

# GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT MINUTES NO. 2008-10

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, October 9, 2008, at the District office at 12545 Florence Avenue, Santa Fe Springs, California.

## TRUSTEES PRESENT

Victor Bello, (*City of Bell*)  
Ray T. Smith, (*City of Bellflower*)  
Dr. Jeff D. Wassem, (*City of Burbank*)  
Harold Williams, (*City of Carson*)  
Nikki Noushkam, (*City of Cerritos*)  
Audrey Hamilton, (*City of Diamond Bar*)  
Meredith Perkins, (*City of Downey*)  
Armine Perian, (*City of Glendale*)  
Victor Farfan, (*City of Hawaiian Gardens*)  
Elba Romo, (*City of Huntington Park*)  
Joseph Esquivel, (*City of Lakewood*)  
Bob Chotiner, (*City of La Mirada*)  
Robert Campbell, (*City of Long Beach*)

Jim Morton, (*City of Lynwood*)  
Thomas Martin, (*City of Maywood*)  
Cheri Kelley, Vice President(*City of Norwalk*)  
Henry Harkema, (*City of Paramount*)  
Bob Archuleta, (*City of Pico Rivera*)  
Dr. James Lawson, (*City of San Fernando*)  
Dr. SeYao Hsu, (*City of San Marino*)  
Jan Heidt, (*City of Santa Clarita*)  
Michael Madrigal, (*City of Santa Fe Springs*)  
Dr. Hazel Wallace, (*City of Signal Hill*)  
Blanca Figueroa, (*City of South El Monte*)  
Maria Davila, (*City of South Gate*)

## TRUSTEES ABSENT

Sally Flowers, Sec.-Treasurer, (*City of Artesia*)  
Pedro Aceituno, (*City of Bell Gardens*)  
Hugo Argumedo, (*City of Commerce*)  
Mison Levi, President, (*City of Cudahy*)  
Rachel C. Johnson, (*City of Gardena*)  
Jim Remington, (*City of La Habra Heights*)  
Alma Martinez, (*City of Los Angeles*)  
Vacant, (*County of Los Angeles*)  
Robert Urteaga, (*City of Montebello*)  
Owen Newcomer, (*City of Whittier*)

## OTHERS PRESENT

Kenneth L. Bayless, *General Manager*  
Mark Daniel, *Director of Operations*  
Susanne Klueh, *Director of Sci.-Tech. Services*  
Truc Dever, *Director of Community Affairs*  
Robert Miller, *Director of Human Resources*  
Carolyn Weeks, *Director of Fiscal Operations*  
Luke DeNitto, *Maintenance Supervisor*  
William Rudell, *Legal Counsel*

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

President Levi was absent so Vice President Kelley called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

### 2. QUORUM (ROLL) CALL

Following the roll call, it is recorded that 25 Trustees were present and 10 were absent.

### 3. INVOCATION

Trustee Perkins gave the invocation.

### 4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Trustee Chotiner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**5. CORRESPONDENCE**

NONE

**6. INTRODUCTIONS**

NONE

**7. PUBLIC COMMENT**

NONE

**8. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES 2008-09 OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2008 (*Exhibit A*)**

**Trustee Heidt made the motion to approve the minutes. Trustee Esquivel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**9. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2008-18 AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF ATTACHED REQUISITION SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 1, 2008 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2008. (*Exhibit B*)**

**Trustee Perkins made the motion to approve the District's expenditures. Trustee Hamilton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**10. CONSENT AGENDA (10.1-10.2)**

10.1 Consideration of two County of Los Angeles Joint Property Tax Resolutions, *L 043-2003* and *L 004-2006*. (*Exhibit C*)

10.2 Consideration of four Joint Tax Sharing Resolutions from the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County (Annexation Nos. *3-31*, *SCV-1025*, *SCV-1034*, and *SCV-1030*). (*Exhibit D*)

**Trustee Wallace made a motion to approve items 10.1 and 10.2. Trustee Esquivel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**11. ANNOUNCEMENT OF TRUSTEES' TERM OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE JANUARY 5, 2009.**

**12. STAFF PROGRAM REPORTS: SEPTEMBER 2008**

12.1 Manager's Report

Kenneth L. Bayless, General Manager

Ken Bayless addressed the current economic and financial climate and suggested that the Board consider assembling the finance committee to review the District's financial situation and investments.

Ken also provided Trustees a recap of the successful employee appreciation day that was held earlier in the week.

12.2 Operations: (*Staff Report A*)

M. Daniel, Operations Director

Mark Daniel gave a brief report regarding adulticiding efforts at the Sepulveda Basin over the summer. Trustee Wassem asked whether the public is notified during fogging activities. Mark explained that the public had little exposure to the areas in which the District fogged. Parks and Recreation staff as well as nearby businesses with staff near the area were informed of the control activities, which took place in the middle of the night. Trustee

Wallace asked about the Underground Storm Drain program. Mark reported that the USD crew may be very active over the winter months in efforts to reduce the population of over-wintering mosquitoes in the storm drains.

12.3 Scientific-Technical: (*Staff Report B*)

S. Kluh, Scientific-Tech Serv. Dir.

Susanne Kluh expanded on the Operations report regarding adulticiding efforts at Sepulveda Basin by illustrating their success. She reported that before fogging efforts, the West Nile virus infection rate among mosquitoes in the area was 36 mosquitoes per 1,000. She said adulticiding efforts reduced infection rates by 68% to 7 mosquitoes per 1,000. In response to a question from Trustee Wallace, Susanne explained that virus activity was very widespread throughout the County this year, with few concentrated areas. She also reported that a chicken in Los Angeles County West Vector Control District's territory sero-converted for St. Louis encephalitis this summer.

12.4 Community Affairs: (*Staff Report C*)

T. Dever, Community Affairs Dir.

Truc Dever provided an update on the status of the new District website launch reporting that some technical issues related to the website hosting service should be resolved in the next couple of weeks.

12.5 Fiscal: (*Staff Report D*)

C. Weeks, Finance Director

Carolyn Weeks referred the Board to her staff report and stated that she had nothing additional to report.

12.6 Human Resources: (*Staff Report E*)

R. Miller, Human Resources Dir.

Robert Miller announced that he will soon be initiating management training.

12.7 Legal Counsel Report

Bill Rudell, Legal Counsel

No report was given.

**13. OTHER**

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

NONE

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

The next scheduled Board of Trustees meeting will be on Thursday, November 13, 2008 at the District Headquarters office at 12545 Florence Avenue, Santa Fe Springs, CA.

**The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.**