

**MINUTES OF THE GATEWAY WATER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
LOS ANGELES GATEWAY REGION
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
BOARD
VIA VIDEO CONFERENCING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2022**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Gateway Water Management Authority was held on Thursday, September 8, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. via WebEx and Phone Conference.

Vice Chair Kelli Pickler 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:

Okina Dor	Artesia
Veronica Sanchez (alternate)	Bell Gardens
Mike O’Grady	Cerritos
Gina Nila	Commerce
Dan Mueller	Downey
Mark Stowell	La Mirada
Kelli Pickler	Lakewood
Colin Averill (alternate)	Long Beach
Diana Tang	Long Beach Water Dept.
Lorry Hempe (alternate)	Lynwood
Sarah Ho (alternate)	Paramount
Kenner Guerrero (alternate)	Pico Rivera
Dylan Porter (alternate)	Port of Long Beach
Thomas Bekele	Signal Hill
Gladis Deras (alternate)	South Gate
Rob Beste	Water Replenishment District
Vicki Smith	Whittier

STAFF AND GUESTS ON SIGN-IN SHEET:

Grace Kast	Executive Officer
Traci Gleason	Program Administrative Manager
Kekoa Anderson	Funding/Grants Program
Esther Rojas	Water Replenishment District
Aimee Zhao	Water Replenishment District
Brad Wardynski	Craftwater Engineering
Brianna Datti	Craftwater Engineering
John Hunter	John L. Hunter & Assoc.
Yoshi Andersen	Geosyntec Consultants

ITEM 3 - ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

ITEM 5 - SAFE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM SCIENTIFIC STUDY: GATEWAY AREA PATHFINDING ANALYSIS (PHASE 1) UPDATE PRESENTATION

Brad Wardynski of Craftwater Engineering provided a status update presentation of the Gateway Area Pathfinding (GAP) Analysis (Phase 1) Scientific Study that is being funded through the Safe Clean Water Program (SCWP). The goal of the project is to find and analyze new projects in a watershed context and arrange them in a way to be coordinated to provide more information to make decisions on which projects to invest in and to propose to the SCWP in the future. The project is split into two phases. The team is currently in Phase 1. Since the study had commenced, the project analysis has been expanded across all of the watershed management groups in the Gateway region. The planning horizon has been determined to be 2 to 5 years out. Additionally, the projects that were recently submitted for FY23-24 SCWP funding will be included in the study. Craftwater has been compiling known/planned projects, screening to find new opportunities, conducting engineering reviews, and assembling the information into a web-based dashboard. Mr. Wardynski provided an overview of the web-based dashboard. The schedule for Phase 1 study is as follows: the initial modeling analysis to be completed in October, the draft product to be completed in December, and the final deliverable to be provided in February. The Board directed GWMA staff to coordinate with Lower Los Angeles River (LLAR) and Lower San Gabriel River (LSGR) Watershed Area Steering Committees (WASCs) for Craftwater to demonstrate the progress of the web-based dashboard in October and/or November 2022. In December 2022, Craftwater will share a link that will be available via GWMA's website for GWMA members to access and review the draft product.

ITEM 6 - CONSENT CALENDAR

Director Dor moved to approve the consent calendar.

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

AYES: Dor, Sanchez, O'Grady, Nila, Stowell, Pickler, Tang, Hempe, Guerrero, Porter, Bekele, Deras, Smith

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: Mueller, Averill, Ho, Beste (Minutes only).

ITEM 7 - DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF COMPTON FOR LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVER (LLAR) COORDINATED INTEGRATED MONITORING PLAN (CIMP) REVISION

The Lower Los Angeles River (LLAR) Watershed Management Group requested GWMA to enter into an individual separate agreement with the City of Compton for the purpose of cost sharing related to revising the LLAR CIMP. The City of Compton, an individual NPDES permit holder has indicated a desire to be incorporated in the upcoming revision of the CIMP, which will include new monitoring locations in Compton Creek that the City of Compton will solely be financially responsible. The City of Compton will be invoiced for the Permit Holder's portion of the cost share for revising, submitting, and processing the CIMP to incorporate Compton Creek, plus administrative fees on each payment to cover direct administrative costs.

Director Mueller moved to approve the agreement with the City of Compton for the administration and cost sharing for the revision of the LLAR Coordinated Integrated Monitoring Plan and to authorize the Chair to execute the agreement. The motion was seconded by Director Nila and was approved by the following voice vote:

AYES: Dor, Sanchez, O’Grady, Nila, Mueller, Stowell, Pickler, Averill, Tang, Hempe, Ho, Guerrero, Porter, Bekele, Deras, Beste, Smith.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ITEM 8 – DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING GWMA TO SERVE AS LEAD AGENCY FOR THE SAFE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM SCIENTIFIC STUDY APPLICATION FOR A TARGETED HUMAN WASTE SOURCE REDUCTION STRATEGY TO ADDRESS BACTERIA-RELATED COMPLIANCE OBJECTIVES FOR THE LOS CERRITOS CHANNEL

The Safe Clean Water (SCW) Program solicited project applications for Year 4 (the FY 2023-2024 funding year) to be paid from its Regional Program funds (50% of SCWP funds). The deadline for applications was July 31, 2022. Since GWMA is the fiduciary agent for the Los Cerritos Channel Watershed Group, the watershed group requested for GWMA to be the project lead for a Targeted Human Waste Source Reduction Strategy for the Los Cerritos Channel Scientific Study. The scientific study will provide an effective framework for the LCC WMG to guide and prioritize source identification and source abatement efforts, focusing on reducing sources of human waste to achieve bacteria related compliance objectives. However, due to the timing of the request, GWMA’s Board Meetings and the SCWP’s application deadline of July 31st, the project lead identified in the application was the City of Lakewood as a placeholder until GWMA could meet and consider taking the Lead Agency role.

If funding is awarded through Measure W, GWMA staff and legal time will be needed to review and develop the funding agreement(s) between GWMA and Los Angeles County Flood Control District for the GWMA Board to consider. In accordance with GWMA Board Policy, once the legal agreements are executed, GWMA’s administrative costs of 5% will be covered by Measure W funds.

Director Pickler moved to approve GWMA’s role as Lead Agency for The Targeted Human Waste Source Reduction Strategy to Address Bacteria-Related Compliance Objectives for the Los Cerritos Channel Scientific Study and authorize GWMA’s name to be added to the Measure W funding application for the proposed study, in place of the City of Lakewood. If awarded, GWMA’s official role as the study’s Lead Agency is contingent upon Board Approval of an Agreement between Los Angeles County Flood Control District and GWMA that sets forth each agency’s role and funding obligation. The motion was seconded by Director Mueller and was approved by the following voice vote:

AYES: Dor, Sanchez, O’Grady, Nila, Mueller, Stowell, Pickler, Averill, Tang, Hempe, Ho, Guerrero, Porter, Bekele, Deras, Beste, Smith.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ITEM 9 - DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING PROPOSAL FOR PROJECT MANAGEMENT SERVICES TO CLOSEOUT THE 2015 PROPOSITION 84 REGIONAL ADVANCED METER REPLACEMENT GRANT PROJECT

Executive Officer Kast reported GWMA retained Civiltec Engineering, Inc.'s services through a Request for Proposal process as a pre-qualified consultant on the approved On-Call Consultant List to provide Project & Grant Management Services for the 2015 Proposition 84 Regional Advanced Meter Replacement (AMR) Grant Project. The project included the following subrecipients: Long Beach Water Department, Pico Water District, and the Cities of Commerce, Downey, Lakewood, Norwalk, Pico Rivera, South Gate and Whittier. The subrecipients were to replace water meters at customer connections with AMR units that have advanced reading technology capabilities. Civiltec was retained by GWMA to facilitate managing the grant project. The project schedule had extended longer than originally planned, primarily due to the timing of the subrecipients implementing their respective portion of the project. An amendment to the agreement with Civiltec is now requested to close out the grant. The additional request is in the amount of \$6,920, bringing the total fee to \$79,748. The grant reimbursed \$50,000 for project management with the remainder of \$22,828 shared by the project participants collected back in 2016.

Director Nila moved to approve the AMR Project Close Out Proposal from Civiltec Engineering, Inc. as presented and authorize the Executive Officer to sign the proposal and issue a Notice to Proceed. The motion was seconded by Director Deras and was approved by the following voice vote:

AYES: Dor, Sanchez, O'Grady, Nila, Mueller, Stowell, Pickler, Averill, Tang, Hempe, Ho, Guerrero, Porter, Bekele, Deras, Beste, Smith.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ITEM 10 – SAFE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM – ORAL REPORT

None.

ITEM 11 – EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S ORAL REPORT

The Executive Officer reported that it is becoming more difficult to achieve a quorum at Board Meetings because board members and alternates have been leaving their agencies and are not being replaced. GWMA staff will be sending notifications to member agencies requesting appointment of a board member and at least one alternate to ensure the agency can continue to take actions at Board Meetings..

An RFP was released on September 2, 2022 for Financial, Accounting and Investment services for GWMA. The contract for the current accounting firm, Clifton Larson Allen, expires on December 31, 2022. Proposals are due by October 7, 2022 at 4:00 PM.

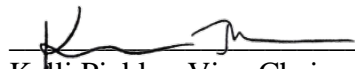
Executive Officer Kast confirmed with GWMA's Legal Counsel regarding ability to continue with virtual meetings. Assembly Bill 361 extends the ability of having virtual board meetings through January 1, 2024, or if the Governor changes the emergency status.

ITEM 12 – DIRECTORS' ORAL COMMENTS/REPORTS

None.

The meeting adjourned at 12:47 p.m.

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



Kelli Pickler, Vice-Chair

10-13-22

Date