

**MINUTES OF THE GATEWAY WATER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
LOS ANGELES GATEWAY REGION
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
BOARD
THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 2023**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Gateway Water Management Authority was held on Thursday, June 8, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. at Progress Park Plaza, 15500 Downey Avenue, Paramount, CA.

Chair Adriana Figueroa called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m. Roll was called by Ms. Traci Gleason and a quorum of the Board was declared.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Veronica Sanchez (alternate)	Bell Gardens
Len Gorecki	Bellflower
Madeline Chen (alternate)	Central Basin Municipal Water District
Mike O’Grady	Cerritos
Dan Mueller	Downey
Cesar Roldan	Huntington Park
Mark Stowell	La Mirada
Konya Vivanti (alternate)	Lakewood
Melissa You	Long Beach
Julian Lee	Lynwood
Jerry Gomez	Maywood
Rita Montalvo (alterante)	Montebello
Adriana Figueroa	Paramount
Kenner Guerrero (alternate)	Pico Rivera
Dylan Porter (alternate)	Port of Long Beach
Sarina Morales-Choate (alternate)	Santa Fe Springs
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
Nicholas Ghirelli	Legal Counsel
Madeline Anderson	Koa Consulting

ITEM 3 - ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

ITEM 4 - ORAL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

None.

ITEM 5 - CONSENT CALENDAR

Director Smith moved to approve the consent calendar.

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

AYES: Sanchez, Gorecki, Chen, Roldan, Vivanti, You, Lee, Gomez, Figueroa, Guerrero, Porter, Morales-Choate, Deras, Beste, Smith

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: Stowell, O’Grady, Montalvo, Mueller

ITEM 6 - RATIFICATION OF ADOPTING GWMA FY 2023-2024 OPERATING BUDGET

Executive Officer Grace Kast reported that she had provided the Board with a detailed review of the proposed operating budget for FY 23-24 during the last Board meeting on April 13, 2023, where there were 21 votes in favor of approving the budget. During today’s meeting on June 8, 2023, Directors Mueller and O’Grady, who were not present at the April 13th Board meeting, added their approvals of the budget as two additional voting members. This resulted in a super majority with a total of 23 votes in favor of approving the FY 2023-2024 Operating Budget.

ITEM 7 – GWMA MEMBERSHIP REDUCED DUES FOR FY 2023-2024

Every year, members are invited to apply for reduced dues. This year, there were six total applications and five out of the six members qualified.

Director Lee moved to approve the following recommendations:

Approve reduced dues for FY 2023-2024 for the following:

1. Artesia = \$7,500
2. Bell = \$7,500
3. Bellflower = \$7,500
4. Cudahy = \$7,500
5. Maywood = \$7,500

The motion was seconded by Director Gomez, and the items were approved by the following voice vote:

AYES: Sanchez, Gorecki, Chen, Roldan, Vivanti, You, Lee, Gomez, Figueroa, Guerrero, Porter, Morales-Choate, Deras, Beste, Smith, Stowell, O’Grady, Montalvo, Mueller

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ITEM 8 – DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING AGREEMENT FOR COST SHARING FOR THE INSTALLATION OF MONITORING EQUIPMENT AND MONITORING PURSUANT TO THE HARBOR TOXIC POLLUTANTS TMDL GWMA FY 23-24 OPERATING BUDGET

Executive Officer Grace Kast led a discussion regarding the Agreements between the GWMA and Harbor Toxic Upstream participants, noting that they are set to expire on June 30, 2023. The Lower Los Angeles River and the Lower San Gabriel River Watershed Management Groups “WMG” Chairs have contacted GWMA and expressed interest in continuing the cost sharing arrangement through June 30, 2026, via a new agreement template with individual MS4 Permittees. The Agreements: 1) will not allow non-WMGs Permittees to have voting rights; and 2) are for purposes of only cost sharing in the monitoring costs to offset program costs.

GWMA’s legal counsel drafted and approved an Agreement Template to be issued to all GWMA members/non-members to provide administrative and contractual services for the Harbor Toxic Upstream participants to implement the Harbor Toxic Pollutants TMDL Monitoring Program.

Director Roldan moved to approve the following recommendations:

- a. Approve the Agreement Template to be issued to GWMA Members/Non-Members to provide administrative and contractual services on behalf of the Harbor Toxic Upstream participants for the Harbor Toxic Pollutant TMDL Monitoring Program, as presented.
- b. Authorize the Chair to execute the Agreements with GWMA Members and Non- Members.

The motion was seconded by Director Gorecki, and the items were approved by the following voice vote:

AYES: Sanchez, Gorecki, Chen, Roldan, Vivanti, You, Lee, Gomez, Figueroa, Guerrero, Porter, Morales-Choate, Deras, Beste, Smith, Stowell, O’Grady, Montalvo, Mueller

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ITEM 9 – DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT (PSA) BETWEEN GWMA AND JOHN L. HUNTER & ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR THE HARBOR TOXIC UPSTREAM PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

Executive Officer Grace Kast reported John L. Hunter & Associates prepared a proposal for services related to the Harbor Toxics Upstream monitoring work for the Los Angeles River and San Gabriel River Watersheds to modify the scope of work, account for unexpected cost increases, and to extend the term of the existing agreement. The Lower Los Angeles and Lower San Gabriel WMG Chairs requested that the GWMA accept the proposal and execute an amendment to the existing agreement. The three major tasks defined in the proposal are: Equipment Lease, Reinstallation and Maintenance; Monitoring and Chemistry; and Reporting. The proposal is for a period of three (3) years from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2026. The estimated costs are \$127,178.32

for Year 1, \$127,728.52 for Year 2, and \$130,725.81 for Year 3, for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$385,633.55.

Director Vivanti motioned to approve the First Amendment to the PSA with John L. Hunter & Associates, Inc. for the Harbor Toxics Upstream; and authorize the Chair to Execute the PSA with John L. Hunter & Associates, Inc.

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

AYES: Sanchez, Gorecki, Chen, Roldan, Vivanti, You, Lee, Gomez, Figueroa, Guerrero, Porter, Morales-Choate, Deras, Beste, Smith, Stowell, O’Grady, Montalvo, Mueller

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ITEM 10 – SAFE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM – ORAL REPORT

Director You who serves on the LLAR WASC as well as the LSGR WASC stated that they went over quarterly projects and discussed grants. She also reported that the call for projects deadline is July 23, 2023.

ITEM 11 - EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S ORAL REPORT

Executive Officer Grace Kast reported that GWMA’s regional recycled water project IRWM grant application was awarded \$3.372 million.

ITEM 12 – 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 13, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. at the Clearwater Building, 16404 Paramount Boulevard, Paramount, CA.



Adriana Figueroa, Chair

September 14, 2023
Date