

**MINUTES OF THE GATEWAY WATER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
LOS ANGELES GATEWAY REGION
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
BOARD
VIA VIDEO CONFERENCING
THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 2021**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Gateway Water Management Authority was held on Thursday, June 10, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. via WebEx and Phone Conference.

Chair Lisa Rapp called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m. Roll was called by Executive Officer Grace Kast and a quorum of the Board was declared.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Fionna Graham (alternate)	Artesia
Veronica Sanchez (alternate)	Bell Gardens
Len Gorecki	Bellflower
Alex Rojas	Central Basin Municipal Water District
Mike O’Grady	Cerritos
Michelle Chambers (alternate)	Compton
Cesar Roldan	Huntington Park
Mark Stowell	La Mirada
Lisa Rapp	Lakewood
Melissa You	Long Beach
Jillian Croci	Long Beach Water
Lorry Hempe (alternate)	Lynwood
Adriana Figueroa	Paramount
Monica Heredia	Pico Rivera
Janna Morimoto (alternate)	Port of Long Beach
Sarina Morales-Choate (alternate)	Santa Fe Springs
Kelli Tunnicliff	Signal Hill
Gladis Deras (alternate)	South Gate
Jazmine Hooks (alternate)	Vernon
Esther Rojas (alternate)	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
Grissel Chavez	City of Bell Gardens
Whitford Marin	City of Huntington Park
Nina Turner	Port of Long Beach
Julia Guy	(Unknown)

ITEM 3 - ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

ITEM 4 - ORAL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

None.

ITEM 5 - CONSENT CALENDAR

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

AYES: Sanchez, Gorecki, A. Rojas, Roldan, Stowell, Rapp, You, Croci, Hempe, Figueroa, Morales-Choate, Tunnickliff, Hooks, E. Rojas, Smith

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: Graham, O'Grady, Heredia, Morimoto (Minutes only).

ITEM 6 – GWMA MEMBERSHIP REDUCED DUES FOR FY 2021-2022

The Board previously adopted a membership dues policy in 2017 that defined the eligibility requirements for reduced dues for JPA Members. The cities of Artesia, Bell, Cudahy and Maywood currently have memberships with reduced dues. These same four entities in addition to the City of Compton submitted their applications with supporting documents for reduced membership dues for fiscal year 2021-2022.

Four of the agencies qualified for reduced dues. The eligible agencies with the recommended membership dues per the adopted policy for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 are as follows:

City of Artesia	\$7,500
City of Bell	\$7,500
City of Cudahy	\$7,500
City of Maywood	\$6,500

These amounts would be granted for one year to each agency and will be re-considered for the next fiscal year.

Director Figueroa motioned to approve the reduced dues for the four eligible cities. The motion was seconded by Director A. Rojas and was approved by the following voice vote:

AYES: Graham, Sanchez, Gorecki, A. Rojas, O'Grady, Chambers, Roldan, Stowell, Rapp, You, Croci, Hempe, Figueroa, Heredia, Morimoto, Morales-Choate, Tunnickliff, Hooks, E. Rojas, Smith

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ITEM 7 – GWMA OPERATING BUDGET

Director Deras entered at 12:21 PM

Executive Officer Grace Kast reviewed the proposed operating budget for FY 2021-2022, the basis of the budget, the reserve policy, direct and indirect administrative fee collection, and highlights. The administrative budget is supported by membership dues and revenues from agreements and grants.

The proposed budget for FY 2021-2022 reflects actual costs and projections through the end of this fiscal year. In doing so, staff anticipates an FY 2021-2022 Ending Fund Balance of \$743,953.

In support of the budget, staff recommended the annual membership dues for FY 2021-2022 remain at \$15,000, except for the agencies that had been approved by the Board for reduced dues. Dues from member agencies are expected to be \$404,000 in FY 2021-2022. This administrative budget does not include MOU project costs or grant project costs. However, it does reflect the administrative and legal costs associated with the MOUs.

Director A. Rojas motioned to approve the annual membership dues of \$15,000, except for the agencies that had been approved by the board for reduced dues, and to adopt the GWMA FY 2021-2022 Operating Budget. The motion was seconded by Director E. Rojas and was approved by the following voice vote:

AYES: **Graham, Sanchez, Gorecki, A. Rojas, O’Grady, Chambers, Roldan, Stowell, Rapp, You, Croci, Hemepe, Figueroa, Heredia, Morimoto, Morales-Choate, Tunncliff, Deras, Hooks, E. Rojas, Smith**

NOES: **None.**

ABSTAIN: **None.**

ITEM 8 – LEGISLATIVE ORAL REPORTS

Executive Officer Grace Kast reported that AB377 bill is on hold until January 2022. Mr. Ghirelli noted that the bill was held in committee in the first house, and did not make it out of the house of origin.

ITEM 9 – SAFE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM ORAL REPORT

Director Rapp reported the Lower San Gabriel River (LSGR) WASC completed work on the SIP for Round 2. It was voted on May 11th and on June 8th.

ITEM 10 - GATEWAY REGIONAL WATERSHED MANAGEMENT GROUPS ORAL REPORT

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

None.

LLAR Watershed Group

None.

LSGR Watershed Group

None.

Los Cerritos Channel (LCC) Watershed Group

None.

ITEM 11 – EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S ORAL REPORT

None.

ITEM 12 – DIRECTORS’ ORAL COMMENTS/REPORTS

None.

The meeting adjourned at 12:33 p.m.

The next regular Board Meeting of the Directors of the Gateway Water Management Authority will be on Thursday, July 8, 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 Ann Rapp, Chair

7.08.21

Date