



*Los Angeles Gateway Region
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AGENDA

**Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Thursday, July 11, 2024 at 12:00 PM**

Progress Park Plaza, 15500 Downey Avenue, Paramount, CA

- 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 Consent Calendar: (Acted as one item unless withdrawn by request)**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 April 11, 2024 (Enclosure).
 - b. Ratify the Warrant Register for May and June 2024 and Approve the Warrant Register for July 2024 (Enclosures).
 - c. Receive and File the Updated Expenditures for Legal Counsel Services (Enclosure).
 - d. Ratify the Permittees' requested non-material revisions to the previously approved Amendment No. 1 to the Harbor Toxic Pollutants TMDL MOU (Downstream) (Enclosures).
- 6. Presentation – Los Angeles County Water Plan by Matthew Frary of LA County**
- 7. Presentation – Gateway Area Pathfinding Phase II by Brad Wardynski of Craftwater Engineering, Inc.**
- 8. Discussion/Action Regarding Issuing a Notice to Proceed Amendment No. 1 to John L. Hunter & Associates for the Preparation of a Request for Qualifications for Operations, Maintenance and Evaluation of Regional Stormwater Capture and Treatment Projects (Enclosures)**
 - a. Approve the FY 2024-2025 budget line item transfer from the General Reserve to Special Projects in the amount of \$6,000.
 - b. Approve John L Hunter & Associates' amendment proposal, as presented, in the amount not to exceed \$6,000, and authorize the Executive Officer to issue a Notice to Proceed.
- 9. Discussion/Action Regarding GWMA Survey Results for FY 2024-2025 Project Grant Priorities (Enclosure)**

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10. Safe Clean Water Program – Oral Report

- a. Lower San Gabriel River “LSGR” WASC Interim Chair – Dan Mueller
- b. Lower Los Angeles River “LLAR” WASC Chair – Madeline Chen

11. Executive Officer’s Oral Report

12. Directors’ Oral Comments/Reports

13. Adjournment to Regular Board Meeting on October 10, 2024 at Progress Park Plaza, 15500 Downey Avenue, Paramount, CA

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**MINUTES OF THE GATEWAY WATER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
LOS ANGELES GATEWAY REGION
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY BOARD
THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2024**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Gateway Water Management Authority was held on Thursday, April 11, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. at Progress Park Plaza, 15500 Downey Avenue, Paramount, CA.

Vice-Chair Kelli Pickler called the meeting to order at 12:16 p.m. Roll was called by Ms. Madeline Anderson and a quorum of the Board was declared.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ernesto Sanchez (alternate)	Artesia
Bernie Iniguez	Bell Gardens
Len Gorecki	Bellflower
Isabelle Guido (alternate)	Central Basin Municipal Water District
Mike O' Grady	Cerritos
Gina Nila	Commerce
Aaron Hernandez-Torres	Cudahy
Dan Mueller (alternate)	Downey
Elise McCaleb (alternate)	Hawaiian Gardens
Steve Forster (alternate)	Huntington Park
Mark Stowell	La Mirada
Kelli Pickler	Lakewood
Melissa You	Long Beach
Diana Tang	Long Beach Utilities
Julian Lee	Lynwood
Jerry Gomez	Maywood
Rita Montalvo (alternate)	Montebello
Glen Kau	Norwalk
Sarah Ho (alternate)	Paramount
Dylan Porter (alternate)	Port of Long Beach
Sarina Morales Choate (alternate)	Santa Fe Springs
Thomas Bekele	Signal Hill
Gladis Deras (alternate)	South Gate
Esther Rojas (alternate)	Water Replenishment District

STAFF AND GUESTS ON SIGN-IN SHEET:

Grace Kast	Executive Officer
Traci Gleason	Program Administrative Manager
Nicholas Ghirelli	Legal Counsel
Madeline Anderson	Koa Consulting
Kaitlyn Allen	Lakewood
Asha Kreiling	Water Replenishment District
Jackie Ramirez	Water Replenishment District
Yoshi Andersen	Geosyntec Consultants
John Hunter	John L. Hunter & Associates

ITEM 3 - ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

ITEM 4 - ORAL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

None.

ITEM 5 - CONSENT CALENDAR

Director Stowell moved to approve the consent calendar.

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

AYES: Gorecki, Guido, Nila, Hernandez-Torres, Mueller, McCaleb, Stowell, Pickler, You, Tang, Lee, Gomez, Montalvo, Kau, Morales Choate, Bekele, E. Rojas

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: O'Grady, Iniguez, Deras, Forster, Sanchez, Porter, Ho

ITEM 6 - DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING DIRECT AND INDIRECT ADMINISTRATIVE FEES FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2024-2025

Vice-Chair Pickler went over the annual review of what is charged to members and non-members for direct and indirect admin fees. Ms. Kast highlighted that these numbers have not changed for FY 2024-25. There were no further questions.

Director Nila moved to approve the following recommendations:

- a. Approve FY 2024-2025 GWMA Member Direct Cost Administrative Fees at a rate of 3% of the Member's cost share allocation for the particular watershed, grant, program or other activities.
- b. Approve FY 2024-2025 GWMA Non-Member Direct Cost Administrative Fees at a rate of 5% of the Non-Member's cost share allocation for the particular watershed, grant, program or other activities.
- c. Approve FY 2024-2025 GWMA Non-Member Indirect Cost Administrative Fees at a rate of 3.76% of the Non-member's cost share allocation for the particular watershed, grant, program or other activities.

The motion was seconded by Director Forster, and the actions were approved by the following voice vote:

AYES: Sanchez, Iniguez, Gorecki, Guido, O'Grady, Nila, Hernandez-Torres, Mueller, McCaleb, Forster, Stowell, Pickler, You, Tang, Lee, Gomez, Montalvo, Kau, Ho, Porter, Morales Choate, Bekele, Deras, E. Rojas

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ITEM 7 – DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING GWMA MEMBERSHIP REDUCED DUES FOR FY 2024-2025

Ms. Kast reminded the Authority of the process for applying for reduced dues and announced that the three cities who qualified this year were Bell, Bellflower, and Cudahy. Director Forster asked if there were any questions regarding the two cities, Maywood and Artesia, that did not qualify for lower dues. Ms. Kast confirmed that they were made aware that they did not qualify, but there were no questions. Ms. Gleason noted that the two cities simply did not meet the requirements for qualification.

Director Forster moved to approve the following recommendations:

- a. Approve reduced dues for FY 2024-2025 for the following:
 1. Bell = \$7,500
 2. Bellflower = \$7,500
 3. Cudahy = \$7,500

The motion was seconded by Director E. Rojas, and the actions were approved by the following voice vote:

AYES: Sanchez, Iniguez, Gorecki, Guido, O'Grady, Nila, Hernandez-Torres, Mueller, McCaleb, Forster, Stowell, Pickler, You, Tang, Lee, Gomez, Montalvo, Kau, Ho, Porter, Morales Choate, Bekele, Deras, E. Rojas

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ITEM 8 -DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING GWMA FY 2024-2025 OPERATING BUDGET– SUPER MAJORITY NEEDED

During the meeting, Ms. Kast presented the 2024-2025 Operating Budget, explaining its line items and calculation methods. She stated that the Executive Committee reviewed the budget together, discussing its details. Ms. Kast proposed the modernization of the GWMA website and mentioned that the number was a placeholder. Staff sought out various proposals for the website and proposals will be brought for consideration at the next meeting. Ms. Kast noted that the auditor's fee has increased slightly, but stated that nonetheless, it is still very reasonable considering the complexity of GWMA's financial activities. Additionally, Ms. Kast noted that the last three rows of the budget showcased cumulative data for all watershed groups involved.

Director Tang moved to approve the following recommendations:

- a. Approve the Annual Membership Dues of \$15,000 (Except for Board approved reduced membership dues).
- b. Adopt the GWMA FY 2024-2025 Operating Budget, as presented.

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

AYES: Sanchez, Iniguez, Gorecki, Guido, O'Grady, Nila, Hernandez-Torres, Mueller, McCaleb, Forster, Stowell, Pickler, You, Tang, Lee, Gomez, Montalvo, Kau, Ho, Porter, Morales Choate, Bekele, Deras, E. Rojas

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ITEM 9 - DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING GWMA AUDIT FOR FY 2022-2023

During the meeting, Johnathan Abadesco delivered a presentation on the Fiscal Year 2023 Audit, outlining the audit process which included interim and final fieldwork as well as considerations for potential fraud. He reported that no control deficiencies or weaknesses were found in the controls. Mr. Abadesco proceeded to review financial highlights, particularly focusing on the balance sheet. In conclusion, GWMA received an unmodified "CLEAN" opinion, signifying a positive evaluation of its financial standing.

The Annual Audited Financial Statement for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 was received and filed as presented.

ITEM 10 - DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING AUDIT ENGAGEMENT FOR FY 2023-2024 (ENCLOSURES)

Vice-Chair Pickler reported that in anticipation of conducting the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-2024 Audit, staff requested the attached engagement proposal. Due to consistency, it is the recommendation of staff to continue to engage the same auditor that GWMA has used for the past five years, which is C.J. Brown & Company CPAs. GWMA's Treasurer will remain as the Controller of GWMA for auditing purposes.

Director Tang moved to approve the following recommendation:

- a. Authorize C.J. Brown & Company CPA to conduct GWMA's FY 2023-2024 audit in an amount not to exceed \$11,725.

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

AYES: Sanchez, Iniguez, Gorecki, Guido, O'Grady, Nila, Hernandez-Torres, Mueller, McCaleb, Forster, Stowell, Pickler, You, Tang, Lee, Gomez, Montalvo, Kau, Ho, Porter, Morales Choate, Bekele, Deras, E. Rojas

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ITEM 11 – DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING SAFE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM TRANSFER AGREEMENT FOR TARGETED HUMAN WASTE SOURCE REDUCTION STRATEGY TO ADDRESS BACTERIA-RELATED COMPLIANCE OBJECTIVES FOR THE LOS CERRITOS CHANNEL SCIENTIFIC STUDY FOR LOWER SAN GABRIEL RIVER WATERSHED AREA STEERING COMMITTEES, RESOLUTIONS TO AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF THE TRANSFER AGREEMENT, AND NOTICE-TO-PROCEED FOR CRAFTWATER ENGINEERING TO CONDUCT THE SCIENTIFIC STUDY (ENCLOSURES)

Ms. Kast summarized the background of this agenda item, highlighting that in September 2022, the GWMA Board authorized staff to submit a Safe Clean Water Program (SCWP) Regional Program Scientific Study application to the Lower San Gabriel River (LSGR) Watershed Area Steering Committee (WASC) for the Targeted Human Waste Source Reduction Strategy to Address Bacteria-Related Compliance Objectives for the Los Cerritos Channel. The scientific study for the WASC was ultimately approved by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

GWMA staff received a written request from the LCC WMP Group for GWMA to retain the services of Craftwater Engineering to conduct this unique study. According to the request, Craftwater Engineering is “uniquely qualified to conduct this analysis because they have done substantial work in LCC’s watershed as a sub-contractor to the watershed consultant and were involved with a similar study in the Upper Los Angeles Watershed and this study will complement the Regional Pathogen Scientific Study.

Director E. Rojas moved to approve the following recommendations:

- a. Adopt Resolution No. 24-02, approving the SCWP Transfer Agreement for the Targeted Human Waste Source Reduction Strategy to Address Bacteria-Related Compliance Objectives for the Los Cerritos Channel Scientific Study, authorizing the Chair to execute the agreement, and authorizing the Executive Officer to take all necessary actions to implement the agreement;
- b. Authorize the Executive Officer to issue a Notice-to-Proceed to Craftwater Engineering to conduct the Scope of Work per Craftwater Engineering’s proposal for the Targeted Human Waste Source Reduction Strategy to Address Bacteria-Related Compliance Objectives for the Los Cerritos Channel Scientific Study in an amount not to exceed \$451,250 as presented, using the On-Call Consultant Professional Services Agreement on file.

The motion was seconded by Director Nila, and the actions were approved by the following voice vote:

AYES: Sanchez, Iniguez, Gorecki, Guido, O'Grady, Nila, Hernandez-Torres, Mueller, McCaleb, Forster, Stowell, You, Lee, Gomez, Montalvo, Kau, Ho, Porter, Morales Choate, Bekele, Deras, E. Rojas

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Tang, Pickler

ITEM 12 - DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING THE THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) FOR THE LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVER UPPER REACH 2 (LAR UR2) WATERSHED GROUP (ENCLOSURES)

Ms. Kast summarized the amendment, noting that the 2nd Amendment to the MOU between GWMA and LAR UR2 Watershed Group is set to expire December 31, 2024. Both parties wish to extend the MOU's term to December 31, 2029 so that the Watershed Group can continue to implement the Group's watershed management program (WMP) and coordinated integrated monitoring program (CIMP) to comply with MS4 Permit requirements with the support of GWMA's consultant, including the process of updating the WMP and CIMP through adaptive management.

Director Nila moved to approve the following recommendations:

- a. Approve the Third Amendment to the MOU and authorize the Chair to execute the MOU Amendment.

The motion was seconded by Director Forster, and the actions were approved by the following voice vote:

AYES: Sanchez, Iniguez, Gorecki, Guido, O'Grady, Nila, Hernandez-Torres, Mueller, McCaleb, Forster, Stowell, Pickler, You, Tang, Lee, Gomez, Montalvo, Kau, Ho, Porter, Morales Choate, Bekele, Deras, E. Rojas

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ITEM 13 – DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING ADMINISTRATION AND COST SHARING FOR HARBOR TOXICS DOWNSTREAM, AGREEMENT TEMPLATE WITH INDIVIDUAL PERMIT HOLDERS, AND THE THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ANCHOR QEA, LLC. (ENCLOSURES)

Ms. Kast went over the MOU between GWMA and the Harbor Toxics Downstream Group for administration and cost sharing for implementation of the Coordinated Compliance, Monitoring, and Reporting Plan (CCMRP) for the Dominguez Channel and Los Angeles and Long Beach Harbors Waters Toxic Pollutants Total Maximum Daily Loads. She noted that it is set to expire December 31, 2024. Both parties wish to extend the MOU's term so that the Harbor Toxics Downstream Group can continue to implement the CCMRP for the TMDL to ensure compliance with the TMDL and consistency with other regional monitoring programs and usability with other TMDL related studies. Ms. Kast concluded her report by stating that this agenda item also updates the agreement template for cost sharing of the monitoring data as well as amends the Professional Services Agreement with the consultant, Anchor QEA, LLC increasing the amount by \$2,967,000 among other things as outlined in the enclosed Board Letter.

Director Gorecki moved to approve the following recommendations:

- a. Approve the First Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding for administration and cost sharing for implementation of the coordinated compliance, monitoring and reporting plan for the Dominguez Channel and Los Angeles and Long Beach Harbors

Waters Toxic Pollutants Total Maximum Daily Loads, and authorize the Chair to execute the MOU Amendment.

- b. Approve agreement template between GWMA and Individual or General National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit Holders, and authorize the Chair to execute agreements, contingent upon non-material changes approved by legal counsel.
- c. Approve Third Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement between GWMA and Anchor QEA, LLC for the Harbor Toxic Downstream Group to increase the amount of the contract by \$2,967,000 to cover the extended term, incorporate Consultant's proposed rate sheet into the Agreement and to amend the Services set forth in Exhibit A of the Agreement.

The motion was seconded by Director Lee, and the actions were approved by the following voice vote:

AYES: Sanchez, Iniguez, Gorecki, Guido, O'Grady, Nila, Hernandez-Torres, Mueller, McCaleb, Forster, Stowell, Pickler, You, Tang, Lee, Gomez, Montalvo, Ho, Porter, Morales Choate, Bekele, Deras, E. Rojas

NOES: Kau

ABSTAIN: None

ITEM 14 – UPDATE REGARDING REGIONAL STORMWATER OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES

John Hunter summarized key elements of a draft Request for Qualification “RFQ” for O&M services at five regional stormwater projects. Respondents can submit Statement of Qualifications “SOQ” for one or all projects, and they will be responsible for operations and maintenance, including various equipment and tasks such as sensors, monitors, pumps, and sediment removal. The projects include Mayfair Park, Bolivar, Caruthers, Sub Basin 4 (LB Airport), and Urban Orchard, involving multiple jurisdictions and requiring expertise in improving water quality and capturing sediments. The scope of work aims to capture 100% of dry weather water flows and a designated capacity of wet water. The contract term is estimated to be three years, with maintenance costs roughly estimated at \$150K per year.

Suggestions were made to adjust experience requirements and to list known future projects for that could utilize these services. The draft RFQ will be updated based on comments received and released soon thereafter. Results of the solicitation will be shared at the July Board Meeting.

ITEM 15 – GENERAL DISCUSSION REGARDING ISSUES RELATED TO DRINKING WATER OPERATING PERMITS

Ms. Kast initiated a discussion concerning Southeast Water Coalition's “SEWC” deliberation on DDW operating permitting issues, particularly regarding PFAS permitting concerns. The SEWC Administrative Entity suggested bringing these concerns to GWMA to see if non-SEWC members are experiencing similar issues. Director Mueller and Director Kau elaborated on SEWC's challenges with the DDW's permitting process and frustrations encountered. Director Kau noted SEWC's has scheduled a meeting with Director McCarthy to address these matters, aiming to expedite the permitting process. Director E. Rojas reported on results of a recent meeting between WRD and DDW to discuss the issues. Director Bekele emphasized the importance of obtaining permits during the design phase rather than construction.

ITEM 16 – SAFE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM – ORAL REPORT

a. Lower San Gabriel River “LSGR” WASC Chair – Dan Mueller

As of April 5, Melissa You is no longer be with the city of Long Beach. Dan Mueller will be the interim for LSGR. Director Mueller provided an update, noting that at the last meeting, the group came up with an approved CIMP, which will be going to the Regional Oversight Committee in June.

b. Lower Los Angeles River “LLAR” WASC Chair – Madeline Chen

Melissa You announced that she will no longer be the Vice Chair of the LLAR. Madeline Chen was absent to provide any further update.

ITEM 17 – EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S ORAL REPORT

None.

ITEM 18 – DIRECTORS’ ORAL COMMENTS/REPORTS

None.

The meeting adjourned at 1:29 p.m.

The next regular Board Meeting of the Directors of the Gateway Water Management Authority will be on Thursday, July 11, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. at the Clearwater Building, 16404 Paramount Boulevard, Paramount, CA.

Kelli Pickler, Vice Chair

Date



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AGENDA ITEM 5b – Ratify the Warrant Register for May and June 2024 and Approve the Warrant Register for July 2024

SUMMARY

The Warrant Register is a listing of general checks issued since the last warrant register. Warrants will be signed by 2 of the 3 Board Officers and released by Traci Gleason, serving as the Administrative/Accounting Manager of the Gateway Water Management Authority, upon Board Approval.

DISCUSSION

The Warrant Register for expenditures dated May 2024 and June 2024 in the amounts of \$197,190.11 and \$262,175.54, respectively, are submitted for ratification by the Board, and the Warrant Register for expenditures dated July 2024 in the amount of \$213,748.49 is submitted for approval. Invoices and supporting documentation are available for review at the office of the GWMA.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Warrant Registers for May, June and July 2024 total \$673,114.14. Funds to cover payment are available in the GWMA budget.

RECOMMENDATION

Ratify the Warrant Registers for May and June 2024 and Approve the Warrant Register for July 2024.

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Invoice Date	Vendor	Invoice Number	Description	Amount
4/17/2024	Anchor QEA	24283	Harbor Toxic Downstream FY 23/24 (Mar 2024)	\$ 9,854.61
2/16/2024	Anchor QEA	22797	Harbor Toxic Downstream FY 23/24 (Aug 2023-Jan 2024)	\$ 23,302.77
5/1/2024	City of Paramount	5218	Office Lease (May 2024)	\$ 410.64
3/31/2024	CJ Brown & Company	3-31-24	Audit Services (March 2024)	\$ 915.00
4/10/2024	Craftwater Engineering	21-040-6	SCWP LLAR and LSGR GAP Ph 2 (March 2024)	\$ 26,220.00
4/9/2024	CWE	F24175	LAR UR2 (Mar 2024)	\$ 8,216.19
4/30/2024	Gateway Cities Council of Governments	4-30-24	Office Supplies (April 2024)	\$ 100.00
4/16/2024	John L. Hunter & Associates	GWM1LLA12403	LLAR (March 2024)	\$ 44,267.61
5/7/2024	Koa Consulting	K114-01-79	Water-Related PM Coordination Activities and Executive Officer Services, DAC Chair and DACIP Co-Chair (April 2024)	\$ 38,322.15
4/17/2024	Richard Watson & Associates	24-192-003-004	LCC WMP CIMP (March 2024)	\$ 44,508.64
4/24/2024	Richards Watson Gershon	247458	Legal Services (service through March 31, 2024)	\$ 55.00
4/23/2024	Richards Watson Gershon	247459	Legal Services for HTD (service through March 31, 2024)	\$ 1,017.50
Total				\$ 197,190.11

Reviewed and Approved by:



 Thomas Bekele, Signal Hill



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Invoice Date	Vendor	Invoice Number	Description	Amount
5/16/2024	Anchor QEA	24852	Harbor Toxic Downstream FY 23/24 (Apr 2024)	\$ 6,240.02
5/22/2024	CA Consulting Services	2024-GWMA-04	Accounting Support Services (April 2024)	\$ 2,240.00
6/1/2024	City of Paramount	5229	Office Lease (June 2024)	\$ 424.43
5/18/2024	Craftwater Engineering	21-040-7	SCWP LLAR and LSGR GAP Ph 2 (April 2024)	\$ 101,602.50
5/10/2024	CWE	F24225	LAR UR2 (April 2024)	\$ 8,904.69
5/31/2024	Gateway Cities Council of Governments	5-31-24	Office Supplies (May 2024)	\$ 100.00
4/16/2024	John L. Hunter & Associates	GWM1GHR12403	HT Upstream (March 2024)	\$ 9,732.96
5/9/2024	John L. Hunter & Associates	GWM1GHR12404	HT Upstream (April 2024)	\$ 8,723.00
5/9/2024	John L. Hunter & Associates	GWM1LLA12404	LLAR (April 2024)	\$ 23,323.70
5/9/2024	John L. Hunter & Associates	GWM1LSG12404	LSGR (April 2024)	\$ 22,909.43
6/3/2024	Koa Consulting	K114-01-80	Water-Related PM Coordination Activities and Executive Officer Services, DAC Chair and DACIP Co-Chair (May 2024)	\$ 38,253.00
5/14/2024	Richard Watson & Associates	24-192-003-005	LCC WMP CIMP (April 2024)	\$ 38,319.31
5/22/2024	Richards Watson Gershon	247881	Legal Services (service through April 30, 2024)	\$ 1,402.50
Total				\$ 262,175.54

Reviewed and Approved by:



Thomas Bekele, Signal Hill



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Invoice Date	Vendor	Invoice Number	Description	Amount
6/26/2024	Above All Catering	C46776	Catering for July 2024 Board Meeting	\$ 540.29
6/19/2024	Alliant Insurance Services	2707240	ACIP-Crime Insurance Program	\$ 1,392.00
6/13/2024	Craftwater Engineering	21-040-8	SCWP LLAR and LSGR GAP Ph 2 (May 2024)	\$ 26,220.00
6/20/2024	CWE	F24294	LAR UR2 (May 2024)	\$ 22,085.58
6/28/2024	Gateway Cities Council of Governments	6-28-24	Office Supplies (June 2024)	\$ 100.00
6/14/2024	John L. Hunter & Associates	GWM1LLA12405	LLAR (May 2024)	\$ 44,067.54
6/24/2024	Koa Consulting	K114-01-81	Water-Related PM Coordination Activities and Executive Officer Services, DAC Chair and DACIP Co-Chair (June 2024)	\$ 38,253.00
6/18/2024	Richard Watson & Associates	24-192-003-006	LCC WMP CIMP (May 2024)	\$ 80,977.43
6/18/2024	Richards Watson Gershon	248280	Legal Services (service through May 31, 2024)	\$ 112.65
			Total	\$ 213,748.49

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 2023-2024

SUMMARY

At the Board meeting in June 2023, the Board approved the budget for legal counsel services of \$30,500 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-2024 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 2023-2024 Budget amount for Legal Counsel services
<u>\$ 13,894.78</u>	Expenditures for Legal Counsel services through May 31, 2024
\$ 16,605.22	Remaining budget amount available through June 30, 2024

FISCAL IMPACT

The total expenditures for Legal Counsel services for FY 2023-2024 through May 31, 2024 total \$13,894.78. It is projected there are sufficient funds remaining in the GWMA FY 2023-2024 budget to cover payment for legal counsel services through the end of the fiscal year.

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file the updated expenditures for Legal Counsel Services.

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AGENDA ITEM 5d – Ratify the Permittees’ Requested Non-Material Revisions to the Previously Approved Harbor Toxic Downstream Amendment No. 1

SUMMARY

In April 2024, the GWMA board approved an amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between GWMA and the Harbor Toxics Downstream Group for administration and cost sharing for implementation of the Coordinated Compliance, Monitoring, and Reporting Plan (CCMRP) for the Dominguez Channel and Los Angeles and Long Beach Harbors Waters Toxic Pollutants Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL) because the existing MOU is set to expire this year.

The Permittees’ requested revisions to the previously approved MOU amendment. The revisions are non-material and are intended to more accurately reflect the current state of the TMDL and MS4 permit and correct the cost for individual NPDES permit holders to participate in the monitoring program. The revised MOU amendment will then be presented for approval by the Permittees’ boards and councils.

FISCAL IMPACT

GWMA’s Direct and Indirect Administrative Costs Services will be accounted for and paid from the GWMA Administrative Fee collected annually.

RECOMMENDATION

Ratify the Permittees’ requested non-material revisions to the previously approved Amendment No. 1 to the Harbor Toxic Pollutants TMDL MOU (Downstream).

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AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE LOS ANGELES GATEWAY REGION INTEGRATED REGIONAL
WATER MANAGEMENT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

AND

THE CITIES OF BELLFLOWER, LAKEWOOD, LONG BEACH, PARAMOUNT,
RANCHO PALOS VERDES, ROLLING HILLS, ROLLING HILLS ESTATES, SIGNAL
HILL, AND LOS ANGELES, ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS BOARD OF HARBOR
COMMISSIONERS, THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, LOS ANGELES COUNTY
FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT, AND THE PORT OF LONG BEACH

FOR

ADMINISTRATION AND COST SHARING FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
COORDINATED COMPLIANCE, MONITORING, AND REPORTING PLAN FOR THE
DOMINGUEZ CHANNEL AND LOS ANGELES AND LONG BEACH HARBORS
WATERS TOXIC POLLUTANTS TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOADS

This First Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) dated April 15, 2019, by and between the Los Angeles Gateway Region Integrated Regional Water Management Joint Powers Authority (“GWMA”), a California Joint Powers Authority, and the Cities of Bellflower, Lakewood, Long Beach, Paramount, Rancho Palos Verdes, Rolling Hills, Rolling Hills Estates, Signal Hill, and Los Angeles, acting by and through its Board of Harbor Commissioners (“POLA”), the County of Los Angeles, the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (“LACFCD”), and separately the City of Long Beach Harbor Department, acting by and through its Board of Harbor Commissioners (“Port of Long Beach”) is made and entered into as of July 1, 2024.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the mission of the GWMA includes the equitable protection and management of water resources within its area; and

WHEREAS, for the purposes of the MOU, the term “Permittees” shall mean the Cities of Bellflower, Lakewood, Long Beach, Paramount, Rancho Palos Verdes, Rolling Hills, Rolling Hills Estates, and Signal Hill, and the County of Los Angeles, the LACFCD, POLA, and the Port of Long Beach; and

WHEREAS, the Permittees and the GWMA are collectively referred to as the “Parties”; and

WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) approved the Total Maximum Daily Loads (“TMDL”) for Toxic Pollutants on March 23, 2012, with the intent of protecting and improving water quality in the Dominguez Channel and the Greater Los Angeles and Long Beach Harbor Waters (“Harbor Toxic Pollutants TMDL”); and

WHEREAS, the Harbor Toxic Pollutants TMDL remains in effect and regulates certain discharges from National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (“NPDES”) permit holders, requiring organization and cooperation among the Permittees; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Board adopted a new Regional MS4 Permit, NPDES Permit No. CAS004004 via Order No. R4-2021-0105 on July 23, 2021 with an effective date of September 11, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Harbor Toxic Pollutants TMDL is implemented through the Regional MS4 Permit; and

WHEREAS, the Permittees manage, drain or convey storm water into at least a portion of the Dominguez Channel, Greater Los Angeles and Long Beach Harbor Waters (including Consolidated Slip) and the Los Angeles River Estuary (“Greater Harbor Waters”); and

WHEREAS, the MOU pertains to those areas tributary to the Greater Harbor Waters; and

WHEREAS, the MOU is currently scheduled to expire on December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Permittees desire to extend the MOU and continue implementing the Coordinated Compliance, Monitoring, and Reporting Plan (“CCMRP”) for the TMDL to ensure compliance with the TMDL and consistency with other regional monitoring programs and usability with other TMDL related studies; and

WHEREAS, monitoring cost increases have increased substantially due to requirements in the revised TMDL, including potential amendments to the existing CCMRP, more extensive chemistry sampling to meet high resolution PCB analysis and others, possible model revisions to address human health sediment quality objectives, potential hot spot investigations, and general cost increases; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 9(m) of the MOU, the Permittees further desire to amend the MOU’s cost share formula in light of the revision to the Harbor Toxic Pollutants TMDL and the new Regional MS4 Permit; and

WHEREAS, the CCMRP was approved by the Regional Board Executive Officer on June 6, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Board Executive Officer approved a revised CCMRP on November 19, 2019.

WHEREAS, implementation of the CCMRP requires administrative and professional coordination services for the Permittees that the GWMA is able and willing to provide; and

WHEREAS, the Permittees collaborate with the GWMA in the implementation of the CCMRP; and

WHEREAS, GWMA has retained a consultant, Anchor QEA, L.L.C. (“Consultant”) to conduct monitoring necessary to implement the CCMRP will be beneficial to the Permittees; and

WHEREAS, the Permittees have requested an extension to the Consultant’s agreement, and authorized GWMA to extend Consultant’s contract and serve as conduit for paying Consultant to continue implementing and conducting the monitoring set forth in the CCMRP.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and conditions set forth herein, the Parties do hereby agree as follows:

Section 1. Recitals. The recitals set forth above are fully incorporated as part of this MOU.

Section 2. Term. Section 6 of the MOU (“Term”) is amended to read as follows:

“Term. The term of this MOU shall commence on the effective date of this Agreement as set forth in the preamble and expire on December 31, 2029, unless terminated earlier pursuant to this MOU.”

Section 3. Monitoring Costs. **Exhibit “A”** (“Monitoring Costs”) is amended in its entirety and replaced with the version attached to this First Amendment.

Section 4. Other NPDES Permit Holders. Subsection 13(a) of the MOU (“Other NPDES Permit Holders”) is amended to read as follows

“(a) Other NPDES Permit Holders.

i. Individual or general NPDES permit holders who are not Permittees but receive Harbor Toxic Pollutants TMDL monitoring requirements in their NPDES permits may wish to participate in the implementation of the CCMRP in order to utilize the CCMRP monitoring data to satisfy all or part of the monitoring and reporting requirements in their NPDES permits. Any such NPDES permit holder may submit a letter of interest to the Chair requesting to become a participant in the CCMRP. The letter of interest at a minimum shall contain a commitment to pay annually for participant status Thirty-Four Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-One Dollars (\$34,231.00), plus any cumulative CPI Adjustment as defined below (“Annual Payment Amount”). The Annual Payment Amount will be annually and cumulatively adjusted during each year of this MOU’s term based upon the percentage change in the Bureau of Labor Statistics’ Consumer Price Index, Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim Area, for the twelve-month period ending on March 1st of the preceding fiscal year (“CPI Adjustment”). The GWMA will use the Annual

Payment Amounts received from individual or general NPDES permit holders to reduce the Monitoring Costs charged to the Permittees.

ii. Upon receipt of the letter of interest, the Chair shall distribute the letter to the Permittees who shall vote on whether to grant the NPDES permit holder participant status. If the Permittees by majority vote determine that participant status should be granted, the Chair shall notify GWMA of the Permittees' approval. Upon receipt of a written notice from the Chair of the Permittees' approval for the NPDES permit holder to participate in the implementation of the CCMRP, the GWMA will enter into a separate cost share agreement with the NPDES permit holder that will require the NPDES permit holder to pay the Annual Payment Amount of Thirty-Four Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-One Dollars (\$34,231.00), plus any applicable CPI Adjustments as set forth in Subsection 13(a)(i). Failure to pay the Annual Payment Amount by the date set forth in the agreement shall result in termination of the NPDES permit holder's participant status. The GWMA will deduct and retain from each NPDES permit holder's Annual Payment Amount an amount based on the percentage rate charged to Non-GWMA Members pursuant to Subsection 9(c)(ii) of this MOU in order to recover the GWMA's Administrative Costs.

iii. An NPDES permit holder accepted as a participant shall not be a Permittee or one of the Parties to this MOU and shall not be entitled to appoint a representative or to vote or participate in any way in decisions assigned to Permittees by this MOU. Participant status entitles an NPDES permit holder only to the monitoring data collected as part of the CCMRP and to have its name included on all reports submitted in accordance with the CCMRP for any fiscal year in which the participant has paid its Annual Payment Amount."

Section 5. Notices. Subsection 7(b) of the MOU ("Notices") is amended to read as follows:

Notices. All Notices which the Parties require or desire to give hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed given when delivered personally or three (3) days after mailing by registered or certified mail (return receipt requested) to the following address or as such other addresses as the Parties may from time to time designate by written notice in the aforesaid manner:

To GWMA:

Grace Kast
Executive Officer
Gateway Water Management Authority
16401 Paramount Boulevard
Paramount, CA 90723

To the Permittees:

Len Gorecki
Director of Public Works
City of Bellflower
16600 Civic Center Drive
Bellflower, CA 90706

Kelli Pickler
Director of Public Works
City of Lakewood
5050 Clark Avenue
Lakewood, CA 90712

Tom Modica
City Manager
City of Long Beach
411 W. Ocean Boulevard
Long Beach, CA 90802

Mario Cordero
Chief Executive Officer
Port of Long Beach
415 W. Ocean Boulevard
Long Beach, CA 90802

Lisa Wunder
Acting Director of Environmental Management
Port of Los Angeles on behalf of the City of Los Angeles
425 S. Palos Verdes Street
San Pedro, CA 90713

Adriana Figueroa
Director of Public Works
City of Paramount
16400 Paramount Blvd.
Paramount, CA 90723

Ara Mihranian
City Manager
Rancho Palos Verdes
30940 Hawthorne Blvd
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275

Karina Bañales
City Manager
City of Rolling Hills
2 Portuguese Road
Rolling Hills, CA 90274

Greg Grammer
City Manager
City of Rolling Hills Estates
4045 Palos Verdes Drive North
Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274

Carlo Tomaino
City Manager
City of Signal Hill
2175 Cherry Avenue
Signal Hill, CA 90755

Thuan Nguyen
Senior Civil Engineer
County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
900 S. Fremont Avenue
Alhambra, CA 91803

Fred Gonzalez
Los Angeles County Flood Control District
900 S. Fremont Avenue
Alhambra, CA 91803-1331

Section 6. Except for the changes set forth herein, all other terms and conditions of the MOU shall remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this First Amendment to the MOU to be executed on their behalf, respectively, as follows:

DATE: _____, 2024

LOS ANGELES GATEWAY REGION
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER
MANAGEMENT JOINT POWERS
AUTHORITY

Adriana Figueroa
GWMA Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Nicholas R. Ghirelli
General Counsel

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this MOU to be executed on their behalf, respectively, as follows:

DATE: _____, 2024 CITY OF BELLFLOWER

Name: _____
Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Name: _____
City Clerk

Name: _____
City Attorney

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this MOU to be executed on their behalf, respectively, as follows:

DATE: _____, 2024

CITY OF LONG BEACH HARBOR
DEPARTMENT, acting by and through its
Board of Harbor Commissioners

_____, 2024

Chief Executive Director
Long Beach Harbor Department

The foregoing document is hereby approved as to form.

Dawn McIntosh, City Attorney

_____, 2024

Deputy City Attorney

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this MOU to be executed on their behalf, respectively, as follows:

DATE: _____, 2024

CITY OF LAKEWOOD

Name: _____
Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Name: _____
City Clerk

Name: _____
City Attorney

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this MOU to be executed on their behalf, respectively, as follows:

DATE: _____, 2024 CITY OF LONG BEACH

Name: _____
City Manager

ATTEST:

Name: _____
City Clerk

The foregoing document is hereby approved as to form.

Dawn McIntosh, City Attorney

_____, 2024 _____
Name: _____
Deputy City Attorney

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this MOU to be executed on their behalf, respectively, as follows:

DATE: _____, 2024

CITY OF LOS ANGELES, by its Board of Harbor Commissioners

Name: _____
Executive Director

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

_____, 2024
Hydee Feldstein Soto, City Attorney

Name: _____
Board Secretary

_____, General Counsel

By: _____

Name: _____
Deputy City Attorney

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this MOU to be executed on their behalf, respectively, as follows:

DATE: _____, 2024

CITY OF PARAMOUNT

Name: _____
Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Name: _____
City Clerk

Name: _____
City Attorney

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DATE: _____, 2024

CITY OF RANCHO PALOS VERDES

Name: _____
Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Name: _____

Name: _____

City Clerk

City Attorney

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DATE: _____, 2024

CITY OF ROLLING HILLS

Name: _____
Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Name: _____
City Clerk

Name: _____
City Attorney

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DATE: _____, 2024

CITY OF ROLLING HILLS ESTATES

Name: _____
Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Name: _____
City Clerk

Name: _____
City Attorney

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this MOU to be executed on their behalf, respectively, as follows:

DATE: _____, 2024

CITY OF SIGNAL HILL

Name: _____

Title: _____

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Name: _____

Name: _____

City Clerk

City Attorney

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this MOU to be executed on their behalf, respectively, as follows:

DATE: _____, 2024

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Name: _____

Director of Public Works

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Name: _____

County Counsel

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this MOU to be executed on their behalf, respectively, as follows:

DATE: _____

LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD
CONTROL DISTRICT
County of Los Angeles
Department of Public Works
Watershed Management Division, 11th Fl.
900 South Fremont Avenue
Alhambra, CA 91803-1331

By:

Name: _____
Chief Engineer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

County Counsel

Name: _____
Associate

Exhibit "A" Monitoring Costs

Harbor Toxic Downstream Cost Share							
Permittee	Monitoring Cost					Maximum GWMA Admin Cost**	Maximum Annual Cost
	Area (mi ²)	Area Cost	Base Cost	Base Cost plus Area Cost*	Base Cost+Area Per Year		
LACFCD Contribution (flat 10%)	--	--	\$296,700.00	\$296,700	\$59,340	\$44,505	\$68,241
Bellflower (GWMA Member)	4.39	\$85,308	\$80,918	\$166,226	\$33,245	\$8,311	\$34,908
Lakewood (GWMA Member)	7.53	\$146,326	\$80,918	\$227,244	\$45,449	\$11,362	\$47,721
Long Beach (GWMA Member)	39.46	\$766,802	\$80,918	\$847,720	\$169,544	\$42,386	\$178,021
Port of Long Beach (GWMA Member)	11.35	\$220,557	\$80,918	\$301,476	\$60,295	\$15,074	\$63,310
Los Angeles and Port of Los Angeles	20.35	\$395,449	\$80,918	\$476,367	\$95,273	\$71,455	\$109,564
Paramount (GWMA Member)	1.72	\$33,424	\$80,918	\$114,342	\$22,868	\$5,717	\$24,012
Rancho Palos Verdes	3.00	\$58,297	\$80,918	\$139,215	\$27,843	\$20,882	\$32,020
Rolling Hills	0.92	\$17,878	\$80,918	\$98,796	\$19,759	\$14,819	\$22,723
Rolling Hills Estate	0.35	\$6,801	\$80,918	\$87,720	\$17,544	\$13,158	\$20,175
Signal Hill (GWMA Member)	2.18	\$42,363	\$80,918	\$123,281	\$24,656	\$6,164	\$25,889
Unincorporated	0.36	\$6,996	\$80,918	\$87,914	\$17,583	\$13,187	\$20,220
Totals	91.61	\$1,780,200	\$1,186,800	\$2,967,000	\$593,400	\$267,021	\$646,804

Cost Share FY2024-2025 to FY2028-2029 (5 years)						
Other NPDES Permit Holder	Annual Monitoring Cost per Permit Holder	GWMA Direct and Indirect Admin per Permit Holder*	Annual Payment per Permit Holder	Total Base Cost per Permit Holder for 5 Years	Total Direct & Indirect Admin Fee for Permit Holder for 5 Years	Total Cost per Permit Holder***
Individual or General NPDES Permit Holders	\$29,766	\$4,465	\$34,231	\$148,830	\$22,325	\$171,155
Total						\$0.00

Costs Per Activity						
Activity	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	Cost FY24/25 - FY28-29
Base Fee+Basin Plan Amendment***	\$417,500	\$603,500	\$651,500	\$358,000	\$936,500	\$2,967,000

* Monitoring costs will vary from year to year however costs will be averaged over the 5 year monitoring program. The average amount will be invoiced yearly.
 ** The GWMA administration cost is as follows: Direct admin fee is 0-5% for GWMA members and 5-10% for non-members. Indirect admin fee is 2-5% for non-members.
 *** Amounts shown are from Anchor QEA's Nov 2023 Proposal
 Permittee costs will be adjusted based on the number of individual NPDES permittees that participate.

RMC Members	
Agencies (30/60 split)	11
LACFCD (10% split)	1
Total	12

Cost Share Breakdown	
Base cost*	30%
Area cost	60%
LACFCD contribution	10%
Total	100%

Rates	
Years	5
GWMA members admin fee floor	0%
GWMA members admin fee ceiling	5%
GWMA non-members admin fee floor	7%
GWMA non-members admin fee ceiling	15%

Individual NPDES Permits	
Private sector permittees	0



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July 11, 2024

AGENDA ITEM 8 – Notice to Proceed Amendment No. 1 to John L Hunter & Associates for the Preparation of a Request for Qualifications for Operations, Maintenance and Evaluation of Regional Stormwater Capture and Treatment Projects

BACKGROUND

There are currently five (5) regional projects that are complete or are expected to become operational within this calendar year. Operational and maintenance issues are of major concern for these projects. Member agencies of the Los Cerritos Channel, Lower Los Angeles River, Lower San Gabriel River and Lower Los Angeles River Upper Reach 2 Watershed Groups have requested GWMA to prepare and release a Request for Qualifications to solicit qualified engineering/contracting firms with stormwater, wastewater or equivalent experience.

DISCUSSION

Due to familiarity with some of the regional stormwater capture and treatment infrastructures that are experiencing operational issues, John L. Hunter and Associates (JLHA) was retained by GWMA from the On-Call Consulting Services bench to assist GWMA with the preparation of a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Operations, Maintenance (O&M), and Evaluation of Regional Stormwater Capture and Treatment Projects. The fee proposal by JLHA for RFQ preparation, set not to exceed \$10,000, was approved by GWMA's Chairperson as per the organization's Policy and Procedures for On-Call Consulting Professional Services. The Executive Officer subsequently issued a Notice to Proceed on October 17, 2023, under the existing On-Call Professional Services Agreement.

In April, John Hunter provided a presentation to the GWMA Board summarizing the key elements of the draft RFQ.

An RFQ was officially released on May 1, 2024, with questions regarding the RFQ due on May 17th, responses to the questions on May 27th and the statement of qualifications (SOQ) being due on June 5th. However, due to the complexity of the required services and questions received from potential RFQ respondents, an ad hoc committee made up of lead agencies in charge of the regional projects and GWMA staff determined a need to re-write the RFQ was in order, with a new solicitation at a later date.

JLHA submitted an amendment request to revise the RFQ to remove many of the technical specifications and focus more on the qualifications needed by the responding firms. The proposed fee amendment request is for an additional \$6,000 making a revised total contract amount of \$16,000.

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According to GWMA's policy regarding award and contract amendments:

1. The Executive Officer, in consultation with the Chairperson is authorized to issue amendments to the agreement for up to \$10,000 for changes or additions to the original scope of services that are equal or less than 10% of the original contract amount.
2. The Chair, in consultation with the Executive Committee is authorized to issue contract amendments to the agreement for up to \$20,000 for changes or additions to the original scope of services that are equal or less than 20% of the original contract amount.
3. All other amendments must receive a majority approval of the GWMA Board.

Given the amendment request exceeds 20% of the original contract amount, approval from the board is requested.

FISCAL IMPACT

The approved FY 2024-2025 operating budget did not include a budget for the additional services for the RFQ preparation. However, funds are available in the general reserve to cover the cost. Staff recommends the Board approve an FY 2024-2025 budget line item transfer from the general reserves to Special Projects in the amount of \$6,000.

RECOMMENDATION

- a. Approve the FY 2024-2025 budget line item transfer from the General Reserve to Special Projects in the amount of \$6,000.
- b. Approve JLHA's amendment proposal, as presented, in the amount not to exceed \$6,000, and authorize the Executive Officer to issue a Notice to Proceed.



June 24, 2024

Gateway Water Management Authority
Attn: Grace Kast
16401 Paramount Blvd,
Paramount, CA 90723

Transmitted electronically

Subject: Amendment to the Proposal for Preparing an RFQ for Stormwater Project O&M Services

Dear Ms. Kast (Grace):

John L. Hunter and Associates (JLHA) has prepared and provided a draft Request for Qualifications (RFP/Q) for stormwater project Operations and Maintenance (O&M) services. GWMA has requested a more focused RFQ which significantly impacts the scope of work. Therefore, we request an amendment to JLHA's original budget.

JLHA will revise the Draft RFQ to remove many of the technical specifications and focus more on the qualifications needed by the responding firms.

The budget amendment request is **\$5,000** plus a 20% (**\$1,000**) contingency make the total request for \$6,000. If during implementation of our services, changes in our initial scope estimates result in a potential exceedance of the total cost estimate, we will inform the GWMA as soon as possible. We will not exceed the total cost estimate without prior authorization.

Thank you again for the opportunity to offer our services. If you have any questions, you can reach me at jhunter@jlha.net.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John L. Hunter". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

John L. Hunter, P.E.



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Integrated Regional Water Management
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July 11, 2024

AGENDA ITEM 9 – GWMA Survey Results for FY 2024-2025 Grant Priorities

A survey was conducted by GWMA staff to gather input from GWMA Board Members regarding the priorities for the upcoming fiscal year. The FY 2024-2025 Operating Budget approved by the Board in April includes \$100,000 for consultants to aid in identifying projects for regional programs and applying for grant funding.

The information gathered from the survey is presented below.

Eighteen (18) survey responses were received.

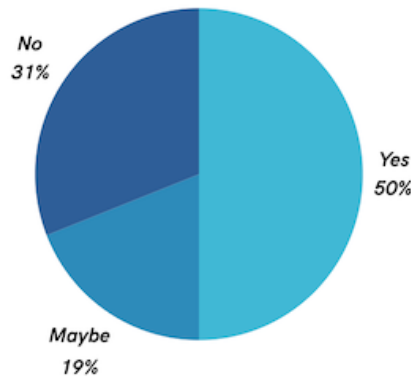
Project Priorities

Based on the survey, the following types of projects are listed in the order of priority.

1. Stormwater Capture/Treatment /Reuse
2. Groundwater Contamination/Treatment
3. Recycled Water
4. Drought Preparedness/Conservation
5. Advanced Meter Replacement
6. Water Storage

Potential Projects

When inquired if the agency has a potential project to include in the FY 2024-2025 grant process, fifty percent (50%) of the agencies that responded have potential projects that could be included in the grant process. Nineteen percent (19%) of the agencies that responded may potentially have projects that can be included in the process.



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The following are responses received for potential member agency projects:

- PFAS Treatment Project (3 responses)
- Stormwater Capture (5 responses)
- New Water Storage Reservoir (1 response)
- AMI projects (2 responses)
- Long Beach Groundwater Augmentation Study (\$2.5 million), associated infrastructure resulting from the study, including, but not limited to new injection wells, extraction wells, conveyance pipelines and treatment (\$250 million)

Additional Priorities for Consideration

Other priorities listed for GWMA to consider during the upcoming year are as follows:

- Retain federal and/or state government relations consultant to assist with funding requests (*12 votes*)
- Support and/or oppose legislation related to GWMA activities (*10 votes*)
- Other – Seat on LA County Water Plan Panel (*1 vote*)