANING

Executive Officer Kast reported on the process of the RFP and that three (3) proposals were received. She stated that they were from the following: 1) Nationwide Environmental Services; 2) Ron's Maintenance, Inc.; and 3) United Storm Water, Inc.

Executive Officer Kast reported that after careful review, all three proposals were deemed to be responsive to GWMA's requirements and that it was GWMA's staff recommendation to receive and file the Proposals and distribute the entire Request for Proposals package, that includes the staff letter to the GWMA Board regarding the proposal process, and the three proposals. It was noted that there were significant differences in cleaning techniques and assumptions between the proposals. Therefore, agencies wishing to utilize the competitive proposal process will be encouraged to review the proposals and directly contact a proposer if there are questions regarding the proposals. She concluded by stating that GWMA would not be making a recommendation to Gateway Region Cities regarding the proposals.

There were no objections to receive and file the three proposals by the Board and direction was given for staff to distribute the complete Request for Proposal Package to each of the Gateway Region Cities with no proposal recommendation.

ITEM 7 - ORAL REPORT ON GWMA FUNDING STRATEGY & GRANT PROGRAM

Mr. Kekoa Anderson and Executive Officer Kast provided an update that staff has been going through the process of updating and reconciling the OPTI projects. Currently, there are 76 projects within the Gateway Region that are included in the OPTI. It is staff's intent to enhance the database quarterly by adding data such as watershed/location; tributary area; runoff data;

infiltration data; cost data; project status/schedule. A link to the list of OPTI projects within the Gateway Region will be provided in an informational email to GWMA members for their review. The email will also include a link to a form to add or update projects. GWMA staff will also conduct agency outreach to expand project information not included in the OPTI to facilitate identifying for funding opportunities.

ITEM 8 – SAFE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM ORAL REPORTS

Director Vernon, chair for the Lower Los Angeles River WASC, reported there has not been any meetings because there is currently an open call for projects for Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-2022. The deadline for consideration is October 15th. There were two video conference information sessions held on September 3rd and September 9th. From October through May 2021, the different watershed area steering committees will be reviewing and making their recommendations for FY 2021-2022. It is anticipated that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors will approve the FY 2021-2022 Stormwater Investment Plans (SIP) in August 2021.

Director Rapp, chair for the Lower San Gabriel River WASC, noted the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors is expected to approve the FY 2020-2021 projects in October of this year. Once approved by the Board of Supervisors, then the funding agreements will be processed.

ITEM 9 – GATEWAY REGIONAL WATERSHED MANAGEMENT GROUPS ORAL REPORT

Lower Los Angeles River Upper Reach 2 (LARUR2) Watershed Group

Director Nila reported that the John Anson Ford Park Project is still in progress. The group is waiting for the SIPs to be approved by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

Lower Los Angeles River (LLAR) Watershed Group

Director Deras reported the next LLAR meeting will be held on September 28, 2020.

Lower San Gabriel River (LSGR) Watershed Group

Director O’Grady reported the next LSGR meeting will be on September 17, 2020.

Los Cerritos Channel (LCC) Watershed Group

None.

ITEM 10 – EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S ORAL REPORT

Executive Officer Kast reported the Greater Los Angeles IRWMP Disadvantaged Community Involvement Program (DACIP) are conducting surveys and interviews to solicit data for the needs assessment which is required by Department of Water Resources. Institutional interviews are being held to reach out to institutions to get their input for the needs assessment. GWMA is one of the institutions identified to provide data. Ms. Kast solicited interest from board members who represent disadvantaged communities to volunteer to be a part of the interview with Executive Officer Kast. Director Vu, Director Figueroa, Director Hempe, Director Rapp, Director Deras, and Director Monroe volunteered to be part of the interview. Director Monroe noted that SCE is a critical part of the water infrastructure for Avalon, and inquired if SCE

should also participate. Executive Officer Kast stated SCE can also participate. Director Monroe will reach out to SCE and confirm their interest. Executive Officer Kast will coordinate with the consultant to schedule a meeting.

Executive Officer Kast also reported that GWMA staff started working on the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for On-Call Consultants. The RFQ will be issued this fall. Staff will be reaching out to the board members requesting recommendations for consultants that should receive the RFQ.

The first amendment to the MOUs for the LSGR, LLAR and LCC Watershed groups are set to expire on September 30, 2020. Executive Officer Kast requested for members from the watershed groups to provide their signed amendments as soon as possible.

ITEM 14 – DIRECTORS’ ORAL COMMENTS/REPORTS

Director Rapp requested for staff to explore the option of using a polling system rather than a roll call system through the video conferencing application.

Director Dor inquired when is the Measure W funding anticipated to be available for the Cities. Director Rapp noted that though she has not heard the answer to that question, she noted that she understands that the advance expenditure plan needs to be provided within 45 days of signing the agreement.

Director Hooks stated that the City of Vernon noticed the State has sent an update with the 2nd Draft Order and plans to have a hearing on October 6th. She inquired if GWMA’s legal counsel is planning to submit comments on behalf of Gateway Cities. Legal Counsel Nick Ghirelli noted that they are reviewing the 2nd Draft Order. He noticed there is opportunity to provide oral comments but is looking into whether written comments will also be accepted.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

The next regular Board Meeting of the Directors of the Gateway Water Management Authority will be on Thursday, October 8, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. The meeting will be held via video conference to meet social distancing recommendations or will be held in person at its regular location at Progress Park in Paramount, depending on recommendations from local and State officials. The physical location or video conference information will be posted with each Board Agenda which can be found at www.gatewaywater.org 72 hours in advance of the meeting.



Lisa Rapp, Chair



Date