

**MINUTES OF THE GATEWAY WATER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY  
LOS ANGELES GATEWAY REGION  
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY  
BOARD  
AT PARAMOUNT, CALIFORNIA  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2020**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Gateway Water Management Authority was held on Thursday, January 9, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. 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
Jordan Monroe	Avalon
Bernardo Iniguez (alternate)	Bellflower
Sandi Linares-Plimpton (alternate)	Central Basin MWD
Mike O'Grady	Cerritos
Gina Nila	Commerce
Dan Mueller (alternate)	Downey
Christina Dixon (alternate)	Huntington Park
Mark Stowell	La Mirada
Lisa Rapp	Lakewood
Danilo Batson	Montebello
Sarah Ho (alternate)	Paramount
Kenner Guerrero (alternate)	Pico Rivera
James Vernon	Port of Long Beach
Sarina Morales-Choate (alternate)	Santa Fe Springs
Gladis Deras (alternate)	South Gate
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
Nicholas Ghirelli	Legal Counsel
Kekoa Anderson	Funding/Grants Program
Matt Tryon	City of Signal Hill
Halie Simmons	City of Signal Hill
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 - CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

**AYES:** Dor, Iniguez, Linares-Plimpton, O’Grady, Nila, Dixon, Stowell, Rapp, Batson, Ho, Morales-Choate, Arellano, Smith, Rojas

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** (Minutes only) Monroe, Guerrero, Vernon, Deras

**ITEM 6 - CONSIDERATION OF GWMA TO SERVE AS LEAD AGENCY FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY-WIDE BACTERIA STUDY**

Director Mueller entered at 12:07

At the November GWMA Board Meeting, 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. A Bacteria Study Coordination Committee (which includes representatives from 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. The approach was 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. If a watershed group decides not to participate as part of the program, then the scope and fee would be scaled down. The awarded agency would be advanced the funding (not a reimbursable grant fund).

The Bacteria Study Committee requested for GWMA to be identified on the funding application as the Lead Agency for the proposed bacteria study. Costs would not be incurred by GWMA until awarded. Director O’Grady recommended the amount (or percentage) of funds GWMA receives for administrative and legal costs as lead agency for the study, and the amount (or percentage) of funds to be reserved for a retained project coordinator by GWMA be further evaluated once the scope is determined and brought to the Board for approval, if awarded.

Director Nila motioned to approve GWMA’s role as Lead Agency for the “Regional Study to Support Protection of Human Health through Targeted Reduction of Bacterial Pollution” and authorize GWMA’s name to be added to the Measure W funding application for the proposed study. If funding is awarded, GWMA’s official role as the study’s Lead Agency

would be contingent upon Board approval of an agreement between LACFCD and GWMA that sets forth each agency's role and funding obligations. The motion was seconded by Director O'Grady and was approved by the following voice vote:

**AYES:** Dor, Monroe, Iniguez, Linares-Plimpton, O'Grady, Nila, Mueller, Dixon, Stowell, Rapp, Batson, Guerrero, Ho, Vernon, Morales-Choate, Deras, Arellano, Smith, Rojas

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

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

Mr. Kekoa Anderson reported a GWMA/Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG) joint committee meeting was held on January 6, 2020. Discussion items included reviewing the goals and objectives for a regional integration of all various programs that overlap one another that include water resources, urban greening elements and transportation, develop a funding strategy and look at grant coordination between the agencies to optimize funding and programs. Active Grants, Measures and Programs were then identified.

Last year, GWMA in partnership with GCCOG 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 implementation project, was recommended at the November RMC Meeting. Staff has been reaching out to RMC to coordinate a meeting to answer questions and to try to improve the chances for a funding award.

Applications for Proposition 1 Stormwater Implementation Grant Program, Round 2 are expected to open this Spring. GWMA was previously awarded from Round 1 \$9.9M for the John Anson Ford Cistern Infiltration Project. GWMA will not be able to apply for Round 2 because per the recently amended Grant Guidelines, the combined Round 1 and Round 2 implementation awards cannot exceed the maximum implementation grant amount of \$10M for each applicant.

**ITEM 13 - GATEWAY REGION WATERSHED MANAGEMENT GROUPS ORAL REPORT**

Lower Los Angeles River Upper Reach 2 (LAR UR2) Watershed Group

The next LAR UR2 meeting will be on January 13, 2020. A meeting regarding John Anson Ford Park Infiltration Cistern Phase 1 Project is planned for January 14, 2020.

Lower Los Angeles River Watershed Group

The next LLAR meeting will be held on January 27, 2020. Agenda item includes consideration of future projects for funding.

Los Cerritos Channel (LCC) Watershed Group

There was no LCC meeting last month. The next LCC meeting will be on January 16, 2020.

Lower San Gabriel River (LSGR) Watershed Group

There was no LSGR meeting last month. The next LSGR meeting will be on January 16, 2020.

**ITEM 14 – EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S ORAL REPORT**

In 2017, GWMA released a Request for Proposals for Catch Basin Cleaning/Maintenance Services. This process allowed GWMA member cities to utilize GWMA’s competitive process and make its own selection based on the responsive bids received. Proposals were made on a per catch basin basis, with prices valid for three years. The three-year term will expire this fall. Ms. Kast inquired if any of the GWMA member cities utilized this information from this process. Based on the positive responses received, staff will proceed with another RFP process for catch basin cleaning services.

**ITEM 15 – DIRECTORS’ ORAL COMMENTS/REPORT**

Director Linares-Plimpton commented that Metropolitan and its member agency released the yearly all-kids art calendar, that encourages kids to express the value of water through artwork. Two winners are from South Gate. Copies of the calendars were made available.

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

The next regular Board Meeting of the Directors of the Gateway Water Management Authority will be on Thursday, February 13, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. at the Progress Park Plaza, 15500 Downey Avenue, Paramount, CA.

Lisa Ann Rapp  
Lisa Rapp, Chair

5-14-2020  
Date