

**GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
JOINT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS and
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, April 6, 2011

5:30 p. m. Buffet

6:00 p. m. Meeting

Gateway Cities Council of Governments

16401 Paramount Boulevard

Paramount, California

AGENDA

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- A. **AGENDA ITEM:** at this time the Board of Directors considers the agenda item OR during Public Comments, and
- B. **NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** during Public Comments, comments will be received for a maximum 20-minute period; any additional requests will be heard following the completion of the Board of Directors agenda; and
- C. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:** at the time for public hearings.

Please keep your comments brief and complete a speaker card for the President.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER**
- II. **ROLL CALL – BY SELF INTRODUCTIONS**
- III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- IV. **AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA** - This is the time and place to change the order of the agenda, delete or add any agenda item(s).
- V. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** - Three minutes for each speaker.

VI. MATTERS FROM STAFF

VII. CONSENT CALENDAR: All items under the Consent Calendar may be enacted by one motion. Any item may be removed from the Consent Calendar and acted upon separately by the Board of Directors.

- A. Approval of Minutes – Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of March 2, 2011, is presented for approval. Approval receives and files the minutes of March 2nd, Board of Directors meeting.
- B. Approval of Warrant Register - Request for Approval of Warrant Register Dated April 6, 2011
- C. February 2011 Local Agency Investment Fund Statement
- D. Status Report from Lobbyist - Edington, Peel & Associates
- E. COG Support to Gateway IRWM Authority (Integrated Regional Water Resources Management Group)

CONSENT CALENDAR ACTION:
A MOTION TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS A THROUGH E

VIII. REPORTS

- A. Update on Measure R County Wide Half Cent Sales Tax – Presentation by MTA Staff

15 Min

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO HEAR REPORT, POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF AND RECEIVE AND FILE

IX. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

- A. Report from the Conservancy Committee

3 Min

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO HEAR REPORT, POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF

- B. Report from the I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee – Oral Report

3 Min

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO HEAR REPORT, POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF

C. Report from the SR-91/I-605/I-405 Corridor Cities Committee – Oral Report

3 Min SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO HEAR REPORT, POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF

D. Report from the Transportation Committee – Oral Report

3 Min SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO HEAR REPORT, POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF

E. Report from the Committee on Homelessness – Oral Report

3 Min SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO HEAR REPORT, POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF

F. California High Speed Rail – Oral Report

3 Min SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO HEAR REPORT, POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF

X. REPORTS – COMMITTEES/ AGENCIES – ALL COMMITTEE / AGENCY REPORTS ARE LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES UNLESS ADDITIONAL TIME IS GRANTED BY THE BOARD PRESIDENT

A. Matters from The I-5 Consortium Cities Joint Powers Authority – Oral Report

3 Min SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO HEAR REPORT, POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF

B. Matters from the League of California Cities – Oral Report

3 Min SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO HEAR REPORT, POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF

C. Matters from Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) – Oral Report

3 Min SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO HEAR REPORT, POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF

D. Matters from the Orangeline Development Authority – Oral Report

3 Min SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO HEAR REPORT, POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF

E. Matters from the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) – Oral Report

3 Min SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO HEAR REPORT, POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF

F. Matters from the Metro Gateway Cities– Oral Report

3 Min SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO HEAR REPORT, POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF

G. Conservation Corps Report – Oral Report

3 Min SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO HEAR REPORT, POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF

H. Matters from the Coalition for America’s Gateways & Trade Corridors – Oral Report

3 Min SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO HEAR REPORT, POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF

XI. MATTERS FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

XII. MATTERS FROM THE PRESIDENT

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

NOTICE: New items will not be considered after 9:00 p.m. unless the Board of Directors votes to extend the time limit. Any items on the agenda that are not completed will be forwarded to the next regular Board of Directors meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 4, 2011, 6:00 PM.

IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT, IF YOU NEED SPECIAL ASSISTANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING, PLEASE CONTACT THE COG OFFICE AT (562) 663-6850. NOTIFICATION 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THE MEETING WILL ENABLE THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS TO MAKE REASONABLE ARRANGEMENT TO ENSURE ACCESSIBILITY TO THIS MEETING.

VII. CONSENT CALENDAR
Item A
Approval of Minutes

**MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
AND THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Gateway Cities Council of Governments
16401 Paramount Boulevard
Paramount, California
March 2, 2011**

President Hurtado called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

PRESENT: President Gil Hurtado, City of South Gate
First Vice President Raymond Dunton, City of Bellflower
Second Vice President Gene Daniels, City of Paramount
Immediate Past President Gordon Stefenhagen, City of Norwalk
Member Tony Lima, City of Artesia
Member Sergio Infanzon, City of Bell Gardens
Member Bruce Barrows, City of Cerritos
Member Lillie Dobson, City of Compton
Member Josue Barrios, City of Cudahy
Member Reynaldo Rodriguez, City of Hawaiian Gardens
Member Elba Guerrero, City of Huntington Park
Member Diane DuBois, City of Lakewood
Member Patrick O'Donnell, City of Long Beach
Member Felipe Aguirre, City of Maywood
Member Alberto Perez, City of Montebello
Member David Armenta, City of Pico Rivera
Member Joe Serrano, City of Santa Fe Springs
Member William Davis, City of Vernon
Member Greg Nordbak, City of Whittier
Member Vincent Harris, Office of Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas
Member Angie Castro, Office of Supervisor Gloria Molina
Member Rick Velasquez, Office of Supervisor Don Knabe

ABSENT: Member Bob Kennedy, City of Avalon
Member George Mirabal, City of Bell
Member Joe Aguilar, City of Commerce
Member Luis Marquez, City of Downey
Member Stan Carroll, City of La Habra Heights
Member Susan Tripp, City of La Mirada
Member Robert Garcia, City of Long Beach
Member Maria Teresa Santillan, City of Lynwood
Member Edward H. J. Wilson, City of Signal Hill
Ex Officio Member Richard Steinke, Port of Long Beach

ALSO PRESENT: Signal Hill City Manager Ken Farfsing, Chair, City Managers Steering Committee; La Mirada Director of Public Works Steve Forster; South Gate

Director of Public Works Mohammad Mostahkami; Pico Rivera Deputy Director of Community Development Julia Gonzalez; Fred Latham, Retired City Manager, Santa Fe Springs; Curt Pederson, retired Chief of Staff for Supervisor Don Knabe; Niki Tennant, District Director for Assemblywoman Bonnie Lowenthal; Lauren Rank, Program Manager, Los Angeles County Office of Sustainability; Craig Perkins, Executive Director, Energy Coalition; Michael Tang, Energy Coalition; Barbara Levine, Senior Regional Manager, Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation; Metro Community Relations Manager David Hershensen; Metro Community Relations Manager Danelle Valentino; Metro Project Manager Adrian Alvarez; I-5 Joint Powers Authority Executive Director Yvette Kirrin; SCAG Public Affairs Officer Matt Horton; Kristine Guerrero, Public Affairs Manager, League of California Cities; Tom Ionta, Senior Project Manager, CH2M Hill; Juan Carlos Velasquez, Project Manager, CH2M Hill; Susan DeSantis, Senior Associate, Arellano Associates; Chester Britt, Project Director, Arellano Associates; Scott Broten, Principal, ICF International; Joel Roberts, Chief Executive Officer, PATH Partners; Frank Osgood, Author of Region Aroused; GCCOG Executive Director Richard Powers; GCCOG General Counsel Richard D. Jones; Deputy Executive Director Jack Joseph; GCCOG Transportation Deputy Karen Heit; GCCOG Engineer Jerry Wood; GCCOG Director of Regional Planning Nancy Pfeffer.

Roll was taken through self-introductions.

Curt Pederson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

There were no public comments.

President Hurtado presented a plaque to Curt Pederson, retired Chief of Staff to Supervisor Don Knabe, recognizing Mr. Pederson for his many years of service to the County and to the Gateway Cities. Mr. Pederson thanked the Board of Directors and introduced Rick Velasquez, his successor as Chief of Staff.

There were no matters from staff.

It was moved by Member DuBois, seconded by Member Armenta, to approve the consent calendar. The motion was approved unanimously.

Lauren Rank, Program Manager for the Los Angeles County Office of Sustainability, gave a brief introduction to the County's Energy Upgrade California in Los Angeles County program. She introduced Craig Perkins, Executive Director of the Energy Coalition, who gave a PowerPoint presentation summarizing the County's program of rebates to homeowners who make specified energy saving improvements to their properties. He encouraged the Board members to have their cities promote the program among their residents.

First Vice President Dunton asked if multi-family properties are eligible for the program. Mr.

Perkins responded the County is moving forward with a commercial building program that is hoped to be launched in about six months. First Vice President Dunton asked about the applicability to apartments. Mr. Perkins said the County is going to engage a pilot program for about fifty properties in the County. He said a program with the utility companies may launch at the end of the year.

It was moved by Second Vice President Daniels, seconded by Member Armenta, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Barbara Levine, Senior Regional Manager for the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC) presented a report on the current economy in Los Angeles County and the Gateway Cities region. She said the economy seems to be growing everywhere except in state and local governments. She described the three major sectors as entertainment, where film shootings are up, international trade, which is significantly increasing at the ports, and tourism, which is also on the upswing. She said that more requests are being made for warehouse sites near the ports, and more hotels are in the planning stage.

As for the Gateway Cities area, Ms. Levine said that housing is lagging and prospects for the aerospace industry are uncertain. She said the economy is beginning to recover, but many small machine shops and manufacturing companies have reduced their number of employees in order to hold on. She said retail sales are better than they were a year ago. She said signs of recovery are there, but it is not happening as quickly as they would like. Improvement in the unemployment rate still lags. She said LAEDC's Business Retention Program with the SELACO Workforce Investment Board terminates at the end of the month.

President Hurtado asked about the effect of the increase in gasoline prices. Ms. Levine responded that they are very cautious about that.

It was moved by Member Nordbak, seconded by Member Armenta, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Fred Latham addressed the Board regarding the final version of the Gateway Cities Homeless Action Plan, which was before the Board for adoption. He said the plan had been presented to the Committee on Homelessness as well as representative of the stakeholder alliances, and that they were recommending adoption.

Mr. Latham introduced Joel Roberts, Chief Executive Officer of PATH Partners, who developed the plan under funding from the County of Los Angeles. Mr. Roberts summarized the key points of the plan. He said, depending on which estimates are used, there are between 6,000 and 14,000 homeless in the Gateway Cities region. He said about \$30 million in funding is already coming into the region in various ways. He said the County of Los Angeles has committed \$1.2 million annually to fund homeless programs in the Gateway Cities. The proposed plan's elements include getting the homeless into permanent housing, leveraging other resources, and targeting "hot spots" of homeless.

Implementation accomplished through a contract with a regional program implementation agency.

Mr. Latham said if the Board adopts the plan, staff will develop an RFP for a regional program implementation agency. Mr. Latham said what we would have that we don't have now is a process of collaboration of services and a regional responsible agency.

Member O'Donnell expressed his compliments on the work that has been done.

Second Vice President Daniels asked how a situation is handled where a homeless person won't accept help. Mr. Roberts responded, saying that PATH has experienced counselors and has found that if you continue to engage them, you can eventually get the reluctant homeless into housing.

Member Guerrero thanked Mr. Latham and PATH Partners for all their work.

It was moved by Member Guerrero, seconded by Member Armenta, to adopt the Gateway Cities Homeless Action Plan. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Director of Regional Planning provided an update on the Gateway Cities Sustainable Communities Strategy. She said staff and the consultants have been collecting data from the cities on transportation projects, working to identify the regional scale and the estimated greenhouse gas reductions. She said they were following up on transportation demand management projects and had nine responses so far. She reported that SCAG has developed a sustainability tool to measure the effects of land use changes and cities are currently reviewing the data. Finally, she said, SCAG has agreed to provide the 2005 baseline numbers.

It was moved by Member Armenta, seconded by Second Vice President Daniels, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

There was no report from the Conservancy Committee.

Jerry Wood presented a report from the I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee. He reported that the consultants have been updating the geometric plans, the public/private partnership study involving tolling options is ongoing and will be brought to the Project Committee, and the Project Committee had approved the Technical Advisory Committee recommendation to do sound walls early.

Jerry Wood presented a report from the SR-91/I-605/I-405 Corridor Cities Committee. He said the "Hot Spots" Feasibility Study is underway and should be completed in about a year. The Executive Director said the project had already received its first \$590 million in funding through Measure R.

It was moved by Member DuBois, seconded by Second Vice President Daniels, to receive and file the reports from the I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee and the SR-91/I-605/I-405

Corridor Cities Committee. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member DuBois reported that the Transportation Committee did not have a quorum that evening. She introduced Scott Broten, Principal of ICF International, who gave a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed community participation framework for the Gateway Cities Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP). He said the objectives of the AQAP are: to determine and quantify the existing air and health quality setting; determine the effectiveness of planned near-term improvements; analyze possible new improvements; develop a conceptual plan to implement and measure air quality improvements; and work with regional, state, and federal agencies responsible for air pollution control and enforcement. He referred the Board to the proposed framework for development of the AQAP, showing the work flow from technical working groups, subject working groups, and advisory and technical committees that ultimately would go to an Environmental Committee, the COG's Transportation Committee and City Managers Steering Committee, and, finally, to the Board of Directors.

It was moved by Member Barrows, seconded by Second Vice President Daniels, to approve the community participation framework for the development of the Gateway Cities Air Quality Action Plan. The motion was approved unanimously.

There was no report from the Committee on Homelessness.

Fred Latham presented a report on the California High Speed Rail project. He reported that great strides had been made in reaching the goal of minimizing the impact of the project on the cities. He said the EIR has been pushed back two years by the decision to move forward first on the Central Valley segment of the high-speed rail project. He said it gives more time to evaluate impacts. He said Jerry Wood had come up with a shared services approach from Los Angeles to Anaheim with far fewer impacts. He said the California High Speed Rail Authority Board would be considering this on Thursday for further study. Mr. Latham said it appears that the Los Angeles to San Diego segment will not impact COG cities. However, Mr. Latham said, the California High Speed Rail Authority had terminated Jerry Wood's contract.

It was moved by First Vice President Dunton, seconded by Member Serrano, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Yvette Kirrin presented a report from the I-5 JPA. She said all sections of Phase I of the project are either in construction mitigation or will be within 45 days. She said the Carmenita Road project will be out to bid on March 4, with award to occur in mid-May. It was moved by Member Armenta, seconded by Member Serrano, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Kristine Guerrero presented a report from the League of California Cities. Regarding the state budget, she said the League Board agreed that it will sue under Proposition 22 if the Legislature eliminates redevelopment. She said there are three parts to the Governor's budget proposal: realignment of services to counties; elimination of redevelopment; and

extension of temporary taxes for five years. It was moved by Member Barrows, seconded by Member DuBois, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Matt Horton presented a report from SCAG. He said SCAG is seeking applications for the 5th annual COMPASS Blueprint Awards. He announced that the SCAG General Assembly will be held in May. It was moved by Member Armenta, seconded by Member Serrano, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Transportation Deputy presented a report from the Orangeline Development Authority. She said the OLDA Board had sent a letter to the SCAG steering committee for the Pacific Electric Railway right of way analysis seeking to get the alternatives analysis back on track. She said they want slow speed Maglev to have a fair look. It was moved by Member Armenta, seconded by Member DuBois, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

There was no report from the South Coast Air Quality Management District.

David Hershensen presented a report from the Metro Gateway Cities Service Sector. He said public hearings were held last month on the proposed service changes. He said the changes were being modified as a result. It was moved by Member Armenta, seconded by Member Nordbak, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

There was no report from the Conservation Corps of Long Beach.

There was no report from the Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors.

There were no matters from the Board of Directors.

There were no matters from the President.

Adjournment: It was the consensus of the Board to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Powers, Secretary

VII. CONSENT CALENDAR
ITEM B
Approval of Warrant Register

**VII. CONSENT CALENDAR
ITEM C**

**February 2011 Local Agency Investment
Fund Statement**

Local Agency Investment Fund
P.O. Box 942809
Sacramento, CA 94209-0001
(916) 653-3001

www.treasurer.ca.gov/pmia-laif

March 29, 2011

[PMIA Average Monthly Yields](#)

Account Number:

GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF
 TREASURER
 16401 PARAMOUNT BOULEVA

Transactions

February 2011 Statement

[Tran Type Definitions](#)

Effective Date	Transaction Date	Tran Type	Confirm Number	Authorized Caller	Amount
2/4/2011	2/3/2011	RW	1305852	JACK JOSEPH	-300,000.00

Account Summary

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**VII. CONSENT CALENDAR
ITEM D**

**Status Report from Lobbyist - Edington,
Peel & Associates**

Monthly Report by Jim Dykstra to Gateway Cities COG
March 28, 2011

I and the firm Edington, Peel & Associates continued to provide a range of services in support of the Gateway Cities Council of Governments. These included participation in a number of meetings, telephonic, email and fax exchanges and other communications.

I continued close coordination with Gateway Cities COG staff regarding efforts on behalf of the Gateway Cities COG's priorities and interests in the 112th Congress. I also continued to work with the staff of the I-5 Joint Powers Authority on the I-5 widening initiative, the COG's number one priority.

I continued to provide follow up regarding requests the Fiscal Year 2011 appropriations process. A Continuing Resolution stripped of all earmarks, including the I-5 widening money secured by Reps. Grace Napolitano and Lucille Roybal-Allard, expired on March 4. Congress approved another short term Continuing Resolution to provide additional time for the Administration, Senate, and House of Representatives to reach agreement on a budget for the balance of the fiscal year. As I reported earlier, no earmarks are being included.

I have kept officials of Gateway Cities COG apprised regarding the Fiscal Year 2012 appropriations process. Both the Senate and House have indicated they will not include any earmarks in this year's bill. As I reported, Rep. Roybal-Allard still accepted requests. While Gateway Cities did not submit requests, I worked with the I-5 JPA in preparation of their request for the I-5 widening project, Gateway Cities' top priority.

I followed up with Gateway Cities staff regarding a field hearing held in late February in Los Angeles by the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee at which an official of Gateway Cities COG testified. As a March 1 event for Rep. Grace Napolitano, I spoke with her and her legislative director, Joe Sheehy about the hearing and Gateway Cities' testimony, and I electronically forwarded a copy of the testimony to Joe following the breakfast.

I also continued to focus on follow up with the Gateway Cities COG's elected Representatives in the House of Representatives and have kept the Gateway Cities COG informed of the status of the Transportation Reauthorization Act. Rep. John Mica (R-FL), chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, has indicated he hopes to secure passage of the legislation in the first session of this Congress, and the Administration has said that is its goal as well. Funding of the bill remains the most difficult and contentious issue.

I have participated on Gateway Cities' behalf in conference calls and email exchanges with the Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors. On March 14 I represented Gateway Cities in a CAGTC meeting with Joe Sheehy in Rep. Napolitano's office, and on March 22 I represented Gateway Cities in a CAGTC meeting with Jeremy Marcus in the office of Rep. Laura Richardson, also a House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee

member.

I have continued discussions and email exchanges with staff of Members of Congress representing Gateway Cities members, as well as other key congressional staff, regarding the COG's legislative priorities.

As part of my responsibilities, I closely monitor legislation, as well as seminars, hearings, meetings and publications of key interest to legislators and senior executive branch officials for articles and information of possible interest and importance to member cities of the Gateway Cities COG. I attend Senate and House committee hearings, follow Senate and House floor proceedings, and track legislative initiatives pertinent to Gateway Cities COG interests and priorities.

**VII. CONSENT CALENDAR
ITEM E**

**COG Support to Gateway IRWM
Authority (Integrated Regional Water
Resources Management Group)**

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Richard Powers, Executive Director

SUBJECT: COG Support to Gateway IRWM Authority (Integrated Regional Water Resources Management Group)

Background

In 2006, the COG Board of Directors endorsed the formation of an Integrated Regional Water Resources Management (IRWM) group to provide for the regional planning and implementation of integrated water management resources. In 2007, a joint powers authority named the Gateway IRWM Authority was formed. Presently, 16 Gateway Cities are members of the Gateway IRWM Authority Board. However, the regional activities undertaken to date, and those activities which will be undertaken by the Gateway IRWM Authority in the future, encompass all of the Gateway Cities.

Issue

The Gateway IRWM Authority has requested the use of the COG mailing and physical address for their required needs. An additional request has been made to provide limited clerical support for receipt of mail, meeting coordination occurring at the COG offices, and coordination with the City of Paramount, on their behalf, for use of the second floor meeting room, and limited periodic use of desk space in our auxiliary office. The COG Board presently provides the same services and space availability to the Orangelina Development Authority (OLDA).

Recommended Action

Approve the request of the Gateway IRWM Authority for limited facility and clerical support.

Los Angeles Gateway Region

Integrated Regional Water Management
Joint Powers Authority
11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, California 90241
(562) 904-2180 (ph) (562) 923-6388 (fax)

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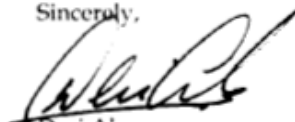
Richard Powers
Executive Director
Gateway Cities Council of Government
16401 Paramount Blvd.
Paramount, CA 90723

Dear Mr. Powers:

The Gateway Region IRWM JPA was formed at the direction of the Gateway COG to provide regional water resources planning and implement projects that address the water needs of the Gateway COG. The Gateway Region IRWM JPA has recently hired an executive officer and respectfully request the use of the Gateway COG mailing and physical address from which to conduct its ongoing affairs. In addition, the JPA requests the use of office space and limited clerical support for receipt of mail and meeting coordination.

Thank you for your kind consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Desi Alvarez
Secretary/Treasurer

IX. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES
ITEM A
Conservancy Committee

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Councilmember Patrick O'Donnell
Councilmember Edward Wilson

SUBJECT: San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Update

Background

The San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) was established by State Legislation in which the COG was an active participant. The Gateway Cities are represented on the RMC Board by two members listed above.

Issue

The RMC Board met on Monday, March 28th, 2011, in Rosemead. Among other actions, the Board approved a resolution authorizing a \$415,000 grant to the Los Angeles Conservation Corps for improvements to Carver Park in the unincorporated area of Willowbrook, which will enhance connections to Compton Creek. The Board also approved an action to disencumber funds from one Long Beach project, the San Gabriel River Walk, and reallocate the funds to another Long Beach project, the El Dorado Nature Center Renewal Phase 2.

The RMC staff reported that two Gateway Cities projects previously approved for partial funding have been withdrawn with the agreement of the cities: one project in Maywood and one in South Gate. The RMC continues to encourage the development of other projects in all program and geographic areas, including in Gateway Cities that could be submitted for funding in future rounds.

The RMC board concluded its March meeting by going into closed session to interview the top candidates for the RMC Executive Officer.

In February, outgoing RMC Executive Officer Belinda Faustinos met with COG Executive Director Richard Powers and his staff to discuss issues including I-710 open space opportunities; follow-up to the Compton Creek Daylighting study; cities that have not received RMC funding; an Army Corps issue regarding vegetation removal along the Los Angeles River; and meeting with Union Pacific regarding their right-of-way.

The Gateway Cities will honor Belinda Faustinos with a commendation at her retirement ceremony on April 15th. Ms. Faustinos' last day with RMC is May 4th and the March meeting was her last RMC board meeting.

Recommended Action

Receive and file this report.