

# Gateway Water Management Authority Joint Powers Agreement (JPA)

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## Purpose

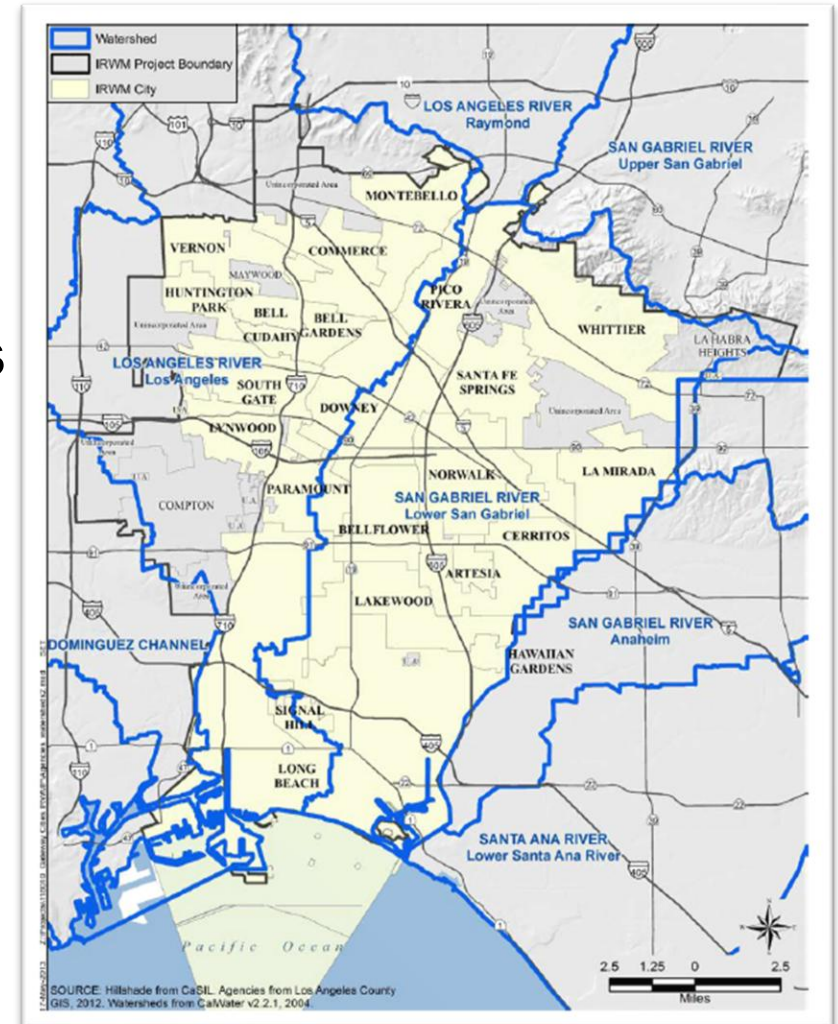
- Administer the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) formed by cities and water agencies within the Gateway Region

## Gateway Water Management Authority Members

- 26 mainland Gateway Cities, southeastern Los Angeles County, and several unincorporated communities; Central Basin Municipal Water District; and the Water Replenishment District

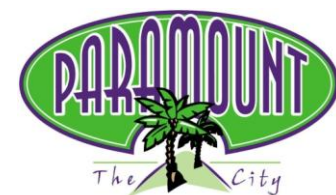
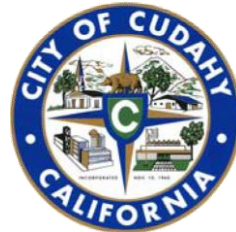
## Boundaries

- Contiguous cities with similar water, economic, and social issues
- Central Basin Municipal Water District
- Natural topography and watershed





# Gateway Water Management Authority: Member Agencies





# Gateway Water Management Authority: Joint Powers Agreement (JPA)

## Purpose

- Act as a “regional water management group”
- Jointly prepare regional water resources management plan
- Implement and operate “qualified projects or programs” and/or “qualified reports and studies” as defined by the California Department of Water Resources and the Integrated Regional Water Management Act, including:
  - Groundwater management planning
  - Urban water management planning
  - Planning, construction or modification of a flood management project, recycling project, domestic water supply facility to meet safe drinking water standards, drainage water management unit, and/or implementation of a water conservation program.

AMENDED AND RESTATED JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS AGREEMENT  
FOR  
THE LOS ANGELES GATEWAY REGION INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER  
MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

THIS AMENDED AND RESTATED JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS AGREEMENT (“Agreement”), dated for reference as of April 10, 2025, is entered into by and between the Cities of Artesia, Bell, Bell Gardens, Bellflower, Cerritos, Commerce, Compton, Cudahy, Downey, Hawaiian Gardens, Huntington Park, La Mirada, Lakewood, Long Beach, Lynwood, Maywood, Montebello, Norwalk, Paramount, Pico Rivera, Santa Fe Springs, Signal Hill, South Gate, Vernon, and Whittier, the Central Basin Municipal Water District, the Long Beach Public Utilities Department (acting through its Board of Public Utilities Commissioners), and the Water Replenishment District of Southern California, all of which are public agencies and/or municipal corporations. Each of the foregoing are sometimes referred to herein as “Member”, or collectively as “Members.”

RECITALS

(i) In 2007, the cities of Cerritos, Downey, Lakewood, Long Beach, Norwalk, Paramount, Santa Fe Springs, Signal Hill, and South Gate initially entered into a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (“Original Agreement”) and created the Los Angeles Gateway Region Integrated Regional Water Management Authority (“GWMA”). Since its creation, additional Members, as listed above in the preamble, have been added to the GWMA pursuant to the provisions of the Original Agreement.

(ii) Each Member is a “public agency,” as defined in the Joint Exercise of Powers Act, California Government Code Section 6500, et seq., and all are authorized to enter into this Agreement in order to exercise powers common to these public agencies.

(iii) This Agreement creates a public entity, separate from its Members, that is capable of carrying out the purposes of this Agreement.

(iv) Each Member is a “local agency,” as defined in the Integrated Regional Water Management Planning Act, California Water Code Section 10530, et seq. (“IRWMPA”). As of the effective date of this Agreement, all Members function within the County of Los Angeles.

(v) It remains the intent of the Members in entering into this Agreement to operate as a “regional water management group,” as defined in and authorized by the IRWMPA, in order to (a) implement a regional water resources management plan that will protect and enhance regional water supplies, and to otherwise further the purposes of the IRWMPA, with respect to the Members’ jurisdictional areas (collectively, “Gateway Region”) and (b) perform other regional responsibilities for water development and management, as described herein.

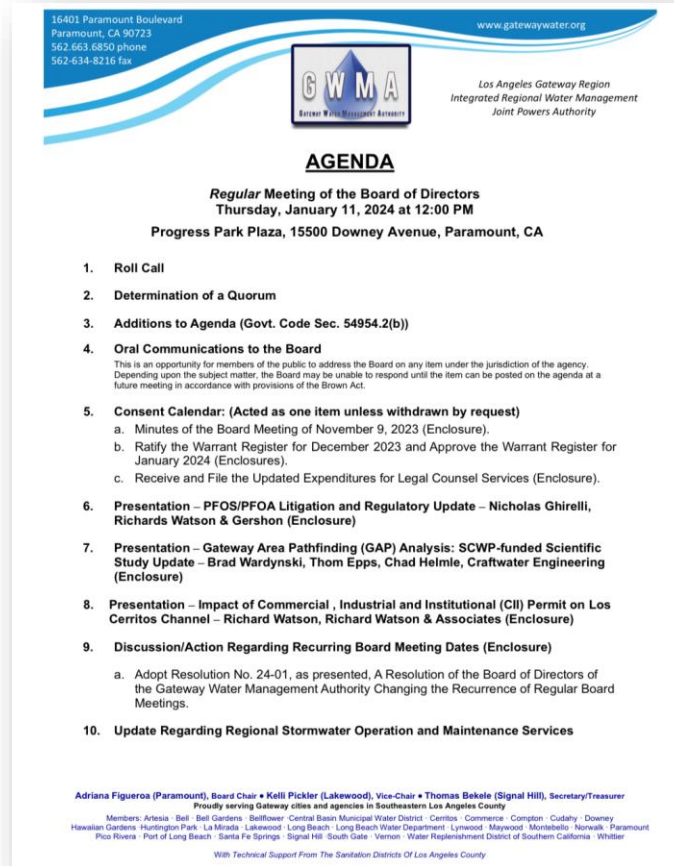
(vi) All of the cities which are Members are permittees under the “Waste Discharge Requirements and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Discharges within the Coastal Watersheds of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties,” NPDES Permit No. CAS004004 (“MS4 Permit”), as amended from time to time by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region.

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# Gateway Water Management Authority: Governing Board

## GWMA Governing Board

- Meets once every two months
- Comprised of one representative from each member agency
  - The legislative body of each member agency appoints a representative to the GWMA Board
  - On April 14, 2022, the Long Beach Water Commission appointed Diana Tang
- Oversees the activities of the GWMA and ensures projects and programs undertaken are in the best interest of the residents served by the GWMA

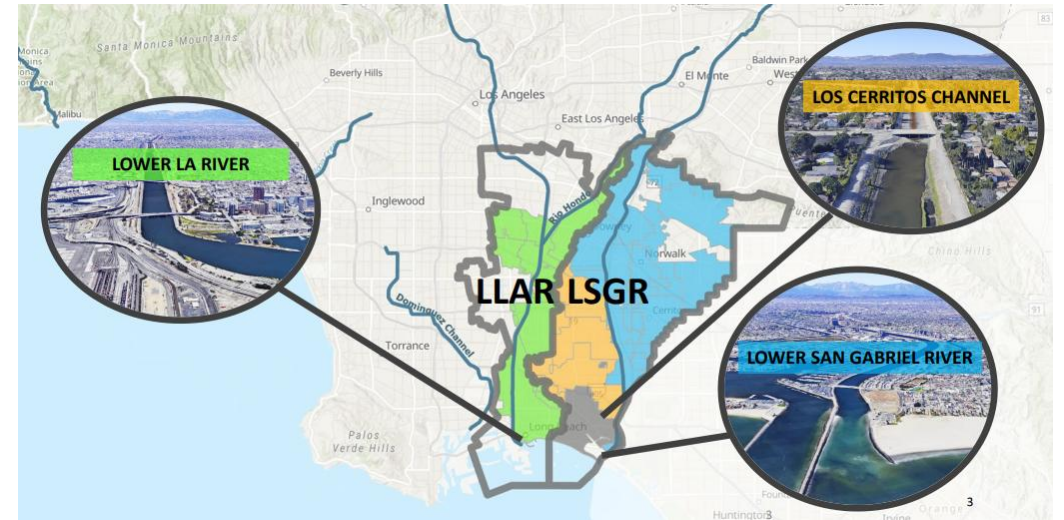




# Gateway Water Management Authority: Studies and Projects

## Gateway Area Pathfinding Analysis

- The Lower Los Angeles River, Lower San Gabriel River and Los Cerritos Channel Watershed Groups have made significant progress implementing multi-benefit stormwater infrastructure through the region. As more projects reach fruition, the groups identified a need to better understand the interconnectivity of water management plan projects at the watershed scale so that LA County Safe, Clean Water funding can be maximized.



# Recommendation

Adopt Resolution No. UT-1540 approving the Amended and Restated Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement for Los Angeles Gateway Region Integrated Regional Water Management Authority (Agreement) and authorize the General Manager to execute the Agreement and any subsequent necessary amendments.



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