

**MINUTES OF THE GATEWAY WATER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
LOS ANGELES GATEWAY REGION
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
BOARD
VIA VIDEO CONFERENCING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2021**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Gateway Water Management Authority was held on Thursday, February 11, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. via WebEx and Phone Conference.

Chair Lisa Rapp called the meeting to order at 12:08 p.m. Roll was called by Executive Officer Grace Kast and a quorum of the Board was declared.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chau Vu	Bell Gardens
Len Gorecki	Bellflower
Martha Camacho-Rodriguez (alternate)	Central Basin Municipal Water District
Mike O’Grady	Cerritos
Gina Nila	Commerce
Tana McCoy	Compton
Cesar Roldan	Huntington Park
Lisa Rapp	Lakewood
Melissa You	Long Beach
Jillian Croci	Long Beach Water
Adriana Figueroa	Paramount
Kenner Guerrero (alternate)	Pico Rivera
James Vernon	Port of Long Beach
Jesse Sira (alternate)	Santa Fe Springs
Kelli Tunnicliff	Signal Hill
Esther Rojas	Water Replenishment District
Vicki Smith	Whittier

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 (alternate)	City of Huntington Park
Leticia Vasquez-Wilson	Central Basin Municipal Water District
Nina Turner	Port of Long Beach
Maria Rosales-Ramirez	LA County Sanitation
Aric Torreyson	Tetra Tech
John Hunter	John L. Hunter & Associates
Leanne Mason	CWE
Maria Alvarez	Atkins
Nate Schreiner	Tetra Tech

STAFF AND GUESTS ON SIGN-IN SHEET (continued):

Nate Galang	Craftwater
Scott Struck	Geosyntec
Shahnawaz Ahmad	SA Associates
Shem Hawes	Civiltec Engineering
Tom West	Harris & Associates

ITEM 3 - ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

ITEM 4 - ORAL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

None.

ITEM 5 - CONSENT CALENDAR

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

AYES: Vu, Gorecki, Camacho-Rodriguez, McCoy, Roldan, Rapp, You, Croci, Figueroa, Guerrero, Sira, Tunnicliff, Rojas, Smith.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: O'Grady, Nila, Vernon. (Minutes only.)

ITEM 6 – PRESENTATION – VIRTUAL TOUR OF FOOD WASTE RECYCLING PROGRAM

Ms. Maria Rosales-Ramirez from Los Angeles County Sanitation District provided a presentation regarding the Sanitation District's food waste recycling program. Each year, approximately 21 million tons of waste is generated in LA County, with 9 million tons per year being buried in landfills. Approximately 1/3 of landfilled waste is organic, with half of it being food waste. The State requires local jurisdictions to divert organics from landfills. The District's food waste program helps the County's member cities meet this state requirement. The recycling program has several steps in which ultimately after processing, the byproducts are used to generate electricity, heat/steam, vehicle fuel, and renewable natural gas.

ITEM 7 – DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR THE LOS CERRITOS CHANNEL

The original MOU expired in September 2020 between GWMA and Los Angeles County to contribute on an on-going basis to the Coordinated Integrated Monitoring Program on behalf of the 100-acre County unincorporated island that is tributary to the Los Cerritos Channel (LCC). Los Angeles County contacted GWMA requesting to re-enter into a new MOU. The MOU was developed by the County of LA, approved by the LCC Watershed Group, and reviewed by GWMA's legal counsel.

Director Rojas motioned to approve the MOU with the County of Los Angeles for the Administration and Cost Sharing to implement a CIMP for the Los Cerritos Channel and authorize the Chair to execute the MOU. The motion was seconded by Director Nila and approved by the following voice vote:

AYES: Vu, Gorecki, Camacho-Rodriguez, O’Grady, Nila, McCoy, Roldan, Rapp, You, Croci, Figueroa, Guerrero, Vernon, Sira, Tunncliff, Rojas, Smith.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ITEM 8 - DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING MOU WITH THE CITY OF COMPTON FOR LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVER COORDINATED INTEGRATED MONITORING PLAN COST SHARING

The City of Compton requested from the Lower Los Angeles River (LLAR) Watershed Group to participate in the LLAR Coordinated Integrated Monitoring Plan (CIMP) for the Total Maximum Daily Loads at monitoring locations for individual permit compliance. The LLAR Watershed Group requested that GWMA enter into an individual separate agreement with the City of Compton as an individual National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit holder for CIMP cost sharing purposes only.

Director Figueroa motioned to approve the MOU with the City of Compton for the Administration and Cost Sharing of the CIMP and authorize the Chair to execute the MOU. The motion was seconded by Director Vu and approved by the following voice vote:

AYES: Vu, Gorecki, Camacho-Rodriguez, O’Grady, Nila, McCoy, Roldan, Rapp, You, Croci, Figueroa, Guerrero, Vernon, Sira, Tunncliff, Rojas, Smith.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ITEM 9 – DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING GWMA’S UPDATED ON-CALL CONSULTING SERVICES LIST

Executive Officer, Grace Kast, stated that many of the existing Professional Services Agreements (PSAs) for existing On-Call Consultants had expired in 2020. Therefore, on September 30, 2020, a Request for Qualifications was released for General On-Call Professional Technical and/or Engineering Services. Statement of Qualifications (SOQs) were due on October 30, 2020. GWMA received thirteen (13) SOQs. An ad-hoc Committee ranked the SOQs and agreed that the consultants with the top six highest scores be selected for GWMA’s updated list of pre-qualified on-call consultants.

Director Figueroa motioned to approve GWMA’s Updated On-Call Consulting Services List as presented, and authorize the Chair to execute On-Call PSAs with the newly accepted on-call

consultants, contingent upon legal counsels' review of any requested non-material changes on PSAs. The motion was seconded by Director Nila and approved by the following voice vote:

AYES: Vu, Gorecki, Camacho-Rodriguez, O'Grady, Nila, McCoy, Roldan, Rapp, You, Croci, Figueroa, Guerrero, Vernon, Sira, Tunnicliff, Rojas, Smith.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ITEM 10 – ORAL REPORT – AB377 (RIVAS/HERTZBERG) BY GENERAL COUNSEL NICHOLAS GHIRELLI

GWMA's Legal Counsel, Nicholas Ghirelli of Richards Watson Gershon (RWG) reported on information shared by California Stormwater Quality Association (CASQA) regarding a bill that was introduced into the State Assembly last week. AB377 was authored by Coastkeeper. The bill, if passed, would take away a lot of the discretion that the Regional Board currently has to modify implementation schedules for TMDLs and craft permits with alternative compliance approaches that involve implementing structural BMPs over a period of time as a means of achieving compliance with TMDLs. The bill seems to be targeted at the Los Angeles MS4 Permit and seeks to prohibit the Regional Board from issuing NPDES and waste discharge permit requirements that causes or contributes to exceedance of water quality standards by prohibiting any type of alternative compliance determination. RWG will continue to monitor the bill.

ITEM 11 – SAFE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM ORAL REPORT

Director Nila is the chair for the LLAR WASC. She reported that the Watershed Area Steering Committee (WASC) met on Jan 14th. The primary objective of the meeting was to select a Watershed Coordinator (WC), which was Stephen Groner & Associates. The LLAR WASC is waiting to hear back from the County regarding the execution of the agreement with the selected WC. Director Nila also reported each member of the LLAR Upper Reach 2 have submitted their annual expenditure plans. Responses from the County is pending.

Director Rapp is the chair for LSGR WASC. She reported that the WASC met on February 9th. At the January meeting, the LSGR WASC had voted to select their WC, OhanaVets. The County is coordinating with OhanaVets regarding the execution of the contract. The LSGR WASC also received presentations for three infrastructure projects. At the next meeting, there will be a few more infrastructure projects presentations and also presentations for scientific study proposals.

ITEM 12 - 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 continues to progress. Bell Gardens has executed the change order to expand the project to include construction for Phase 2 with Measure W funds.

Lower Los Angeles River (LLAR) Watershed Group

None.

Lower San Gabriel River (LSGR) Watershed Group

Director O'Grady reported the watershed group is continuing to have discussions regarding ranking projects to invest funds into feasibility studies so that they can seek outside funding.

Los Cerritos Channel (LCC) Watershed Group

None.

ITEM 13 – EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S ORAL REPORT

Executive Officer Grace Kast informed Board Members that they are required to submit annual Form 700s. Emails from the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors will be sent out to each Board Member and Alternates shortly. The deadline to file is April 1st.

Executive Officer Kast also noted that she had sent out an email to the board members and alternates regarding an upcoming free Webinar hosted by the Southern California Water Coalition called "Understanding and Addressing PFAS In Our Water" that is scheduled for Friday, February 19th.

The Executive Officer presented an updated report from LA County staff showing estimates for Safe Clean Water Program 2020-2021 Local Property Tax Returns. A few of GWMA cities reported receiving their municipal funds which were close to the estimates shown in the report. In December of 2021, a report of how the municipal funds were expended will need to be submitted to LA County. However, the format for the report has not been released yet. New expenditure plans for the next fiscal year are due April 1st.

ITEM 14 – DIRECTORS' ORAL COMMENTS/REPORTS

None.

The meeting adjourned at 1:24 p.m.

The next regular Board Meeting of the Directors of the Gateway Water Management Authority will be on Thursday, March 11, 2021 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

3.11.2021

Date