

**GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT
MINUTES NO. 2020-09**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 10, 2020, via teleconference at the District office at 12545 Florence Avenue, Santa Fe Springs, California.

TRUSTEES PRESENT

Melissa Ramoso, *City of Artesia*
Ali Saleh, *City of Bell*
Pedro Aceituno, *City of Bell Gardens*
Sonny Santa Ines, *City of Bellflower*
Dr. Jeff Wasseem, *City of Burbank*
Elito Santarina, *City of Carson*
Mark Bollman, *City of Cerritos*
Leonard Mendoza, *City of Commerce*
Baru Sanchez, *City of Cudahy*
Steve Tye, *City of Diamond Bar*
Robert Kiefer, *City of Downey*
Dan Medina, *City of Gardena*
Vrej Agajanian, *City of Glendale *7:20pm*
Luis Roa, *City of Hawaiian Gardens*
Marilyn Sanabria, *City of Huntington Park*
Leonard Pieroni, *City of La Cañada Flintridge*
Catherine Houwen, *City of La Habra Heights*
John Lewis, *City of La Mirada*
Steve Croft, *City of Lakewood*
Emily Holman, Sec-Treasurer - *City of Long Beach*
Steve Appleton, President - *City of Los Angeles*
Marisela Santana, *City of Lynwood*
Ricardo Lara, *City of Maywood*
Avik Cordeiro, *City of Montebello*
Leonard Shryock, *City of Norwalk*
Tom Hansen, *City of Paramount*
Raul Elias, *City of Pico Rivera*
Scott Kwong, *City of San Marino*
Heidi Heinrich, Vice President - *City of Santa Clarita*
Jesse H. Avila, *City of San Fernando*
Hector Delgado, *City of South El Monte *7:10pm*
Denise Diaz, *City of South Gate*
Jessica Martinez, *City of Whittier*

TRUSTEES ABSENT

Jay Sarno, *City of Santa Fe Springs*
Steven Goldsworthy, *Los Angeles County*

TRUSTEES ABSENT (EXCUSED)

Robert Copeland, *City of Signal Hill*

OTHERS PRESENT

Truc Dever, *General Manager*
Mark Daniel, *Director of Operations*
Susanne Klueh, *Director of Scientific-Technical Services*
Mary-Joy Coburn, *Director of Community Affairs*
Carolyn Weeks, *Director of Fiscal Operations*
Allison Bradley, *Director of Human Resources*
Danyelle Frakes-Lewis, *GIS/IT Helpdesk Coordinator*
Quinn Barrow, *Legal Counsel*

** Denotes time of late arrival (vote tallies on agenda items reflect actual Trustees present at time of vote)*

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Appleton called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. The meeting is being held via teleconference pursuant to Governor Newsom's Executive Orders in the interest of maintaining appropriate social distancing.

2. QUORUM (ROLL) CALL

Following roll call, it was recorded that 31 Trustees were present and five were absent. Two Trustees joined the meeting after roll call bringing the total to 33 Trustees present and three absent.

3. INVOCATION

President Appleton gave the invocation.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was postponed.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

NONE

6. INTRODUCTIONS

(Introductions requested by staff or Trustees of persons attending the meeting are made at this time).

General Manager Dever introduced the District's actuaries, Catherine MacLeod and Susan Qu, from MacLeod Watts Consulting.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

(This time is reserved for members of the public to address the Board relative to matters of business on and off the agenda. Comments will be limited to three minutes per person).

NONE

8. CONSENT AGENDA (8.1 – 8.3)

(VOTE REQUIRED)

8.1 Consideration of **Minutes 2020-08** of regular Board Meeting held on August 13, 2020. *(EXHIBIT A)*

8.2 Consideration of **Resolution 2020-14** Authorizing Payment of Attached Requisition August 1 through August 31, 2020. *(EXHIBIT B)*

8.3 Consideration of Joint Tax Sharing Resolution (JTSR) from the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County in conjunction with annexation number SCV-1104 and SCV-1106. This Resolution requests GLACVCD allocate 0.0000057 of its current 0.0322% share of property tax resulting in a net share of 0.0317% to support services to the areas being annexed to the County Sanitation District. *(EXHIBIT C)*.

Analysis: The applicant requested annexation of property into the Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District in order to receive off-site sewage disposal services. The annexation process requires that a resolution for property tax revenue exchange be adopted by all the affected local agencies before an annexation may be approved. These requests are similar to many received from the county sanitation districts and public works in the past. By sharing the property tax increment with the District resulting from these annexations, GLACVCD will not lose any existing ad valorem tax revenue it currently receives from the affected territories. GLACVCD would only be giving up a portion of the revenues it would receive on increased assessed valuation.

Trustee Santarina made a motion to approve the consent calendar. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tye and approved unanimously.

9. CONSIDERATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT (EXHIBIT D) VOTE REQUIRED

General Manager Dever presented the proposed mutual aid agreement between the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District, Northwest MVCD, Orange County MVCD, San Gabriel Valley MVCD, and Coachella Valley MVCD.

Legal counsel added that they have approved the final form of the agreement.

Trustee Cordeiro inquired about participation by the other local districts. GM Dever explained that the current districts have had a long history of collaboration and other districts may be considered at a later date.

Trustee Sanchez asked if there would be exceptions to the mandate if the District's resources were tied up and the District was in need of additional assistance. GM Dever shared that the agreement leaves authority to the General Manager to assess available resources and decline a requestor agency as appropriate.

Trustee Sanchez made the motion to approve the agreement which was seconded by Trustee Aceituno. The Southern California Mosquito and Vector Control District Mutual Aid Agreement was approved unanimously.

10. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF JUNE 30, 2019 ACTUARIAL VALUATION OF OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFIT PROGRAMS (EXHIBIT E) RECEIVE AND FILE

General Manager Dever presented an update on the OPEB report. Notes regarding the 2019 actuarial valuation report include: the District's current OPEB funding policy anticipates contribution at 100% or more of the ADC each year; the District made changes to the retiree benefits program by adding a tier four beginning on January 1, 2019; and, the District's total liability is over \$11 million however after asset offset, the District's net OPEB liability is a little over \$6 million. Additionally, the District is at a funded ratio of 46%.

Catherine MacLeod shared that the District's progress in funding the OPEB in the past eight years to 46% is great progress for the agency. Although the District just recently started funding this fund, Trustee Tye asked if it's recommended that the District be further along. Ms. MacLeod shared the District is doing well in reaching its funding goals in the proposed timeline.

11. STAFF PROGRAM REPORTS: AUGUST 2020

11.1 Manager's Report

T. Dever, General Manager

General Manager Dever provided an update on the Vernon annexation and shared that COVID-19 slowed the process down but the District and the City of Vernon are working on receiving the resolution for the annexation from the County's CEO's office.

11.2 Scientific-Technical: (*Staff Report A*) S. Klueh, Sci.-Tech Services Dir.
Director Klueh provided an update on West Nile virus activity. Although the District saw high WNV activity at the beginning of the mosquito season, the rate of transmission to humans decreased as the season progressed in comparison to 2017 numbers.

Former Sci-Tech Director Minoo Madon passed away from a COVID-19 related illness. Director Klueh invited Trustees to participate in a celebration of life for the former director.

Lastly, Director Klueh shared that the District is wrapping up a wide area larviciding (WALS) treatment in Studio City which was conducted to curb mosquito activity and WNV transmission.

Trustee Wassem inquired about the Oxitech mosquito trials in Florida Keys and if this is a similar approach as Wolbachia-infected mosquitoes. Director Klueh shared that it's a different approach using GMO mosquitoes which has had positive results in other areas.

Trustee Kwong wondered if the bad air quality would have an impact on the mosquito population. Director Klueh said it would not, but added that the District is still monitoring the impact of extreme temperatures on mosquito activity

11.3 Operations (*Staff Report B*) M. Daniel, Operations Dir.
Director Daniel had nothing to add to his report.

11.4 Community Affairs (*Staff Report C*) M.J. Coburn, Community Affairs Dir.
Director Coburn thanked the Board for sharing the summer campaign with their cities and highlighted some partnerships from the Cities of Cerritos, La Habra Heights, and Lakewood, and thanked them for their participation. Additionally, she shared entries from the District's latest "Back to School" competition drawings and progress of the summer campaign, "Mosquito Watch." The Department is partnering with Operations staff on identifying high risk communities to hold additional outreach and virtual presentations for the residents.

Trustee Cordeiro asked what ingredient is included in the repellent wipes handed out by staff and Director Coburn shared that it contains Picaridin, one of the CDC-recommended active ingredients for repellents.

11.5 Fiscal (*Staff Report D*) C. Weeks, Finance Director
Director Weeks had no additional comments.

11.6 Human Resources (*Staff Report E*) A. Bradley, Human Resources Dir.
Director Bradley reported that Human Resources is working on hiring a fourth wave of Mosquito Control Technicians for the season.

11.7 Legal Counsel Report Q. Barrow, Legal Counsel
Legal Counsel Barrow had no additional comments.

12. OTHER

The Board may consider items not on the agenda provided that the Board complies with the Government Code (Brown Act) §54954.2(b).

President Appleton shared that he is impressed with the District's staff and their work.

13. ADJOURNMENT

President Appleton adjourned the meeting at 8:01 pm. The next scheduled Board meeting will be held at 7:00 PM on Thursday, October 8, 2020 via Zoom teleconference.