

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

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Gateway Water Management Authority was held on Thursday, July 9, 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 Ms. Grace Kast and a quorum of the Board was declared.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Okina Dor	Artesia
Jordan Monroe	Avalon
Veronica Sanchez (alternate)	Bell Gardens
Bernardo Iniguez (alternate)	Bellflower
Tammy Hierlihy	Central Basin MWD
Mike O'Grady	Cerritos
Tana McCoy	Compton
Cesar Roldan	Huntington Park
Mark Stowell	La Mirada
Lisa Rapp	Lakewood
Melissa You	Long Beach
Lorry Hempe (alternate)	Lynwood
Adriana Figueroa	Paramount
Kenner Guerrero (alternate)	Pico Rivera
James Vernon	Port of Long Beach
Noe Negrete	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
Whitford Mirin	City of Huntington Park
Jazmine Hook	City of Vernon
John Hunter	John L. Hunter & Associates
Joe Velasco	Resident of Whittier
Jesse Sira	(not available)

ITEM 3 - ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

ITEM 4 - ORAL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

None.

ITEM 5 - CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- AYES:** Monroe, O’Grady, Roldan, Stowell, Rapp, You, Hempe, Figueroa, Guerrero, Vernon, Negrete, Deras, Arellano, Smith, Rojas.
- NOES:** None.
- ABSTAIN:** Dor, Sanchez, Iniguez, Hierlihy, McCoy. (Minutes only.)

ITEMS 6, 7 AND 8 - DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING SECOND AMENDMENT TO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDINGS (MOU) FOR LOWER SAN GABRIEL RIVER (LSGR) WATERSHED GROUP, LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVER (LLAR) WATERSHED GROUP, AND LOS CERRITOS CHANNEL (LCC) WATERSHED GROUP

The first amendments to the MOUs between GWMA and the LSGR Watershed Group, LLAR Watershed Group, and the LCC Watershed Group are set to expire September 30, 2020. All parties wish to extend the MOU’s term 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 their selected, respective consultant, including the process of updating the WMP and CIMP through adaptive management. The term of the new agreements would be through September 30, 2025 or expiration of the forthcoming MS4 Permit, whichever occurs sooner.

Director O’Grady motioned to approve the second amendments to the MOUs for the LSGR Watershed Group, the LLAR Watershed Group, and the LCC Watershed Groups and authorize the Chair to execute the MOU Amendments. The motion was seconded by Director Stowell and was approved by the following voice vote:

- AYES:** Dor, Monroe, Sanchez, Iniguez, Hierlihy, O’Grady, McCoy, Roldan, Stowell, Rapp, You, Hempe, Figueroa, Guerrero, Vernon, Negrete, Deras, Arellano, Smith, Rojas.
- NOES:** None.
- ABSTAIN:** None.

ITEM 9 – DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS BETWEEN GWMA AND JOHN L. HUNTER & ASSOCIATES, INC., FOR THE LLAR WATERSHED GROUP, LSGR WATERSHED GROUP, AND HARBOR TOXICS UPSTREAM

The Agreements between GWMA and John L. Hunter & Associates, Inc. “JLHA” for the LLAR Watershed Management and Coordinated Integrated Monitoring Program (CIMP) Implementation and Monitoring, the LSGR Watershed Management and CIMP Implementation and Monitoring, and for Harbor Toxics for the Los Angeles River and San Gabriel River Watersheds Program Management, Monitoring and Implementation services expired on June 30, 2020. The watershed groups have requested that GWMA enter into agreements with JLHA to continue to provide the requested services.

The LLAR Watershed Group met in June and voted to approve the JLHA’s proposals for the LLAR Watershed Group and for the Harbor Toxics Upstream. The LSGR Watershed Group did not have an opportunity to meet in June. The next meeting is scheduled for July 16, 2020, when the members will vote to approve the proposals for the LSGR Watershed Group and the Harbor Toxics Upstream.

Director Deras motioned to approve entering into the PSA with JLHA for the LLAR Watershed Management and CIMP Implementation Services and authorizes the Chair to Execute the PSA. The motion was seconded by Director Figueroa and was approved by the following voice vote:

- AYES:** Dor, Monroe, Sanchez, Iniguez, Hierlihy, O’Grady, McCoy, Stowell, Rapp, You, Hemepe, Figueroa, Guerrero, Vernon, Negrete, Deras, Arellano, Smith, Rojas.
- NOES:** None.
- ABSTAIN:** Roldan.

Director Negrete motioned to approve entering into the PSA with JLHA for the LSGR Watershed Management and CIMP Implementation Services and for the Harbor Toxics for the Los Angeles River and San Gabriel River Watersheds Program Management, contingent upon final approval by the LSGR Watershed Group, and authorizes the Chair to Execute the PSA once written approval is received from the LSGR Group. The motion was seconded by Director O’Grady and was approved by the following voice vote:

- AYES:** Dor, Monroe, Sanchez, Iniguez, Hierlihy, O’Grady, McCoy, Roldan, Stowell, Rapp, You, Hemepe, Figueroa, Guerrero, Vernon, Negrete, Deras, Arellano, Smith, Rojas.
- NOES:** None.
- ABSTAIN:** None.

ITEM 10 – PRESENTATION – INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT (IRWM) DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM (DACIP)

Executive Officer Kast provided a presentation on the DACIP for the IRWM. The IRWM Program is made up of 5 subregions, in which the Gateway Region, including Catalina, is with the Lower San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers subregion. The IRWMP has two parts to it: Governance and Funding. In 2014, ten percent (10%) of Proposition 1 funds, which is equal to \$9.8M, was approved for DACIP. This amount is shared between three regions in a single funding area, namely the LA/Ventura/Upper Santa Clara River Funding Area. The DACIP goals include strengthening relationships with DACs, identifying new DACs and engaging them in opportunities related to, watershed planning, identifying water related needs, and working together to assist the DACs in developing needed projects, and assisting/supporting DACs in securing potential state and/or local funding. For the GLAC IRWM Leadership Committee, the regional voting members are: Lisa Rapp with Grace Kast as her alternate, and Robb Whitaker with Esther Rojas as his alternate. One of the five sub-regional steering committees (Lower LA River/Lower San Gabriel Sub regions): Lisa Rapp is the Chair with Grace Kast as her alternate, and Robb Whitaker is the Vice-Chair with Esther Rojas as his alternate. Grace Kast is the Chairperson for the GLAC IRWM DAC Committee representing all 5 sub-regions, and she is the Co-Chair for the DACIP Task Force for Ventura/Upper Santa Clara/Greater LA. The DACIP Tasks include: Community Outreach/Involvement, Needs Assessment, and Project Development. It is anticipated for the project to be completed by end of 2021. The Watertalks website (<https://watertalks.csusb.edu/>) provides information about the program, upcoming meetings.

ITEM 11 – SAFE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM ORAL REPORTS

Director Vernon, chair for the Lower Los Angeles River WASC, reported the stormwater investment plan (SIP) was presented to the regional oversight committee on June 24th. The regional oversight committee unanimously approved the plan. The SIP has been forwarded to the County Board of Supervisors for funding.

Director Rapp, chair for the Lower San Gabriel River WASC, had previously reported the SIP was approved by the regional oversight committee at the first meeting. It is now to be recommended to the Board of Supervisors for funding. The next step for all of the WASCs, is to select watershed coordinators for each WASC. After receiving proposals, a shortlist will be made, followed by interviews and selection.

ITEM 12 – GATEWAY REGIONAL WATERSHED MANAGEMENT GROUPS ORAL REPORT

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

Director Arellano reported that the John Anson Ford Park Construction is continuing.

Lower Los Angeles River Watershed Group

Director Deras reported the next LLAR meeting to be held in July.

Lower San Gabriel River Watershed Group

Director O'Grady reported there was no regular meeting in June. The next meeting will be on Thursday, July 16, 2020.

Los Cerritos Channel Watershed Group

Director Iniguez reported the next meeting will be on Thursday, July 16, 2020.

ITEM 13 – EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S ORAL REPORT

Executive Officer Kast reported the Request for Proposals (RFP) for Gateway Region catch basin cleaning will be released June 15th. A copy of the RFP was sent to all the Board members requesting their assistance in circulating it or posting it on their agency's website. The RFP was also sent to the previous vendors that have provided proposals or have expressed interest. Questions are due by July 10, 2020. Proposals are due July 31, 2020.

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.

ITEM 14 – DIRECTORS' ORAL COMMENTS/REPORTS


None.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:52 p.m.

The next regular Board Meeting of the Directors of the Gateway Water Management Authority will be on Thursday, August 13, 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