

**GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT
MINUTES NO. 2015-10**

The 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, October 8, 2015, at the District office at 12545 Florence Avenue, Santa Fe Springs, California.

TRUSTEES PRESENT

Ali Saleh, (*City of Bell*)
Pedro Aceituno, (*City of Bell Gardens*)
Dr. Jeff Wasseem, (*City of Burbank*)
Harold Williams, Vice Pres. (*City of Carson*)
Mark Bollman, (*City of Cerritos*)
Tina Baca Del Rio, (*City of Commerce*)
Baru Sanchez, (*City of Cudahy*)
Steve Tye, President (*City of Diamond Bar*)
Armine Perian, (*City of Glendale*) *7:04
Barry Bruce, (*City of Hawaiian Gardens*)
David Spence, (*City of La Cañada Flintridge*)
Jim Remington, (*City of La Habra Heights*)
Pauline Deal, (*City of La Mirada*)
Robert Campbell, (*City of Long Beach*)
Martin Kreisler, (*County of Los Angeles*)
Salvador Alatorre, (*City of Lynwood*)
Eddie De La Riva (*City of Maywood*)
Cheri Kelley, (*City of Norwalk*)
Bob Archuleta, (*City of Pico Rivera*)
Nina Herrera, (*City of San Fernando*)
Maria Davila, Sec.-Treasurer (*City of South Gate*)
Owen Newcomer, (*City of Whittier*)

TRUSTEES ABSENT

Sally Flowers, (*City of Artesia*)
Roger C. Brossmer, (*City of Downey*)
Rachel C. Johnson, (*City of Gardena*)
Elba Guerrero, (*City of Huntington Park*)
Steve Croft, (*City of Lakewood*)
Tina Szumanski, (*City of Santa Clarita*)
Michael Madrigal, (*City of Santa Fe Springs*)
Dr. Hazel Wallace, (*City of Signal Hill*)
Hector Delgado, (*City of South El Monte*)

TRUSTEES ABSENT (EXCUSED)

Christina Cortez (*City of Montebello*)
Tom Hansen, (*City of Paramount*)
Clifton Jenkins, (*City of San Marino*)
Ray T. Smith, (*City of Bellflower*)
Steve Appleton, (*City of Los Angeles*)

OTHERS PRESENT

Truc Dever, *General Manager*
Mark Daniel, *Director of Operations*
Kelly Middleton, *Director of Community Affairs*
Carolyn Weeks, *Director of Fiscal Operations*
Rakesha Thomas, *Director of Human Resources*
Harold Morales, *Vector Ecologist*
Levy Sun, *Public Information Officer*
Luke DeNitto, *Maintenance Supervisor*
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 Tye called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M.

2. QUORUM (ROLL) CALL

Following roll call, it was recorded that 21 Trustees were present and 14 were absent. One Trustees arrived after roll call.

3. INVOCATION

Trustee Deal gave the invocation.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Secretary-Treasurer Davila led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

General Manager Truc Dever read an email from Trustee Appleton who was unable to attend the Board meeting due to City business. He reports that he is working closely with District staff and City representatives to address the recent detection of Asian tiger mosquitoes in the Silver Lake neighborhood of Los Angeles City.

6. **INTRODUCTIONS**

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

Truc introduced Harold Morales, Vector Ecologist from the Santa Fe Springs office who will be providing the Scientific-Technical Services report for Susanne.

Trustee De La Riva introduced his goddaughter and niece who accompanied him to the meeting.

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 (8.1-8.5)**

VOTE REQUIRED

8.1 Consideration of **Minutes 2015-09** of regular Board Meeting held on September 10, 2015. (***EXHIBIT A***)

8.2 Consideration of **Resolution 2015-15** Authorizing Payment of Attached Requisition Schedule for September 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015. (***EXHIBIT B***)

8.3 Consideration of two (2) Joint Tax Sharing Resolutions from the Sanitation District of Los Angeles County (Annexations *No. SCV-1082 & SCV-1083*). These resolutions request GLACVCD allocate 0.000577% of its current 0.0322% share of property tax resulting in a net share of 0.0316% to support services to the areas being annexed to the County Sanitation District. (***EXHIBIT C***)

Analysis: The applicant requested annexation of properties into the above County Sanitation District Number in order to receive off-site disposal of sewage. 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.

8.4 Consideration of District's FY 15/16 Goals Status Report for the first quarter. (***EXHIBIT D***)

Summary: Upon adoption of the District's FY 15/16 Budget, the Board of Trustees requested a quarterly update on the status of departmental goals enumerated in the budget document.

Trustee Newcomer made a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Trustee Archuleta and approved unanimously. Trustee Williams abstained from the minutes.

9. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF TRUSTEES' TERM OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE
JANUARY 5, 2016**

Summary: The General Manager has mailed correspondence advising the following named governing bodies that the two or four year term of office of its representative will expire at 12 p.m. on January 5, 2016, and has requested that they reappoint the trustee representative or successor for the next two or four year term of the office according to Division 3, Chapter 1, Article 3, Sections 2024 et. seq. of the State Health and Safety Code.

<u>Trustee Representative</u>	<u>Governing Body</u>
<i>Harold Williams</i>	<i>City of Carson</i>
<i>Mark Bollman</i>	<i>City of Cerritos</i>
<i>Steve Tye</i>	<i>City of Diamond Bar</i>
<i>Roger C. Brossmer</i>	<i>City of Downey</i>
<i>Rachel Johnson</i>	<i>City of Gardena</i>
<i>Armine Perian</i>	<i>City of Glendale</i>
<i>Martin H. Kreisler</i>	<i>City of L.A. County</i>
<i>David Spence</i>	<i>City of La Cañada Flintridge</i>
<i>Pauline Deal</i>	<i>City of La Mirada</i>
<i>Steve Croft</i>	<i>City of Lakewood</i>
<i>Salvador Alatorre</i>	<i>City of Lynwood</i>
<i>Christina Cortez</i>	<i>City of Montebello</i>
<i>Clifton Jenkins</i>	<i>City of San Marino</i>
<i>Michael Madrigal</i>	<i>City of Santa Fe Springs</i>
<i>Hector Delgado</i>	<i>City of South El Monte</i>
<i>Maria Davila</i>	<i>City of South Gate</i>

Truc noted that sixteen Trustees have terms expiring at the end of the year. Trustees are encouraged to work with their city to expedite reappointments before the January meeting.

10. **MVCAC TRUSTEE COUNCIL ELECTION**

Summary: MVCAC is holding elections for the Southern California Region Representative to the Association's Trustee Council. The Southern Region Representative will serve a two-year term beginning January 2016.

At the August Board of Trustees' Meeting, the Board nominated Trustee Pauline Deal to serve as a candidate for the MVCAC Trustee Council Southern Region Representative. Three candidates are running for this Council seat and have submitted their curriculum vitae for your consideration. (EXHIBIT E) (VOTE REQUIRED)

Truc presented the MVCAC candidates for the Trustee Council Southern Region Representative for Board consideration. At the last Board Meeting, Trustees nominated Trustee Pauline Deal for this position. Three candidates were presented to the Board for their vote.

Trustee Williams made a motion to vote for Trustee Pauline Deal to fill the vacant seat on the MVCAC Trustee Council. Trustee Davila seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

11. **STAFF PROGRAM REPORTS: SEPTEMBER 2015**

11.1 Manager's Report T. Dever, General Manager

Truc provided information on a news article that was brought to her attention by Trustee Bollman highlighting 2015 Nobel Prize winners – two of which were for researchers making huge strides in the treatment of serious vector borne diseases.

Trustee Tye requested an update and clarification on the Board's prior discussion regarding Legal Counsel's attendance at Board meetings. Truc reported that review of the current contract does not stipulate a requirement for legal representation at all meetings. The current contract is more than 10 years old and needs to be updated. Staff anticipates bringing an updated contract to the Board for consideration at the November meeting.

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

Vector Ecologist, Harold Morales provided an update on WNV activity and *Aedes* infestations. To date, *Culex* mosquito abundance and WNV positive rates are below the 5-year average. Thirteen of nineteen positive sentinel chickens seroconverted in September. Human cases in the District total 34 compared to 114 at this time last year. Seventeen cases of imported Chikungunya and two cases of Dengue have been reported in the District this year. Both *Aedes albopictus* and *Aedes aegypti* are expanding in Los Angeles County. New populations have been identified in East LA, Florence-Graham and Silver Lake.

In response to Trustee Campbell's question, Harold and Truc noted that many reports are coming in from residents who have heard about our services or see our staff in the field.

Trustee Baca Del Rio noted that Commerce residents are concerned and are regularly reporting many bites around the Bandini area that staff have already visited numerous times. The City is assisting with extensive outreach to their residents about personal responsibility, yet the problem persists. Kelly noted that these concerns will only increase as more neighborhoods become infested. There must be a big emphasis placed on efforts by every resident at the neighborhood scale to work together to reduce breeding habitat in their area.

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

Mark reported that the District's extra help have been released for the season, but the mosquitoes continue to be problematic. Staff are filling in the gaps by working on their regular days off as needed. This date represents the one-year anniversary of the discovery of *Ae. aegypti* in the city of Commerce. He noted that these mosquitoes thrive around human beings and unfortunately, there is no magic bullet for their control. Yard hygiene is still our best tool to manage populations. Recent rains have likely contributed to the huge populations and rapid spread being reported across southern California.

11.4 Community Affairs: (Staff Report C) K. Middleton, Comm. Affairs Dir.

Kelly requested Trustees contact her for assistance as needed in the coming weeks as Levy will be taking some much-needed time off to enjoy his wedding and honeymoon. She also reported that the VecMobile has received its new facelift and schools will begin receiving our outreach programs next week. The Department hopes to hold a joint Education Committee and Foundation meeting prior to the November meeting.

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

Carolyn offered to answer questions regarding the staff reports.

11.6 Human Resources: (Staff Report E) R. Thomas, Human Resources Dir.

Rakesha noted that her department is slowing down now that most of the recruitments have been filled. Work will continue on the Employee Handbook as time permits.

11.7 Legal Counsel Report Q. Barrow, Legal Counsel

Quinn apologized for the lack of representation at the last meeting, and noted that a revised contract will be provided at the next Board meeting for consideration.

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).

Trustee Baca Del Rio mentioned that the November meeting is scheduled during the Contract Cities Fall Summit and wondered if achieving a quorum might be difficult. Other Trustees will be attending, but will be able to attend the Board meeting before traveling to the Summit.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

The next Board of Trustees meeting will be scheduled on Thursday, November 12, 2015. The meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the District's headquarters at 12545 Florence Avenue, Santa Fe Springs. **The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 PM.**