



Legislation Text

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Recommendation to appoint Storm Water/Environmental Compliance Officer Anthony Arevalo as the authorized Member to the Los Angeles Gateway Region Integrated Regional Water Management Joint Powers Authority, Assistant City Engineer Derek Wieske as the authorized Alternate Member, and authorize City Manager to designate, in writing, a representative if neither the Member nor the Alternate Member is available. (Citywide)

In 2007, the Gateway Council of Governments agreed to the formation of a Los Angeles Gateway Region Integrated Regional Water Management Joint Powers Authority (Authority) for the purpose of pursuing grant funding related to water quality projects being made available at the state and national level. At that time, the City of Long Beach agreed to participate and appointed Deputy Director of Public Works/City Engineer, Mark Christoffels, as the designated representative to sit on the Authority's Board. The Long Beach Water Department also joined the Authority and designated Kevin Wattier as their representative on the Board.

The Authority's bylaws require that all appointments be renewed by the appointing authority every two years. Mr. Christoffels was re-appointed for another two-year term on October 18, 2011, and Anthony Arevalo was appointed as the Alternate Member. Recently, Mr. Christoffels resigned his position with the City effective April 2, 2012. It is recommended that Mr. Arevalo be appointed for the remainder of the two-year term, and that Derek Wieske, Assistant City Engineer, be appointed as the authorized Alternate Member.

Mr. Arevalo is well qualified to continue in Mr. Christoffel's place for the remainder of the two-year term. Mr. Arevalo has been an active member in representing the City in two Integrated Regional Water Management Technical Committees Plan (IRWMP) involving the Los Angeles River Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL) and the Los Cerritos Channel TMDL. Mr. Arevalo acts as the City's representative with the State Water Resources Control Board, the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board, and the United States Environmental Protection Agency, as well as holds various Agency memberships dealing with the regulations of the Clean Water Act.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Linda Trang on March 12, 2012, and by Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on March 14, 2012.

SUSTAINABILITY

The Authority provides a valuable means for the City to pursue water quality related grant funding.

City Council action is requested on April 3, 2012 to ensure that the City continues to be represented on the Authority's Board.

There is no fiscal impact or local job impact associated with the recommended action.

Approve recommendation.

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DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

APPROVED:

PATRICK H. WEST
CITY MANAGER