



*Los Angeles Gateway Region  
Integrated Regional Water Management  
Joint Powers Authority*

## **AGENDA**

**Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Thursday, April 14, 2022 at 12:00 PM**

**Meeting Remote Location  
via WebEx**

***<https://koaconsultinginc.my.webex.com/koaconsultinginc.my/j.php?MTID=mf353b310815f850f9ca3df6ecc432092>***

***or via phone  
1-415-655-0001***

**Meeting number: 2556 763 4376**

**Password: GatewayH2O (42839294 from phones or video systems)**

**(There will be no physical attendance at Progress Park)**

- 1. Roll Call**
- 2. Determination of a Quorum**
- 3. Additions to Agenda (Govt. Code Sec. 54954.2(b))**
- 4. Oral Communications to the Board**

This is an opportunity for members of the public to address the Board on any item under the jurisdiction of the agency. Depending upon the subject matter, the Board may be unable to respond until the item can be posted on the agenda at a future meeting in accordance with provisions of the Brown Act.

- 5. Consent Calendar: (Acted as one item unless withdrawn by request)**
  - a. Minutes of the Board Meeting of February 10, 2022 (Enclosure).
  - b. Ratify the Warrant Register for March 2022 and Approve the Warrant Register for April 2022 (Enclosures).
  - c. Receive and File the Updated Expenditures for Legal Counsel Services (Enclosure).
  - d. Reconsider the circumstances of the COVID-19 state of emergency; and at least one of the following circumstances exist:
    - 1) The COVID-19 state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of Board Members to meet safely in person; or
    - 2) State and local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing.

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- 6. GWMA Audit for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (Enclosure)**
  - a. Receive and File the Annual Audited Financial Statement for Fiscal Year 2020-2021, as presented.
- 7. GWMA Regional Grant Writing Update – Oral Reports**
  - a. Recycled Water –by Yoshi Anderson (Geosyntec Consultants)
  - b. Storm Water Capture –by Oliver Galang (Craftwater Engineering)
  - c. PFOS/PFOA and New Wells –by Tom West (Harris & Associates)
- 8. Safe Clean Water Program – Oral Report**
  - a. Lower San Gabriel River “LSGR” Watershed Area Steering Committee – Kekoa Anderson (LSGR Watershed Coordinator)
- 9. Gateway Region Watershed Management Groups - Oral Reports**
  - a. Lower Los Angeles River Upper Reach 2 (LAR UR2) Watershed Group
  - b. Lower Los Angeles River (LLAR) Watershed Group
  - c. Lower San Gabriel River (LSGR) Watershed Group
  - d. Los Cerritos Channel (LCC) Watershed Group
- 10. Approve Resolution No. 2022-01, A Resolution of the Gateway Water Management Authority “GWMA” Recognizing and Commending Lisa Ann Rapp (Enclosure)**
- 11. Elections/Appointments (Enclosure)**
  - a. GWMA Chair, effective as of April 15, 2022.
  - b. GWMA Vice Chair, effective as of April 15, 2022.
  - c. GWMA Secretary/Treasurer, effective as of April 15, 2022.
  - d. Appointment of the Chair to Serve as Chair of the Lower San Gabriel/Lower Los Angeles Sub-Region Steering Committee and Voting Member of the Greater LA IRWM Leadership Committee, effective as of April 15, 2022.

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**12. Executive Officer's Oral Report**

**13. Directors' Oral Comments/Reports**

**14. Adjournment to Regular Board Meeting on May 12, 2022.**

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**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

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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, Hempe, 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.

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LCC Watershed Group

Director Iniguez reported that the group is scheduled to meet on February 17<sup>th</sup>.

**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](http://www.gatewaywater.org) 72 hours in advance of the meeting.

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Adriana Figueroa, Vice-Chair

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Date



WARRANT REGISTER  
DISBURSEMENT JOURNAL  
March 2022

Invoice Date	Vendor	Invoice Number	Description	Amount
1/31/2022	Anchor QEA	7052	RMC Compliance FY 20/21 (Services through Dec 31, 2021)	\$ 3,530.90 ✓
1/31/2022	Anchor QEA	7053	RMC Compliance FY 21/22 (Services through Dec 31, 2021)	\$ 35,382.80 ✓
1/26/2022	Anchor QEA	7055	Dominguez Channel & LALB Harbor Ph II Implementation (Services through Dec 31, 2021)	\$ 3,653.06 ✓
2/3/2022	City of Bell Gardens	32317	JAF Park Infiltration Cistern: SWRCB Annual Permit Fee	\$ 548.00 ✓
3/1/2022	City of Paramount	4773	Office Lease (Mar 2022)	\$ 363.80 ✓
1/31/2022	CWE	22034	JAF Park Cistern (Dec 2021)	\$ 2,746.90 ✓
2/16/2022	CWE	22054	LARUR2 (Jan 2022)	\$ 33,198.27 ✓
1/31/2022	Fedak & Brown	1-31-2022	Audit Services (Jan 2022)	\$ 5,074.00 ✓
2/28/2022	Gateway Cities Council of Governments	2-28-2022	Office Supplies/FedEx (Feb 2022)	\$ 100.00 ✓
2/14/2022	Geosyntec Consulting	462059	GWMA Grant Funding (through Jan 31, 2022)	\$ 3,966.96 ✓
1/13/2022	John L Hunter and Associates, Inc.	GWM1GHR12112	Harbor Toxics Monitoring (Dec 2021)	\$ 40,307.98 ✓
2/16/2022	John L Hunter and Associates, Inc.	GWM1LLA12201	LLAR WMP (Jan 2022)	\$ 36,568.08 ✓
2/28/2022	Koa Consulting, Inc.	K114-01-52	COG Water-Related Coordination Activities and Executive Officer Services, DAC Chair and DACIP Co-Chair (Feb 2022)	\$ 33,908.00 ✓
2/16/2022	Richard Watson & Associates	22-192-003-002	LCC WMP CIMP (Jan 2022)	\$ 36,735.44 ✓
2/16/2022	Richards Watson Gershon	235715	Legal Services - General (through Jan 31, 2022)	\$ 375.30 ✓
2/16/2022	Richards Watson Gershon	235716	Legal Services - Harbor Toxic Pollutants (through Jan 31, 2022)	\$ 300.00 ✓
Total				\$ 236,759.49

Reviewed and Approved by:

  
Hanifah Shin-Heydorn, Signal Hill



WARRANT REGISTER  
DISBURSEMENT JOURNAL  
April 2022

Invoice Date	Vendor	Invoice Number	Description	Amount	
2/8/2022	City of Bell Gardens	32334	JAF Park Infiltration Cistern: Zusser Invoice 1953-19 (Included in JAF Claim 30)	\$ 10,089.00	✓
2/8/2022	City of Bell Gardens	32335	JAF Park Infiltration Cistern: Zusser Invoice 1953-20 (Included in JAF Claim 30)	\$ 6,954.00	✓
3/31/2022	City of Norwalk	4438000001	Prop 84 2015 Project 1	\$ 74,377.78	✓
4/1/2022	City of Paramount	4788	Office Lease (Apr 2022)	\$ 363.80	✓
3/21/2022	CWE	22125	LARUR2 (Feb 2022)	\$ 20,651.31	✓
3/31/2022	Gateway Cities Council of Governments	3-31-2022	Office Supplies/FedEx (Mar 2022)	\$ 100.00	✓
3/9/2022	Geosyntec Consulting	464619	GWMA Grant Funding (through Feb 28, 2022)	\$ 668.16	✓
3/8/2022	Harris & Associates	51726	GWMA Grant Funding (Jan 30, 2022-Feb 26, 2022)	\$ 4,250.00	✓
3/10/2022	John L. Hunter and Associates, Inc.	GWM1LSG12201	LSGR WMP (Jan 2022)	\$ 32,184.60	✓
3/11/2022	John L. Hunter and Associates, Inc.	GWM1LSG12202	LSGR WMP (Feb 2022)	\$ 41,995.07	✓
2/16/2022	John L. Hunter and Associates, Inc.	GWM1GHR12201	HT Upstream (Jan 2022)	\$ 2,384.86	✓
4/1/2022	Koa Consulting, Inc.	K114-01-53	COG Water-Related Coordination Activities and Executive Officer Services, DAC Chair and DACIP Co-Chair (Mar 2022)	\$ 33,908.00	✓
3/14/2022	Richard Watson & Associates	22-192-003-003	LCC WMP CIMP (Feb 2022)	\$ 52,171.49	✓
3/15/2022	Richards Watson Gershon	236147	Legal Services - General (through Feb 28, 2022)	\$ 575.00	✓
Total				\$ 280,673.07	✓

Reviewed and Approved by:

  
Thomas Bekele, Signal Hill



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**AGENDA ITEM 5c – Status of Total Legal Expenditures for General Legal Counsel Services for Fiscal Year 2021-2022**

**SUMMARY:**

At the Board meeting in June 2021, the Board approved the budget for legal counsel services of \$30,500 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-2022 to address legal issues. The Board has previously directed staff to provide monthly updates on total expenditures for legal counsel services.

Legal Counsel Services Update:

\$ 30,500.00	FY 2021-2022 Budget amount for Legal Counsel services
<u>\$ 3,572.87</u>	Expenditures for Legal Counsel services through February 28, 2022
\$ 26,927.13	Remaining budget amount available through June 30, 2022

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The total expenditures for Legal Counsel services for FY 2021-2022 through February 28, 2022 total \$3,572.87. Sufficient funds to cover payment for legal counsel services are remaining in the GWMA FY 2021-2022 budget.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Receive and file the status the updated expenditures for Legal Counsel Services.

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April 14, 2022

## **AGENDA ITEM 6 – GWMA Audit for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

### **SUMMARY:**

The responsibility of an auditing firm is solely to express an opinion as to whether GWMA's financial statements are fairly represented in all material respects and in conformity with generally accepted auditing standards.

The opinion expressed by the auditors for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 was that the financial statements were presented fairly, in all material respects, as of June 30, 2021. The respective statement of activities for the fiscal year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The auditor noted no deficiencies in internal controls that could cause the financial statements to be materially misstated. In addition, the auditor's tests did not disclose any instances of non-compliance or other matters that were required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

The auditors issued their required communication to the Board based on their professional standards. The purpose of this communication is to communicate significant and relevant audit matters to those charged with governance in overseeing the financial reporting process. The communication letter addresses both qualitative and quantitative information regarding the audit process. The auditor encountered no significant difficulties or disagreements in dealing with management in performing and completing these audits.

The disclosures in the basin financial statements are neutral, consistent and clear.

There were no audit adjustment and/or reclassification entries to be made as described in the Management Report attached herein.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

- a. Receive and file the Annual Audited Financial Statement for Fiscal Year 2020-2021, as presented.

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**Management Report**

**June 30, 2021**

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**Management Report**

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Board of Directors  
Los Angeles Gateway Region Integrated Regional  
Water Management Joint Powers Authority  
Paramount, California

**Dear Members of the Board:**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of Los Angeles Gateway Region Integrated Regional Water Management Joint Powers Authority (Authority) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented or detected and corrected on a timely basis.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited period described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weakness. Given these limitations during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

**Summary of Current Year Comments and Recommendations**

**None Noted**

**Summary of Prior Year Comments and Recommendations**

***Disclosure of Audit Adjustments and Reclassifications***

As your external auditor, we assume that the books and records of the Authority are properly adjusted before the audit begins. In many cases, however, audit adjustments and reclassifications are made in the normal course of the audit process to present the Authority's financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America or for comparison purposes with the prior year. For the Board of Directors to gain a full and complete understanding and appreciation of the scope and extent of the audit process we have presented these audit adjustments and reclassifications as an attachment to this letter. There can be very reasonable explanations for situations of having numerous adjustments as well as having no adjustments at all. However, the issue is simply disclosure of the adjustments and reclassifications that were made and to provide the Board of Directors with a better understanding of the scope of the audit.

**Management's Response**

The Authority has reviewed and approved all of the audit adjustment and reclassification entries provided by the auditor and have entered those entries into the Authority's accounting system.

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This communication is intended solely for the information and use of management and the Board of Directors of the Authority. This restriction is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

We appreciate the courtesy and cooperation extended to us during our examination. We would be pleased to discuss the contents of this letter with you at your convenience. Please do not hesitate to contact us.

**Fedak & Brown LLP**

Cypress, California

April 14, 2022

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**APPENDIX**

**Los Angeles Gateway Region  
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**Audit/Finance Committee Letter**

**June 30, 2021**

**DRAFT**

Board of Directors  
Los Angeles Gateway Region Integrated Regional  
Water Management Joint Powers Authority  
Paramount, California

We have audited the financial statements of the business-type activities of the Los Angeles Gateway Region Integrated Regional Water Management Joint Powers Authority (Authority) for the year ended June 30, 2021. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards (and, if applicable, *Government Auditing Standards* and the Uniform Guidance), as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

#### **Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices**

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the Authority are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted, and the application of existing policies was not changed during 2021.

We noted no transactions entered into by the Authority during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

#### **Management's Judgments, Accounting Estimates and Financial Disclosures**

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the basic financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the basic financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimate affecting the position in the basic financial statements was:

Management's estimate of the fair value of cash and cash equivalents is based on information provided by financial institutions. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the fair value of cash and investments in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Certain basic financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The most sensitive disclosure affecting the basic financial statements is:

The disclosure of fair value of cash and cash equivalents in Note 2 to the basic financial statements represents amounts susceptible to market fluctuations.

The disclosures in the basic financial statements are neutral, consistent and clear.

#### **Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit**

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

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### **Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements**

Generally Accepted Auditing Standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, except those that are considered trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management as follows:

There were no audit adjustment and/or reclassification entries made to the original trial balance presented to us to begin our audit.

### **Disagreements with Management**

For the purpose of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a financial accounting, reporting or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction that could be significant to the basic financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit of the Authority.

### **Management Representations**

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the Management Representational Letter to the Auditor dated April 14, 2022.

### **Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants**

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves the application of an accounting principle to the Authority's basic financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

### **Other Audit Findings or Issues**

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the Authority's auditor. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

### **Other Matters**

We applied certain limited procedures to the Management Discussion and Analysis, which is required supplementary information (RSI) that supplements the basic financial statements. Our procedures consisted of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We did not audit the RSI and do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

### **Restrictions on Use**

This information is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Directors and management of the Authority and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties. This restriction is not intended to limit the distribution of this letter, which is a matter of public record.

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**Conclusion**

We appreciate the cooperation extended us by Grace Kast, Executive Officer, and Traci Gleason, Program Manager, in the performance of our audit testwork.

We will be pleased to respond to any questions you have about the foregoing. We appreciate the opportunity to continue to be of service to the Authority.

**Fedak & Brown LLP**

Cypress, California

April 14, 2022

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# GWMA Recycled Water Grants Progress Update

Yoshi Andersen | 4/14/2022



# Online Google Form



Contact Information

**Interest Verification**

Planned Project Information

Specific Types of Recycled  
Water Projects

Budget or Funding Information

GWMA Recycled Water Grants

Please provide information about your interest in recycled water grants for the GWMA

Name \*

Short answer text

E-mail Address \*

Short answer text

Other colleagues you would like to include on GWMA recycled water grant communications

Long answer text

Agency and Jurisdiction \*

Long answer text

Are you interested in participating in the recycled water grant process? \*

☐ Yes



# Responses Summary

Interested Party	Meetings Complete (as of 4/7/22)	Recycled Water Project Information
Bell Gardens	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Main extensions + median irrigation retrofits and planting
Central Basin MWD	scheduled	
Compton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Pending meeting with Compton Water Department
Cudahy		
Downey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Main extensions + irrigation retrofits
Long Beach		
Long Beach Water Dept.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Main extensions
Paramount	scheduled	
Port of Long Beach	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Main extensions
Whittier	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Main extensions – pending follow-up meeting

## Next Steps

- Continue to schedule meetings with interested parties and gather project information
- Identify grants that optimize funding for projects that coincide with the GWMA member projects



# Questions?

Yoshi Andersen

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# **Grant Writing/Implementation Management Stormwater Capture and Reuse Systems Progress Update**



**GWMA BOARD PRESENTATION | 14 APRIL 2022 | Gateway Water Management Authority**

# Grant Support Services

## Construction of Stormwater Capture and Reuse Systems



**TASK 1 | SOLICIT INTEREST FROM GWMA  
MEMBERS FOR REGIONAL PROJECT**



**TASK 2 | REVIEW AND RECOMMEND  
ELIGIBLE GRANT PROGRAMS**



**TASK 3 | PREPARE AND SUBMIT *GRANT*  
APPLICATION**

- Survey released 2/22/22
- Objective
  - Member Interest
  - Project Types
  - Project Needs
  - Funding Needs

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## GWMA's Regional Stormwater Capture and Reuse Grant Project

The survey will take approximately 5 minutes to complete.

1. Agency Name

Enter your answer

2. Contact Person's Name

Enter your answer

3. Contact Person's Email Address

Enter your answer

7. Watershed Management Program(s)

Enter your answer

8. EXISTING STORMWATER PLANNED PROJECT#1. If you have planned stormwater capture project(s), please include a project name, location, brief description, project status, project costs, and funding status, and list additional benefits the project may have (i.e. bike/pedestrian path, vacant lot development, park enhancement, etc).

Enter your answer

9. EXISTING STORMWATER PLANNED PROJECT#2. If you have planned stormwater capture project(s), please include a project name, location, brief description, project status, project costs, and funding status, and list additional benefits the project may have (i.e. bike/pedestrian path, vacant lot development, park enhancement, etc).

Enter your answer

10. EXISTING STORMWATER PLANNED PROJECT#3. If you have planned stormwater capture project(s), please include a project name, location, brief description, project status, project costs, and funding status, and list additional benefits the project may have (i.e. bike/pedestrian path, vacant lot development, park enhancement, etc).

Responses through **3/24/2022**

Responses from **10 Cities**

Watersheds: **LARUR2 (5), LCC (2), LSGR (2), and LLAR (2)**



Stormwater Capture Project: 9

Green Street Implementation: 7

LID Program Implementation: 6

Stormwater Harvesting and Use: 1

Other: 0

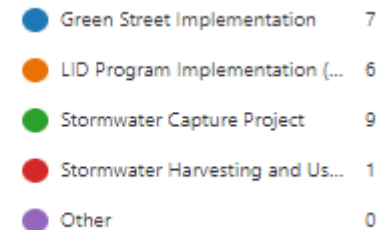
5. Are you interested in participating in a regional stormwater capture and reuse systems grant process?

[More Details](#)



6. Check the type(s) of projects you have planned and are interested in seeking grant funding through this regional project.

[More Details](#)



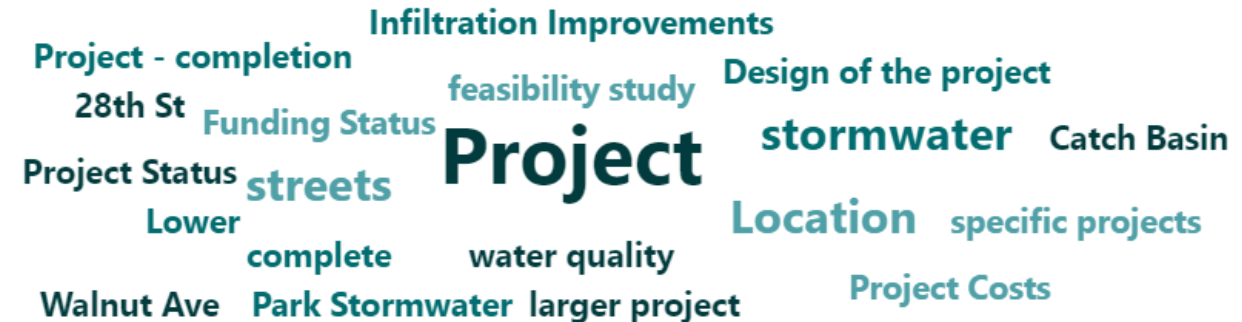
## Stormwater Planned Project #1

8 respondents (80%) answered **Project** for this question.



## Stormwater Planned Project #2

5 respondents (83%) answered **Project** for this question.

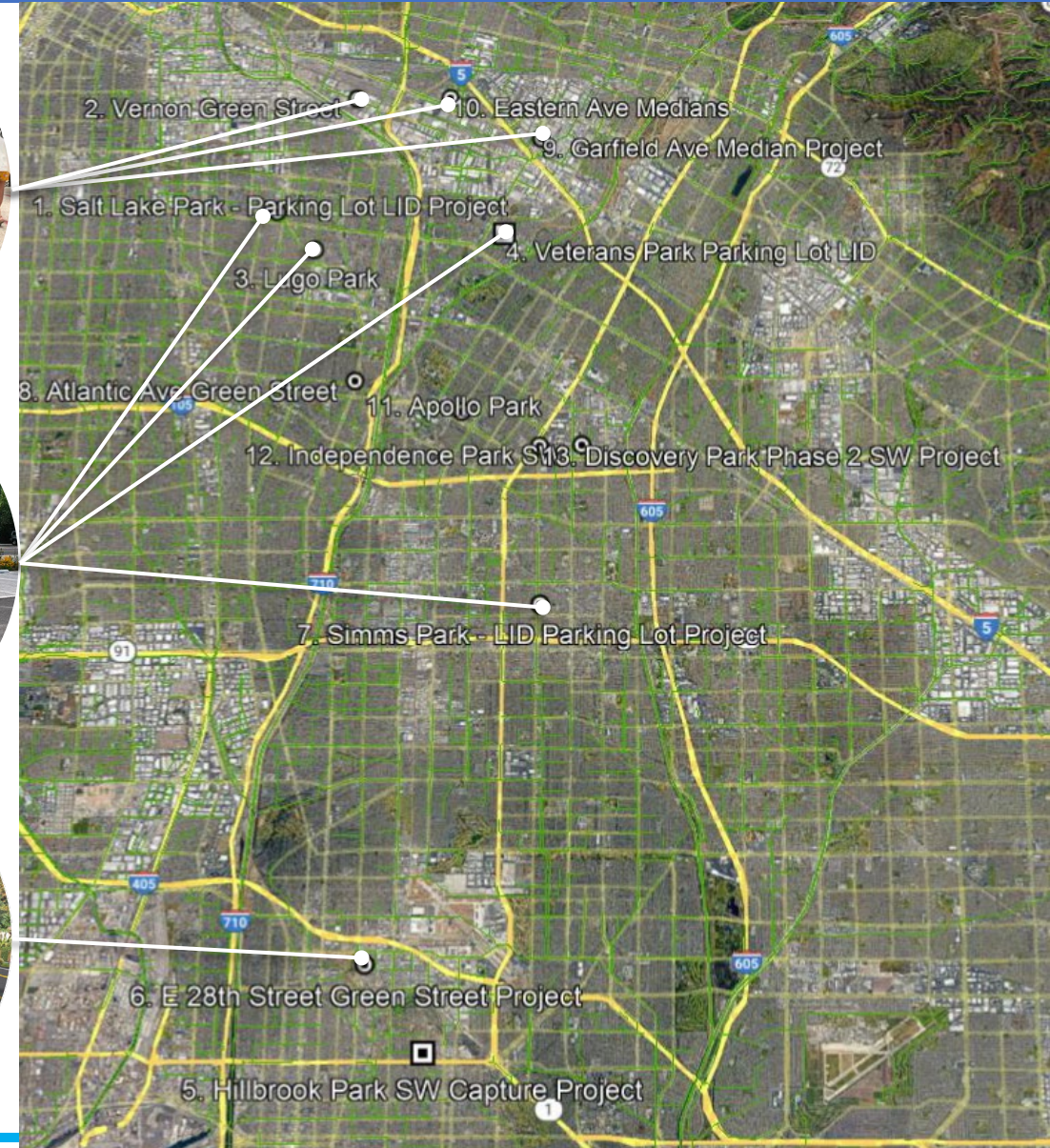


# GWMA Survey Results | Existing Stormwater Planned Projects

Stormwater Capture Projects

Potential LID Parking Lot Improvements

Potential Green Street Implementation  
(Vernon, Signal Hills, Bellflower,



# GWMA Survey Results | Existing Stormwater Planned Projects

AGENDA ITEM 7b

City	Stormwater Capture Project	Green Street	LID Program
Huntington Park	●		●
Vernon		●	
Cudahy	●		●
Bell Gardens	●		●
Signal Hill	●	●	
Bellflower	●	●	
Lynwood		●	
Commerce		●	
Whittier	●	●	●
Downey	●		●

# POTENTIAL GRANT PROGRAMS

## Department of Water Resources

- Proposition 1 – Round 2 IRWM Implementation Grant Program, 2022
- Urban Streams Restoration Program, 2022

## Caltrans Clean California Grant, Round 2, 2023

- Clean California Local Grant Program, Round 2 - 2023

## Rivers and Mountains Conservancy

- Proposition 68
- Proposition 1 | Lower LA River

## Los Angeles County Safe, Clean Water Program

- Los Cerritos Channel WMP | LA River Upper Reach 2 WMP | Lower LA River WMP | Lower San Gabriel River WMP

## Metropolitan Water District

- Stormwater for Direct Use Pilot Program
- Stormwater for Recharge Pilot Program

# NEXT STEPS | Prioritization of Opportunities



# Questions?

**Chad Helmle, PE**  
**President & CEO, Craftwater Engineering**

**Oliver Galang, PE, ENV SP**  
**Principal Engineer, Craftwater Engineering**

# UPDATE ON GRANT PLANNING: PFOS AND WELLS

APRIL 14, 2022



Harris & Associates

# CHARACTERIZATION OF RESPONSES – PFOS/PFOA

## 5 CITIES; 35 WELLS AFFECTED; \$150M+

	Whittier	Pico Rivera	Bell Gardens	Paramount	Downey
# of Wells Affected	8	7	1	1	20
PFOS Level	ok	22-53 ng/L	13 ppt	11 ppt	19-52 ppt
PFOA Level	> RL	11-20 ng/L	35 ppt		5.2-17 ppt
% of Supply Affected	100%	100%	100%	40%	100%
Treatment Type	IX and/or GAC, pilot study planned	Ion Exchange	TBD	TBD	Ion exchange (IX), granular carbon (GAC), & disinfection
Project / Design Stage	Planning/concept design underway	Final Design Completed 2021	Not started	Not started	Preliminary design 60% plans
CEQA Stage	Not started	NOE completed 2021	Not Started	Not started	In process
Land Acquisition	No	No	Unknown	Unknown	Yes
Est. Project Cost:	Not provided	>\$10 million	Unknown	\$5-10 million	>\$100 million

# PFOA/PFOS GRANT FUNDING TARGET FOR GWMA

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- **How?**

- Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) will distribute PFOA/PFOS grant funds (SWRCB)

- **How much?**

- Roughly \$100 million/year for next 3 years set aside for PFOA/PFOS in California (1/3 State funded, 2/3 Federal funded)

- **Why GWMA?**

- DACs under 100,000 eligible for 100% grants

- **Timing?**

- June 2022: SWRCB approving guidelines
- Awards will be rolling as funds available after July 1
- Message: Get application in ASAP.

# **PFOA/PFOS GRANT FUNDING TARGET FOR GWMA**

## **NEXT STEPS**

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1. Get additional information on Projects
2. Contact DWSRF program to discuss
3. Draft a Program narrative
4. Determine how should GWMA apply to DWSRF?
  - a. As GWMA?
  - b. As individual cities?
  - c. Other?
5. Recommendation at next GWMA Board meeting

# CHARACTERIZATION OF RESPONSES – WELLS

## 7 CITIES; 24+ WELLS; \$50M+

	Lynwood	Whittier	Commerce	Compton	Huntington Park	Santa Fe Springs	Paramount	Downey
<b>Type of Project</b>	Upgrade or New	Replace & Upgrade	Reactivating existing	Rehabilitate	New Wells	New well, rehabilitation, treatment	Potential New Wells	New Wells
<b># of Wells</b>	5	1	1	8	4	3	Not started	2
<b>Problem Statement</b>	PFOS/PFAS slightly elevated	Increase pumping capacity	Increased pumping due to new GAC tmt for PFOS	Aging infrastructure	Water supply, reliability, quality	Aging infrastructure		Aging infrastructure
<b>Project / Design Stage</b>	Not started	n/a	Final Design selected	Not started	Not started	Not started	Not started	Plans at 90% complete
<b>CEQA Stage</b>	Not started	n/a	Not Started	Not started	Not started	Not started	Not started	MND completed
<b>Land Acq?</b>	Yes	Unknown	n/a	n/a	No	Yes	Yes	No
<b>Estimated Project Cost:</b>	New well: \$4.5M Well upgrade / rehab: \$0.8-1.2M	n/a	\$2.5 million	\$1-5 million	>\$10 million	>\$10 million	n/a	\$8 million

# GRANT FUNDING FOR WELL REHABILITATION

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- **How?**

- Through Urban and Multi-Benefit Drought Relief Program (DWR). Funding awarded via rounds about every 2 months.

- **How much?**

- 2022-23 State Budget: \$145 million (new wells and well rehab) + some remaining from 2021-22 budget.

- **Why GWMA?**

- Special significance of DACs. Possible funding set asides.

- **Timing:**

- Next round may be opening in May 2022 for award in July 2022.

# GRANT FUNDING FOR WELL REHABILITATION

## NEXT STEPS

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1. Discuss Project with DWR to confirm eligibility
2. Draft a Program narrative
3. Confirm application timeline and maximum award; match requirement
4. Determine how GWMA should apply
  - a. All at once?
  - b. In more than one round?
  - c. Other?
5. Recommendation at next GWMA Board meeting

## Resolution No. 2022-01

### A Resolution of the Gateway Water Management Authority “GWMA” recognizing and commending

## *Lisa Ann Rapp*

*Whereas*, Lisa Ann Rapp was appointed as the City of Lakewood representative on the Board of the GWMA on October 1, 2007; and

*Whereas*, Lisa Ann Rapp served as Chair of the Board of the GWMA from June 14, 2018 to April 14, 2022; and

*Whereas*, Lisa Ann Rapp served as Chair of the Greater Los Angeles County Integrated Regional Water Management “GLAC IRWM” Lower Los Angeles/Lower San Gabriel River Sub-Region and as a voting member on the GLAC IRWM Leadership Committee; and

*Whereas*, Lisa Ann Rapp served as Chair of the Lower San Gabriel River Watershed Area Steering Committee for the Los Angeles County Safe Clean Water Program; and

*Whereas*,; Lisa Ann Rapp has spent countless hours supporting stormwater- and watershed-related programs, providing leadership and experience throughout the Los Angeles County in addition to more specifically the Gateway Region of Los Angeles County; and

*Whereas*, Lisa Ann Rapp actively advocated on behalf of the GWMA resulting in many successes; and

*Now Therefore Be It Resolved*, Lisa Ann Rapp, on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 2022, is hereby highly commended and given gratitude for her outstanding leadership and service to the GWMA on behalf of the two million residents in the Gateway Region.

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Adriana Figueroa, Vice-Chair  
Vice Chair

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Hannah Shin-Heydorn  
Secretary/Treasurer



*Los Angeles Gateway Region  
Integrated Regional Water Management  
Joint Powers Authority*

April 14, 2022

## **AGENDA ITEM 11 – Elections/Appointments**

### **BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:**

With the retirement of Lisa Rapp effective April 14, 2022 from the City of Lakewood, the position of Chair of the GWMA will be vacant as of April 15, 2022. Currently, Adriana Figueroa is the Vice-Chair and Hannah Shin-Heydorn is the Secretary/Treasurer. The Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary/Treasurer constitute the Executive Committee. Any Board Member in good standing can be nominated as Chair and Vice-Chair. The City of Signal Hill assumes the treasurer's duties. Therefore, the Secretary/Treasurer is to be a board member from the City of Signal Hill.

Once the Chair is elected by a majority vote of the GWMA Board, staff is requesting that the Chair also be appointed to serve as the Chair of the Lower San Gabriel/Lower Los Angeles IRWM Sub-region Steering Committee which also votes on the Greater LA IRWM Leadership Committee. The Alternate for the Chair has been the Executive Officer, Grace Kast.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

None.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

- a. Election of GWMA Chair, effective as of April 15, 2022.
- b. Election of GWMA Vice-Chair, effective as of April 15, 2022.
- c. Election of GWMA Secretary/Treasurer, effective as of April 15, 2022.
- d. Appointment of the Chair to Serve as Chair of the Lower San Gabriel/Lower Los Angeles Sub-Region Steering Committee and Voting Member of the Greater LA IRWM Leadership Committee, effective as of April 15, 2022.

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