

GATEWAY WATER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

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

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FACT SHEET

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Who We Are

The Gateway Water Management Authority “GWMA” (Los Angeles Gateway Region Integrated Regional Water Management Joint Powers Authority) is a growing coalition – currently comprised of 21 cities and government entities – responsible for the regional water planning needs of 2 million people in the Gateway Cities Region. Distinctive hydrogeological, topographic, demographic and political elements bring the Gateway Authority together as a cohesive, interdependent, self-governing body.

Value and Benefits of the Gateway Water Management Authority “GWMA”

- Synergize efforts to organize and coordinate economical and efficient water management activities across city boundaries
- Produce strong, focused, accountable leadership and governance
- Receive state and federal funding not available to individual government entities
- Provide specific benefits to regional disadvantaged communities
- Continue Gateway Cities COG’s long history of working together to address complex regional issues; share information and develop regional best practices

The Details

- Formed through a directive of COG (Gateway Cities Council of Governments) in 2007
- Designated by the State of California as an Integrated Regional Water Management Group
- An IRWM Group is a collaborative effort to manage all aspects of water resources in a region. IRWMs cross jurisdictional, watershed, and political boundaries; involve multiple agencies, stakeholders, individuals, and groups; and attempt to address the issues and differing perspectives of all the entities involved through mutually beneficial solutions
- Member cities have land use authority and direct responsibility for water supply reliability, water quality, wastewater, storm water, and flood control

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- Members draw from the same aquifers in the Central Groundwater Basin
- The region has some of the oldest infrastructure in Southern California; many facilities are 100 years old
- Population Characteristics:
 - Lower future growth projections than the rest of LA County (Growth will not pay for infrastructure replacement)
 - Represents nearly 20% of the population of the County

Projects and Activities

- Secured \$10,000,000 in federal support to meet the LA River Trash TMDL, saving millions of dollars in construction costs and avoided liability
- Formal agreement to act as the Fiduciary Agent for the Los Cerritos Channel and Coyote Creek/Lower San Gabriel River TMDL Plans and Implementation
- Developed and submitted 20x2020 Regional Alliance Report on behalf of the Gateway region cities and water districts (available at www.gatewayirwmp.org)
- Conducted and funded Request for Bids process for catch basin cleaning services on behalf of all Gateway cities; resulted in 3 competitive bids which were distributed to all Gateway cities to avail themselves of the pricing by entering into individual contracts in lieu of costlier LA County pricing
- Awarded and executed a \$950,000 IRWM Planning Grant by Dept. of Water Resources to develop IRWM Plan for Gateway region – will allow significant opportunities to apply and receive IRWM implementation grants for individual and regional projects throughout the Gateway region
- Awarded consulting contract to begin the IRWM Plan development. Notice to Proceed in November 2011
- IRWM Planning is process underway. Anticipated completion in Spring 2013
- GWMA has basic structure to serve as agency to receive regional project funds for pending LA County Water Quality Funding Initiative to go before voters in 2012
- Competitively (state-wide) applied for five Prop 84 regional stormwater grants through State Water Resources Control Board in January 2012. One project awarded full funding request.