

**MINUTES OF THE GATEWAY WATER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
LOS ANGELES GATEWAY REGION
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
BOARD
VIA VIDEO CONFERENCING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2022**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Gateway Water Management Authority was held on Thursday, February 10, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. via WebEx and Phone Conference.

Chair Lisa Rapp called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m. Roll was called by Executive Officer Grace Kast and a quorum of the Board was declared.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bernie Iniguez (alternate)	Bellflower
Mike O’Grady	Cerritos
Gina Nila	Commerce
Dan Mueller	Downey
Whitford Marin (alternate)	Huntington Park
Mark Stowell	La Mirada
Lisa Rapp	Lakewood
Colin Averill (alternate)	Long Beach
Jillian Croci	Long Beach Water
Lorry Hempe (alternate)	Lynwood
Adriana Figueroa	Paramount
Dylan Porter (alternate)	Port of Long Beach
Jesse Sira (alternate)	Santa Fe Springs
Hannah Shin-Heydorn (alternate)	Signal Hill
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
Steve Fowler	City of Maywood
Gerald Montgomery	City of Pico Rivera
Sarina Morales Choate	City of Santa Fe Springs
Martha Camacho Rodriguez	Central Basin Municipal Water District
Nina Turner	POLB
Suely Saro	RMC
Deborah Bloome	ARLA
Devon Provo	ARLA
Sarah Faraola	unknown

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

Christy Cooper	Harris & Associates
Tom West	Harris & Associates
Julia Chambers	Harris & Associates
Yoshi Andersen	Geosyntec Consultants
Oliver Galang	Craftwater Engineering
Nate Schreiner	Tetra Tech

ITEM 3 - ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

ITEM 4 - ORAL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

None.

ITEM 5 - PRESENTATION - ARLA WORKING GROUP STUDY

Director Rapp and Ms. Deborah Bloom, Senior Policy Director for Accelerated Resilience Los Angeles (ARLA), provided a presentation on the ARLA Working Group's study recommendation titled "Using Watershed Science to Build Consensus and Maximize Benefits of Los Angeles County's Safe Clean Water Program". The Working Group consisted of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and municipalities. They evaluated the benefits and tradeoffs of various Program and project implementation scenarios. The goals were to develop metrics for balanced watershed projects stemming from the SCWP and provide consensus-based recommendations to LA County regarding potential refinements to the Safe Clean Water Program to maximize investments and project benefits.

ITEM 6 - CONSENT CALENDAR

Director Figueroa moved to approve the consent calendar.

The motion was seconded by Director Stowell and was approved by the following voice vote:

AYES: O'Grady, Nila, Mueller, Marin, Stowell, Rapp, Croci, Hemepe, Figueroa, Porter, Sira, Shin-Heydorn, E. Rojas, Smith.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: Iniguez, Averill (Minutes only).

ITEM 7 – UPDATE REGARDING GREATER LOS ANGELES INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT IMPLEMENTATION GRANT ROUND 2

Executive Officer Kast provided an update on the IRWM Implementation Grant Prop 1 – Final Round. The draft guidelines are currently out for comments. GWMA serves as an applicant on behalf of its members, and pays for the application costs of approximately \$20k. The Board approved \$20k in the FY 2021/2022 GWMA Budget for the development/submission of one

project application for the grant. If there are additional competitive projects, additional applications can be funded with reserve funds if approved by the Board. Ms. Kast reviewed project eligibility. The final PSP is expected to be released in April. There will potentially be two cycles for Round 2 (tentatively October 2022 and February 2023). The Final Awards will be released approximately three to four months after each solicitation cycle.

ITEM 9 – GWMA REGIONAL GRANT WRITING UPDATE ORAL REPORT

Tom West, Christy Cooper and Julia Chambers of Harris & Associates provided a status update for grant services for PFOS/PFOA and for new wells regional projects. Harris & Associates has been identifying member interest and tracking funding opportunities. Harris & Associates has been sending out emails to member agencies to solicit expressions of interest. A summary of responses for PFOS/PFOA and for new wells were provided. The next steps for the team will be a follow up to obtain more project information; continue to follow the evolving PFAS funding status; and potentially request for authorization for pursuit of grant application for Urban and Drought Relief Programs (wells) and/or for SRF (PFAS).

Yoshi Andersen with Geosyntec Consulting provided the progress update for grant services for recycled water. Geosyntec has also been identifying member interest and tracking funding opportunities. Emails were sent out to member agencies to solicit expressions of interest. Geosyntec provided a summary of responses that have been obtained to date. The next steps for the team are to continue soliciting online form responses, and schedule meetings for interested board members.

Oliver Galang with Craftwater Engineering introduced himself and is the main contact for development of a stormwater capture and reuse systems regional project with a corresponding effort to seek grant funding. Mr. Galang noted that he will be sending out an email with a form to GWMA members soliciting interest and information.

ITEM 10 – SAFE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM ORAL REPORT

Tara Dales, the watershed coordinator for the LLAR Watershed Area Steering Committee, provided an update on what projects are currently under review under the LLAR watershed, and the activities that she has done as the LLAR Watershed Coordinator.

ITEM 11 - GATEWAY REGIONAL WATERSHED MANAGEMENT GROUPS ORAL REPORT

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

Director Nila reported the group is anticipating proposals from consultants for future work such as continued monitoring.

LLAR Watershed Group

None.

LSGR Watershed Group

Director O'Grady reported that the next meeting is in March.

LCC Watershed Group

Director Iniguez reported that the group is scheduled to meet on February 17th.

ITEM 12 – EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S ORAL REPORT

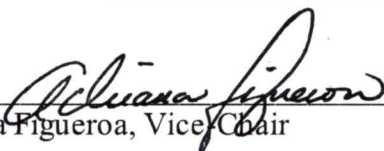
Executive Officer Kast reported that GWMA recently received the executed transfer agreements from the County for the Gateway Area Pathfinding Analysis Scientific Study Phase 1 funded by the Safe Clean Water Program. A Notice to Proceed was issued to Craftwater Engineering to start working on the study for the Lower LA River and Lower San Gabriel River watershed areas.

ITEM 13 – DIRECTORS’ ORAL COMMENTS/REPORTS

None.

The meeting adjourned at 1:53 p.m.

The next regular Board Meeting of the Directors of the Gateway Water Management Authority will be on Thursday, March 10, 2022 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.



Adriana Figueroa, Vice Chair

4/14/22

Date