

**GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT
MINUTES NO. 2011-04**

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District was held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 14, 2011, at the District office at 12545 Florence Avenue, Santa Fe Springs, California.

TRUSTEES PRESENT

Sally Flowers, *(City of Artesia)*
Pedro Aceituno, *(City of Bell Gardens)*
Dr. Jeff Wassem, Sec.-Treasur. *(City of Burbank)*
Harold Williams, *(City of Carson)*
Nikki Noushkam, *(City of Cerritos)*
Tina Baca Del Rio, *(City of Commerce)*
Steve Tye, *(City of Diamond Bar)*
Meredith Perkins, *(City of Downey)*
Rachel C. Johnson, *(City of Gardena)*
Barry Bruce, *(City of Hawaiian Gardens)*
Armine Perian, *(City of Glendale)*
Elba Romo, *(City of Huntington Park)*
Jim Remington, *(City of La Habra Heights)*
Joseph Esquivel, *(City of Lakewood)*

Gabe Garcia, *(City of La Mirada)*
Robert Campbell, Vice President *(City of Long Beach)*
Steven Appleton, *(City of Los Angeles)*
Jim Morton, *(City of Lynwood)*
Edward Varela, *(City of Maywood)*
Cheri Kelley, *(City of Norwalk)*
Tom Hansen, *(City of Paramount)*
David Armenta, *(City of Pico Rivera)*
Jeff Groseth *(City of San Marino)*
Michael Madrigal, *(City of Santa Fe Springs)*
Dr. Hazel Wallace, *(City of Signal Hill)*
Maria Davila, *(City of South Gate)*
Joseph Gonzales, *(City of South El Monte)*
Owen Newcomer, President *(City of Whittier)*

TRUSTEES ABSENT

Christina Cortez, *(City of Montebello)*
Dr. James Lawson, *(County of Los Angeles)*
Ray T. Smith, *(City of Bellflower)*
Vacant, *(City of Bell)*
Vacant, *(City of San Fernando)*

TRUSTEES ABSENT (EXCUSED)

Mison Levi, *(City of Cudahy)*
Robert Newman, *(City of Santa Clarita)*

OTHERS PRESENT

Kenneth L. Bayless, *General Manager*
Mark Daniel, *Director of Operations*
Susanne Klueh, *Director of Scientific-Tech. Services*
Truc Dever, *Director of Community Affairs*
Crystal Brown, *Public Information Officer*
Carolyn Weeks, *Director of Fiscal Operations*
Luke DeNitto, *Maintenance Supervisor*
Quinn Barrow, *Legal Counsel*

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Newcomer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. QUORUM (ROLL) CALL

Following roll call, it was recorded that 28 Trustees were present and 7 were absent.

3. INVOCATION

Trustee Wassem gave the invocation.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Trustee Campbell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

NONE

6. INTRODUCTIONS

General Manager Kenneth Bayless introduced newly hired Maintenance Mechanic Thomas Deacon. Ken shared that Tom has 20 years of auto mechanic experience and holds 10 specialized certificates related to auto repair and one related to smog checks. Ken also introduced Tom's wife, Ramona, who accompanied him to the meeting. Ramona has worked at San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District for nine years.

Tom commented that he is very pleased to be part of the organization. He appreciates what GLACVCD does for the public and is proud to be part of the agency.

Trustee Johnson also took this time to introduce her son, Phillip, who was observing from the audience.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

8. CONSENT AGENDA (8.1-8.4)

It is recommended that Items 8.1 through 8.4 be acted on simultaneously by one motion of the Board of Trustees unless separate discussion and/or action on an item is requested by a Trustee.

8.1 Consideration of **Minutes 2011-03** of regular Board Meeting held on March 10, 2011. (**EXHIBIT A**)

8.2 Consideration of **Resolution 2011-06** Authorizing Payment of Attached Requisition Schedule for March 1, 2011 through March 31, 2011 (**EXHIBIT B**)

8.3 Consideration of one (1) County of Los Angeles Joint Property Tax Resolution (JPTR), *Project No. 19-207*. This resolution authorizes the County of Los Angeles and GLACVCD to collectively approve and accept the negotiated exchange of ad valorem property tax revenue resulting from the annexation of the subject territory identified in the resolution to provide revenue to the County Lighting Maintenance District (CLMD) 1687. (**EXHIBIT C**)

8.4 Consideration of one (1) Joint Tax Sharing Resolution from the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County (Annexation No. *SCV-1054*). Annexation No. *SCV-1054* requests GLACVCD to allocate 0.0005798% of its current 0.0322% share of property tax resulting in a net share of 0.0317% to support services to an area being annexed to the County Sanitation District. (**EXHIBIT D**)

Trustee Esquivel made the motion to approve items 8.1 through 8.4 of the Consent Agenda. Trustee Morton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

9. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION 2011-07: A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE INTEGRATED VECTOR MANAGEMENT PROGRAM AND MITIGATION MONITORING PROGRAM (EXHIBIT E)

Director of Community Affairs Truc Dever referred Trustees to the draft of the District's Mitigated Negative Declaration. The draft includes the comments submitted by the Department of Fish and Game as well as the District's response to those comments. Truc explained to the Board that the District had three options for the CEQA document: 1) Negative Declaration 2) Mitigated Negative Declaration 3) Environmental Impact Report. Staff conducted an initial study and found that there was no potential for adverse significant impacts and that all potential impacts could be mitigated. Based on these results, the District determined that a Mitigated Negative Declaration would be appropriate. Truc reported that District staff filed the document with the California State Clearinghouse and notified the affected agencies including Los Angeles County and the District's 34 member cities. As part of the adoption process, the District was required to post the document for public comment. This took place between February 18 and March 19. No comments were received during that time. The District did, however, receive a letter from Department of Fish and Game on March 21, after the close of the comment period. The District elected to draft a response to that letter. Truc explained that a public hearing would be held during tonight's meeting to hear comments or concerns from the public. Following the public hearing, the Board will vote on Resolution 2011-07 adopting the final Mitigated Negative Declaration.

President Newcomer opened the public hearing to provide an opportunity for the public to comment. No comments were made by the public. President Newcomer closed the public hearing.

Trustee Wallace commended District staff for preparing the document. She encouraged Trustees to read the comprehensive report because it explains in detail the workings of the District.

President Newcomer also commended staff on a well written document. He shared with the Board that the District saved thousands of dollars by having staff craft the document in-house.

Trustee Esquivel made the motion to approve Resolution 2011-07. Trustee Wallace seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

10. STAFF PROGRAM REPORTS: MARCH 2011

10.1 Manager's Report

Kenneth L. Bayless, General Manager

General Manager Kenneth Bayless commended Directors Susanne Kluh, Mark Daniel and Truc Dever for preparing the CEQA document. He mentioned that there will now be a mandated 30 day waiting period to allow for formal objections to be filed.

Secondly, he thanked Trustees Flowers, Noushkam and Aceituno for accompanying District Directors to MVCAC's Legislative Day in Sacramento. Staff and Trustees met with 18 legislators or legislative aides and dropped off information packets to several

other legislative offices. Ken added that GLACVCD was the best represented District at the event and met with the most representatives.

Ken concluded his report by asking Trustees to consider a change to the May 2011 Board meeting date due to scheduling conflicts with the annual Contract Cities Association Conference in Indian Wells. The Board decided upon Tuesday, May 31 at 7:00pm as the next meeting date.

10.2 Scientific-Technical: (Staff Report A) S. Klueh, Sci.-Tech Services Dir.

Director of Scientific-Technical Services Susanne Klueh thanked the Board for supporting the District's CEQA document.

She continued that West Nile virus activity has not been reported in the District so far this year. Mosquito numbers, however, are slightly elevated. She believes this is probably due to this year's weather pattern of rainfall followed by warm weather. Susanne continued that there is the potential for a high level of West Nile virus activity this year based on both the weather pattern and bird tests. She explained that the Scientific-Technical Services Department routinely collects blood samples from sparrows, finches, and other wild birds to test for WNV antibodies. The presence of antibodies indicates that the birds would have been previously exposed to West Nile virus. If antibodies are present, it would indicate that the bird would not be susceptible to West Nile virus if bitten by an infected mosquito. Birds with antibodies help to reduce the likelihood of West Nile virus amplification. However, antibodies in bird blood samples are extremely low this year. This suggests that there are many new, susceptible birds that could drive a large amplification of the virus. The virus has acted in a cyclical manner since first being identified in California. The first epidemic occurred in 2004 and the second in 2008. If the virus activity aligns with this four year cycle, then 2012 will be the next year of elevated activity. Susanne commented that there are no guarantees and reiterated that this year could prove to be a year of heightened WNV activity.

10.3 Operations: (Staff Report B) M. Daniel, Operations Dir.

Director of Operations Mark Daniel informed the Board that the District is planning an aerial larviciding treatment of Hansen Dam and Harbor Lake, two large mosquito breeding sources. There will be at least one aerial treatment in May of both sites, with the possibility of a second treatment in June. Mark hopes these treatments will provide the District with the ability to control mosquito populations before the mosquito season begins.

10.4 Community Affairs: (Staff Report C) T. Dever, Community Affairs Dir.

Director of Community Affairs Truc Dever asked the Trustees to please cast their votes for the grand prize winner of the annual student poster contest. Truc shared that the winner will be announced during Mosquito Awareness Week, which takes place April 24 through April 30. Press releases and other materials will be distributed to member cities during that week as well. Truc thanked the Board for allowing Public Information Officer Crystal Brown and herself to attend CAPIO's annual conference in Sacramento. The conference was informative and beneficial.

Trustee Gonzales asked that a PDF of the winning artwork be sent to the Trustees.

10.5 Fiscal: (Staff Report D)

C. Weeks, Fiscal Operations Dir.

Director of Fiscal Operations Carolyn Weeks referred to her written report and had nothing further to report.

10.6 Human Resources: (Staff Report E)

R. Miller, Human Resources Dir.

Director of Human Resources Robert Miller informed the Board that the District is currently hiring seasonal employees.

10.7 Legal Counsel Report

Q. Barrow, Legal Counsel

Legal Counsel Quinn Barrow had nothing further to report.

11. OTHER

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

Trustee Flowers asked Ken to summarize the talking points discussed with legislators at Legislative Day. Ken explained that District staff and attending Trustees first thanked legislators for their continued support of the resolution declaring the end of April West Nile Virus and Mosquito & Vector Control Awareness Week. They then asked legislators for their support of federal legislation that would exempt vector control agencies from the NPDES permitting requirement. Legislators were also asked to consider special districts when balancing the State budget, specifically in regards to the potential re-allocation of ad valorem property taxes. They also discussed the importance of possible legislation regarding implementation of Best Management Practices on state-owned land. Ken concluded that their overall objective was to acquaint the legislators with what the District does and why it is important.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The next Board of Trustees meeting will be scheduled on Tuesday, May 31, 2011. The meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the District's headquarters office at 12545 Florence Avenue, Santa Fe Springs.

President Newcomer adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m.