

**GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT
MINUTES NO. 2011-03**

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, March 10, 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)*
Ray T. Smith, *(City of Bellflower)*
Dr. Jeff Wasseem, Sec.-Treasur. *(City of Burbank)*
Harold Williams, *(City of Carson)*
Nikki Noushkam, *(City of Cerritos)*
Steve Tye, *(City of Diamond Bar)*
Meredith Perkins, *(City of Downey)*
Rachel C. Johnson, *(City of Gardena)*
Barry Bruce, *(City of Hawaiian Gardens)*
Joseph Esquivel, *(City of Lakewood)*

Gabe Garcia, *(City of La Mirada)*
Jim Morton, *(City of Lynwood)*
Edward Varela, *(City of Maywood)*
Christina Cortez, *(City of Montebello)*
Cheri Kelley, *(City of Norwalk)*
Tom Hansen, *(City of Paramount)*
David Armenta, *(City of Pico Rivera)*
Robert Newman, *(City of Santa Clarita)*
Dr. Hazel Wallace, *(City of Signal Hill)*
Owen Newcomer, President *(City of Whittier)*

TRUSTEES ABSENT

Steven Appleton, *(City of Los Angeles)*
Tina Baca Del Rio, *(City of Commerce)*
Armine Perian, *(City of Glendale)*
Elba Romo, *(City of Huntington Park)*
Robert Campbell, Vice President *(City of Long Beach)*
Michael Madrigal, *(City of Santa Fe Springs)*
Joseph Gonzales, *(City of South El Monte)*
Vacant, *(City of Bell)*
Vacant, *(City of San Fernando)*

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*
Steve Flower, *Legal Counsel*

TRUSTEES ABSENT (EXCUSED)

Mison Levi, *(City of Cudahy)*
Jim Remington, *(City of La Habra Heights)*
Jeff Groseth, *(City of San Marino)*
Maria Davila, *(City of South Gate)*
Dr. James Lawson, *(County of Los Angeles)*

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 21 Trustees were present and 14 were absent.

3. INVOCATION

Trustee Flowers gave the invocation.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Trustee Hansen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

NONE

6. INTRODUCTIONS

President Newcomer introduced Whittier's Interim City Manager, Jeff Collier. He added that Mr. Collier accompanied him to the meeting to learn more about the vector control district and Board meeting proceedings.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

8. RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS FROM ST. BENEDICT SCHOOL FOR PARTICIPATING IN 1ST VECMOBILE VISIT IN THE CITY OF MONTEBELLO

Trustee Christina Cortez from the City of Montebello explained to the Board that the VecMobile visited St. Benedict Elementary School during the month of March. This marked the first time that the VecMobile has visited a school in Montebello since its inception. Director of Community Affairs Truc Dever explained that student participants were asked to write an essay conveying what they learned as a result of their involvement in the VecMobile Program. Truc introduced Education Program Coordinators Andy Pak and LeShawn Simplis who presented Certificates of Recognition to five selected fifth grade students from St. Benedict: Noah Carlin, Adrian Adame, Tony Wadzinski, Cesar Cisneros, and Brandon Lozano. Tony had the special privilege of reading his essay in front of the Board. Commendations were also given to the principal of the school, Frank Loya, for facilitating student participation in the District's educational curriculum.

9. CONSENT AGENDA (9.1-9.3)

9.1 Consideration of **Minutes 2011-02** of regular Board Meeting held on February 10, 2011. (*EXHIBIT A*)

9.2 Consideration of **Resolution 2011-05** Authorizing Payment of Attached Requisition Schedule for February 1, 2011 through February 28, 2011 (*EXHIBIT B*)

9.3 Consideration of two (2) Joint Tax Sharing Resolutions from the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County (Annexation No. *SCV-1055 and SCV-1056*). (*EXHIBIT C*)

Trustee Kelley made the motion to approve items 9.1 through 9.3 of the Consent Agenda. Trustee Armenta seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

10. STAFF PROGRAM REPORTS: FEBRUARY 2011

10.1 Manager's Report

Kenneth L. Bayless, General Manager

General Manager Kenneth Bayless reported that the District's NPDES and CEQA documents have been filed. A public hearing for the CEQA Mitigated Negative Declaration will be held at April's Board of Trustees meeting. To date, no public comments have been received regarding the District's CEQA MND draft. The Department of Fish and Game inquired about the document but has not submitted comments so far.

Ken added that the District is one of a few districts in California that have filed for an NPDES permit, to date. The permit was approved by California's Water Resources Control Board on March 1. The District is on schedule to meet the statewide April 9 deadline for an NPDES permit because it has filed its Notice of Intent and Pesticide Application Plan. There will be a 30 day period for public comment. The Federal EPA has asked the courts for a six-month extension on the existing stay. Depending on the Circuit Court's decision, the April 9 deadline may be changed. The District will be prepared regardless of the Court's decision.

Ken asked for Trustee volunteers to accompany Director of Operations Mark Daniel, Director of Community Affairs Truc Dever and himself to Sacramento for MVCAC's Legislative Day on Tuesday, April 5. Trustees may choose to travel to Sacramento on Monday, April 4 for the event and legislative appointments on Tuesday, April 5.

Ken informed the Board that last year, there were 14 appointments slated. District staff members were not able to fulfill all of those obligations due to a lack of representation. This year, Ken would like to develop three teams of one Director and one Trustee in order to meet with as many legislators as possible. Trustees Nikki Noushkam, Meredith Perkins, Ray Smith, Sally Flowers and Edward Varela volunteered to attend. Ken assured the Trustees that talking points would be provided on April 5. MVCAC's Legislative Committee will meet with the Trustees, District Directors, and staff the morning of April 5 before they meet with Legislators the rest of the day.

Secretary-Treasurer Wassem commented that he attended Legislative Day the past two years and that it was an important and rewarding experience.

10.2 Scientific-Technical: (Staff Report A)

S. Kluh, Sci.-Tech Services Dir.

Director of Scientific-Technical Services Susanne Kluh informed the Board that the first incidence of West Nile virus positive activity has been identified this year. A positive mosquito sample was collected in Riverside County. Susanne had nothing further to add and referred the Board to her written report.

10.3 Operations: (Staff Report B)

M. Daniel, Operations Dir.

Director of Operations Mark Daniel shared with the Board that the City of Burbank has been conducting aerial surveillance and sharing its results with the District. Nine of the 28 pools located were already in the District's database.

Trustee Noushkam asked Mark when the Board would be able to see a revised report format. Mark replied that he would have a new version of his report for the April Board Meeting.

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

Truc reported that the Second Annual *Bite Back Against Mosquito Attacks* Poster Contest would be closed to submissions on Friday, March 11. The winner will be announced during MVCAC's Mosquito Awareness Week, April 25-29. The grand prize winner will receive a \$100 savings bond and have his or her artwork displayed in the District's summer bus ad campaign. Truc requested that Trustees inform her or the Public Information Officer Crystal Brown if they would like a presentation made at their city council meetings covering vector control activity and District happenings.

President Newcomer thanked and commended Truc for an excellent job on her presentation to the San Fernando City Council requesting the appointment of a Trustee. Truc thanked President Newcomer and Secretary-Treasurer Wassem for their attendance and assistance.

10.5 Fiscal: (*Staff Report D*) C. Weeks, Finance Director

Director of Fiscal Operations Carolyn Weeks commented that her department is compiling a database of gas usage per vehicle to be used in next year's budget planning. She then asked if there were any questions and referred the Board to her written report.

Trustee Flowers asked when the Budget Committee would be meeting. Ken responded that the District is in the development stage of the budget. A draft budget will be made available to the Committee during the month of April. He has the goal to bring a final budget before the Board during the May meeting.

10.6 Human Resources: (*Staff Report E*) R. Miller, Human Resources Dir.

Director of Human Resources Robert Miller was absent due to an injury and, therefore, the Board was referred to his written report.

10.7 Legal Counsel Report S. Flower, Legal Counsel

Legal Counsel Steve Flower 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).

NONE

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

The next Board of Trustees meeting will be scheduled on Thursday, April 14, 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.