

**MINUTES  
BOARD MEETING  
WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY (WCA)  
September 24, 2015**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Mejia at 1:35 p.m. The meeting was held at: Hall of Admin., 500 W. Temple Street, 3rd Floor, Room 383, Los Angeles, CA, Gateway Cities COG, 16401 Paramount Blvd, Conf. Room, Paramount, CA 90723 and San Gabriel Valley Water Company, 11142 Garvey Avenue, El Monte, CA 91734

**2. ROLL CALL**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mr. Brian Mejia, Chair (for Supervisor Antonovich)  
Ms. Terri Grant (for Ms. Farber)  
Ms. Janet Chin (for Supervisor Solis)  
Mr. Roberto Uranga (Rivers & Mountains Conservancy)  
Mr. Dan Arrighi (Rivers & Mountains Conservancy)  
Ms. Connie Sziebl (for Supervisor Knabe)

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Ms. Karly Katona (for Supervisor Ridley-Thomas)  
Mr. Frank Colonna (Rivers & Mountains Conservancy)

**STAFF PRESENT**

Mark Stanley, Executive Officer  
Debbie Enos, Deputy Executive Officer  
Dena Williams, Board Secretary  
Jennifer Thompson, Fiscal Manager  
Rob Romanek, Project Manager  
Johnathan Perisho, Project Manager

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

**4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Chair Mejia mentioned that we have two sets of minutes to approve. The board voted.

Chair Mejia moved to have the May 14, 2015 minutes approved. Board member Sziebl seconded the motion. Board Voted – 2 ayes; 0 nays; 3 abstentions. Minutes were not approved. Board member Uranga moved to have the July 23, 2015 minutes approved. Board member Chin seconded the motion. Board Voted - 5 ayes; 0 nays; 0 abstentions. Minutes were approved.

**5. CHAIR’S REPORT**

No report given.

**6. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR**

This item was tabled.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORTS**

**7. LIAISON & ACTIVITIES REPORT**

The Executive Officer stated that WCA staff has been working closely with the Architect in finalizing a design development stage which means we are moving towards the end of construction documents and also to establish a Red Team meeting of permitting agencies. Mr. Stanley also mentioned that there will be an event called National Public Lands Day occurring this Saturday, September 27th, at El Pueblo in downtown Los Angeles. Mr. Stanley mentioned the U.S. Forest Service submitted comments on the Need to Change Assessment for the National Monument. Mr. Stanley stated the new WCA website has been launched and has more visual and more content. Mr. Stanley mentioned that for the Azusa River Wilderness Park the design consultants are in the process of preparing 90% construction documents and staff continues to coordinate with permitting and regulatory agencies including Caltrans and the City of Azusa with moving into the environmental phase of the project. Mr. Stanley stated that staff is working with the Flood Control District for the Citrus Grove Heights Bike Stop to assist with engineering tasks under the Joint Powers Authority agreement. Mr. Stanley commented on the Emerald Necklace project and said there are 16 identified Phase 1 Implementation Projects that will form the basis of the implementation plan and Programmatic EIR. Mr. Stanley briefly mentioned that on August 18 and outreach workshop was held along the Los Angeles river for the Gateway Cities and Rivers Urban Greening Master Plan and stated that there will be another workshop along the San Gabriel River as well. Mr. Stanley mentioned Mount Baldy Wilderness Preserve had signage installed which includes warning signs of flash flooding and rock slide advisories and also rule signs indicating the property boundaries. Mr. Stanley took this time to mention that an event would be taking place up at the San Gabriel River Confluence Cattle Canyon Project on October 16th along with the Angeles National Forest to mark the anniversary of the National Monument. Board member Chin asked what was put on the actual signs that were installed at Mt. Baldy and Mr. Stanley answered her by saying that the signs were mostly warning signs of flash flooding and rock slides, and caution signs had “No Jumping Off Bridge” warnings. Ms. Chin also suggested that information should be put on the website.

**8. EXPENDITURE REPORT**

The Executive Officer explained the reason for having FY 14/15 budged was because there were a couple of items paid .

**9. FUND BALANCE REPORT**

The Executive Officer stated that there are three items of note which are fund V20, V61 and V38/64. Nothing further was discussed and the board did not have any questions.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 10. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE OLIVAREZ MADRUGA, LLP PROFESSIONAL SERVICES EXPENDITURE.**
- 11. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION RATIFY A SUPPLEMENTAL PROJECT AGREEMENT TO THE SAN GABRIEL CANYON IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT MASTER AGREEMENT.**

Board member Chin moved to approve the resolutions for Items 10 and 11. Board member Uranga seconded the motion. Unanimously passed. Board voted – 5 ayes; 0 nays; 0 abstentions.

**REGULAR CALENDAR**

- 12. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION TO RATIFY THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE CALIFORNIA RIVER PARKWAYS GRANT PROGRAM.**

Board member Sziebl moved to adopt the resolution; Board member Uranga seconded the motion. Unanimously passed. Board voted – 5 ayes; 0 nays; 0 abstentions.

- 13. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY FOR THE SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS WATERSHEDS PROGRAM.**

This item was tabled.

- 14. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting will be held on November 19, 2015.

- 19. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Mejia at approximately 2:04 pm.

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Brian Mejia  
Chair

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Dena Williams  
Board Secretary