

**MINUTES OF THE GATEWAY WATER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
LOS ANGELES GATEWAY REGION
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
BOARD
VIA VIDEO CONFERENCING
THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 2022**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Gateway Water Management Authority was held on Thursday, June 9, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. via WebEx and Phone Conference.

Chair Adriana Figueroa called the meeting to order at 12:13 p.m. Roll was called by Executive Officer Grace Kast and a quorum of the Board was declared.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gabino Luna (alternate)	Bell
Grissel Chavez	Bell Gardens
Len Gorecki	Bellflower
Alex Rojas	Central Basin Municipal Water District
Mike O’Grady	Cerritos
Aaron Hernandez Torres	Cudahy
Dan Mueller	Downey
Cesar Roldan	Huntington Park
Mark Stowell	La Mirada
Kelli Pickler	Lakewood
Melissa You	Long Beach
Diana Tang	Long Beach Water Dept.
Lorry Hempe	Lynwood
Adriana Figueroa	Paramount
Kenner Guerrero (alternate)	Pico Rivera
Dylan Porter (alternate)	Port of Long Beach
Sarina Morales Choate (alternate)	Santa Fe Springs
Thomas Bekele	Signal Hill
Gladis Deras (alternate)	South Gate
Margarita Beltran (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
Isabelle Guido	Central Basin Municipal Water District
Derwin Dy	Lakewood
Derek Nguyen	Lakewood
Aimee Zhao	Water Replenishment District
Melissa Bahmanpour	RMC

ITEM 3 - ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

ITEM 4 - ORAL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

None.

ITEM 5 - CONSENT CALENDAR

Director A. Rojas moved to approve the consent calendar.

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

AYES: Luna, Chavez, A. Rojas, O’Grady, Hernandez-Torres, Roldan, Stowell, Pickler, You, Tang, Hempe, Figueroa, Guerrero, Porter, Morales-Choate, Bekele, Deras, Beltran, E. Rojas, Smith.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: Gorecki, Mueller (Minutes only).

ITEM 6 – GWMA MEMBERSHIP REDUCED DUES FOR FY 2022-2023

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 submitted their applications with supporting documents for reduced membership dues for fiscal year 2022-2023.

The four agencies qualified for reduced dues. The eligible agencies with the recommended membership dues per the adopted policy for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 are as follows:

City of Artesia	\$7,500
City of Bell	\$7,500
City of Cudahy	\$7,500
City of Maywood	\$7,000

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

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

AYES: Luna, Gorecki, Chavez, A. Rojas, O’Grady, Hernandez-Torres, Mueller, Roldan, Stowell, Pickler, You, Tang, Hempe, Figueroa, Guerrero, Porter, Morales-Choate, Bekele, Deras, Beltran, E. Rojas, Smith.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ITEM 7 – GWMA OPERATING BUDGET

Executive Officer Grace Kast provided a brief overview of the proposed operating budget for FY 2022-2023, which was discussed in great detail at the budget workshop that was held in May 2022.

The proposed budget for FY 2022-2023 reflects actual costs and projections through the end of the current fiscal year. In doing so, staff anticipates an FY 2022-2023 Ending Fund Balance of \$741,066.

In support of the budget, staff recommended the annual membership dues for FY 2022-2023 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 \$404,500 in FY 2022-2023. This administrative budget does not include MOU project costs or grant project costs. However, it does reflect the administrative and legal costs associated with those programs.

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 2022-2023 Operating Budget. The motion was seconded by Director Gorecki and was approved by the following voice vote:

AYES: Luna, Gorecki, Chavez, A. Rojas, O’Grady, Hernandez-Torres, Mueller, Roldan, Stowell, Pickler, You, Tang, Hempe, Figueroa, Guerrero, Porter, Morales-Choate, Bekele, Deras, Beltran, E. Rojas, Smith.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ITEM 13 – EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S ORAL REPORT

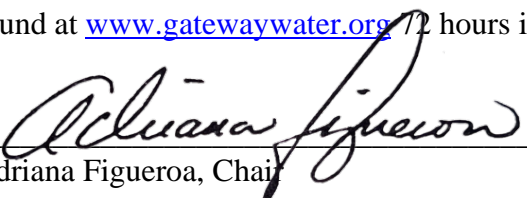
None.

ITEM 14 – DIRECTORS’ ORAL COMMENTS/REPORTS

None.

The meeting adjourned at 12:26 p.m.

The next regular Board Meeting of the Directors of the Gateway Water Management Authority will be on Thursday, July 14, 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, Chair

July 14, 2022
Date