

# **GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT MINUTES NO. 2011-11**

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, November 10, 2011, at the District office at 12545 Florence Avenue, Santa Fe Springs, California.

## **TRUSTEES PRESENT**

Danny Harber, (*City of Bell*)  
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*)  
Tina Baca Del Rio, (*City of Commerce*)  
Mison Levi, (*City of Cudahy*)  
Steve Tye, (*City of Diamond Bar*)  
Meredith Perkins, (*City of Downey*)  
Elba Romo, (*City of Huntington Park*)  
Armine Perian, (*City of Glendale*)  
Joseph Esquivel, (*City of Lakewood*)  
Jim Remington, (*City of La Habra Heights*)  
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*)  
Christina Cortez, (*City of Montebello*)  
Cheri Kelley, (*City of Norwalk*)  
Tom Hansen, (*City of Paramount*)  
Jeff Groseth (*City of San Marino*)  
Robert Newman, (*City of Santa Clarita*)  
Michael Madrigal, (*City of Santa Fe Springs*)  
Dr. Hazel Wallace, (*City of Signal Hill*)  
Joseph Gonzales, (*City of South El Monte*)  
Maria Davila, (*City of South Gate*)  
Owen Newcomer, President (*City of Whittier*)

## **TRUSTEES ABSENT**

Nikki Noushkam, (*City of Cerritos*)  
Barry Bruce, (*City of Hawaiian Gardens*)  
David Armenta, (*City of Pico Rivera*)

## **TRUSTEES ABSENT (EXCUSED)**

Sally Flowers, (*City of Artesia*)  
Rachel C. Johnson, (*City of Gardena*)  
Dr. James Lawson, (*County of Los Angeles*)  
Sylvia Ballin (*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*  
Robert Miller, *Director of Human Resources*  
Luke DeNitto, *Maintenance Supervisor*  
Quinn Barrow, *Legal Counsel*

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

### **2. QUORUM (ROLL) CALL**

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

### **3. INVOCATION**

David Delgado, Trustee Cortez's youth commissioner, gave the invocation.

### **4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Victoria, Trustee Cortez's daughter, led the pledge of allegiance.

**5. CORRESPONDENCE**

NONE

President Newcomer recognized the Veterans currently serving on the Board as part of the upcoming Veterans Day holiday. Trustees Cortez and Aceituno were congratulated for winning re-election in their respective cities.

**6. INTRODUCTIONS**

NONE

**7. PUBLIC COMMENT**

NONE

**8. CONSENT AGENDA (8.1-8.4)**

8.1 Consideration of **Minutes 2011-10** of regular Board Meeting held on October 13, 2011. (***EXHIBIT A***)

8.2 Consideration of **Resolution 2011-17** Authorizing Payment of Attached Requisition Schedule for October 1, 2011 through October 31, 2011 (***EXHIBIT B***)

8.3 Consideration of three (3) County of Los Angeles Joint Property Tax Resolutions (JPTR), for territory *L 021-2011*, *L 115-2003* and *Tract No. 51864*. These resolutions authorize 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 territories identified in the resolution to provide revenue to the County Lighting Maintenance District (CLMD) 1687. (***EXHIBIT C***)

8.4 Consideration of two (2) Joint Tax Sharing Resolutions from the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County (Annexation *No. 2* and *56*). Annexation *No. 2* requests GLACVCD to allocate 0.0003243% of its current 0.0302% share of property tax resulting in a net share of 0.0299% to support services to an area being annexed to the County Sanitation District. Annexation *No. 56* requests GLACVCD to allocate 0.0003813% of its current 0.0366% share of property tax resulting in a net share of 0.0362% to support services to an area being annexed to the County Sanitation District. (***EXHIBIT D***)

**Trustee Levi made the motion to approve items 8.1 through 8.4. Trustee Gonzales seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**9. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

9.1 Budget & Finance Committee

J. Wassem, Chairperson

General Manager Kenneth Bayless shared that the District ended the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 with a \$968,241 surplus. Approximately \$600,000 in savings was realized as a result of staff's due diligence in managing their department budgets, and approximately \$300,000 came from unexpected revenue streams. Ken highlighted the Committee's proposal to allocate \$300,000 to the Post Employment Benefit Reserve as well as

\$260,000 to the Disease Emergency Fund. Nominal amounts were suggested to be allocated to the Capital Reserve, Mobile Education Unit Fund, and Operational Reserve. The Committee also recommended a \$10,000 donation to the Mosquito Research Foundation (MRF). The final \$311,000 was recommended to be added to the District's cash-flow account. Chairperson Wassem stated that the Committee met and voted to approve staff's recommendations of the aforementioned allocations. **Trustee Perkins made the motion to approve staff's recommendation for allocation of the budget surplus. Trustee Morton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**10. DISCUSSION OF REQUEST TO NOMINATE CANDIDATES TO SERVE AS LAFCO REPRESENTATIVES (EXHIBIT E)**

**Dr. Wassem nominated Owen Newcomer as a candidate for the LAFCO Special District representative seat. Trustee Perkins seconded the nomination. The nomination passed unanimously with only President Newcomer abstaining.**

**11. DISCUSSION OF CITY OF CARSON PROPOSAL TO ANNEX UNINCORPORATED TERRITORY AND POTENTIAL IMPACT TO VECTOR CONTROL SERVICES (EXHIBIT F)**

Ken explained that the City of Carson is seeking to annex areas of unincorporated L.A. County in the Rancho Dominguez area. The District already currently provides vector control services to a majority of the area. There is, however, a small portion of the proposed annexation area that is currently serviced by the Compton Creek Mosquito Abatement District. Carson's preference would be to conduct business with one vector control district as opposed to two separate ones. Based on this information, there are two options: 1) GLACVCD will submit no objections to the annexation provided the service boundaries and percentage of ad valorem taxes received remain the same as they are now; or 2) GLACVCD will also consider acquiring the area currently serviced by Compton Creek MAD in order to facilitate service provisions and provide a uniform assessment rate structure.

Trustee Perkins asked Ken if the District had heard anything from Compton Creek MAD regarding this issue. He also asked if the District was aware of the number of parcels that would be in the newly obtained area and the amount of income that would be generated by the acquisition. Ken replied that Compton Creek MAD was being consulted. He continued that the District was not aware at that time of the exact number of households but that information would be gathered before the annexation.

President Newcomer asked for clarification on the ramifications for Option #2 for both GLACVCD and Compton Creek MAD. Ken responded that Compton Creek MAD would lose a 2.6 square mile area to GLACVCD. Absorption of this area would not cause a significant burden to GLACVCD. In the future, complete consolidation of the two districts might be considered. President Newcomer asked for additional information regarding consolidation with Compton Creek MAD to be brought back to the Board.

**Trustee Harold Williams moved to approve staff's recommendation of Option #2. Trustee Levi seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Additional action item: Staff will look into possible consolidation of Compton Creek MAD and provide a report to the Board.**

## 12. STAFF PROGRAM REPORTS: OCTOBER 2011

### 12.1 Manager's Report

Kenneth L. Bayless, General Manager

General Manager Kenneth Bayless began his report by reiterating that this has been an incredibly busy year due to high West Nile virus activity as well as the discovery of the *Aedes albopictus* infestation. Referring to his report, Ken expanded on the regional door-to-door campaign that took place on Tuesday, November 8. There were 120 employees from nine different vector control districts participating in the campaign. The campaign teams canvassed 1,377 homes with 680 resident contacts made, 568 inspections made, and 146 larval samples collected. The mission of the campaign was to determine the extent of the infestation by establishing a perimeter. Adult Asian tiger mosquitoes and larval samples were found as far north as unincorporated territory near Duarte. These findings illustrate that the new borders are approximately six miles from north to south and three miles from east to west. Ken stated that the Directors will share additional information with the Trustees during their reports. He commended staff for the extensive planning efforts that took place in order to conduct the comprehensive, multi-district campaign. He mentioned that the feedback from the other districts has been phenomenal; they were proud to be a part of the unprecedented campaign.

### 12.2 Scientific-Technical: (Staff Report A)

S. Kluh, Sci.-Tech Services Dir.

Director of Scientific-Technical Services Susanne Kluh shared with the Board that West Nile virus activity is slowing down for the year and illustrated the year's trends through a PowerPoint presentation. In comparison to 2004 and 2008, this month's positive mosquito samples did not reach the same levels. Infection rates this month were also lower when compared to the other epidemic years. Human cases, however, are still being reported. The County has reported 57 total human cases this year; 52 are clinical, 5 are asymptomatic, and 3 are fatalities. Forty-one of the cases fall specifically within District boundaries. The District human case breakdown is 36 clinical, 5 asymptomatic, and 2 fatalities. District staff members have worked diligently to suppress West Nile virus activity this year and educate residents.

Secretary Wassem asked if any *Aedes albopictus* have been tested for diseases. Susanne responded that no such testing has occurred so far. Susanne added that although no disease testing has begun at this time, the California Department of Public Health has increased their surveillance efforts of dengue in humans. They released a public health alert to physicians notifying them of this new problem.

Susanne continued that *Ae. Albopictus* is an illusive species that is difficult to trap. The few adult samples that were in the District's possession were sent to UC Irvine for genetic testing. Preliminary results show that these mosquitoes most likely originated from Japan and are similar to the ones present in Florida and Texas. The District still cannot confirm how the mosquitoes were transported to California.

Trustee Davila asked for clarification on why her city was not listed on the list of cities showing West Nile virus activity. Susanne explained that only cities with recorded activity would be listed. This can be misleading, however, since West Nile virus activity can be found in cities even if there is no reported activity. The District does its best to trap in areas that are representative of the District, but not all territories can be reached. Additionally, dead bird reporting relies on public participation which can skew results.

12.3 Operations: (*Staff Report B*)

M. Daniel, Operations Dir.

Director of Operations Mark Daniel reiterated Ken's remarks on the *Aedes albopictus* campaign. He shared a Google map with the Trustees highlighting the confirmed Asian tiger mosquito activity in South El Monte and El Monte. The November 8 door-to-door campaign covered a 26 mile perimeter to try and establish an absolute infestation border in all directions. Nine agencies participated as well as representatives from the California Department of Public Health. The District's next step is to launch an aggressive ground campaign targeting the houses with breeding activity. Yards will be treated and neighboring homes will be contacted. The District will continue to work with San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District to control this infestation. A comprehensive springtime campaign is in the planning process.

Vice-President Campbell commended staff members for their extensive efforts to prevent the spread of the Asian tiger mosquito species. He asked if there were actions that could be taken during the winter. Mark replied that the mosquito species that the District is accustomed to handling can be controlled through simple dump and drain measures. The Asian tiger mosquito, however, produces eggs that can survive through the winter without water. Their eggs remain viable for years to come, hatching in warmer weather as soon as they are re-flooded with water. A much more in-depth campaign will need to take place in the spring and summer. During the winter, the District will remain vigilant and continue to monitor and treat the homes with breeding activity.

12.4 Community Affairs: (*Staff Report C*)

T. Dever, Community Affairs Dir.

Director of Community Affairs Truc Dever invited the Trustees to attend the Holiday Potluck that will take place on Wednesday, December 14. There is a competition for the best dish and Trustees were invited to participate.

12.5 Fiscal: (*Staff Report D*)

C. Weeks, Finance Director

Director of Fiscal Operations Carolyn Weeks had nothing further to report.

12.6 Human Resources: (*Staff Report E*)

R. Miller, Human Resources Dir.

Director of Human Resources Robert Miller shared that the seasonals were released for the year. Recruitment for a vacant position on the Underground Storm Drain team will take place in November.

12.7 Legal Counsel Report

Q. Barrow, Legal Counsel

Legal Counsel Quinn Barrow had nothing further to report.

**13. 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**

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

The next Board of Trustees meeting will be scheduled on Thursday, December 8, 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 7:44 p.m. with a 'thank you' to the U.S. Veterans.**