

**GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT
MINUTES NO. 2009-04**

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 9, 2009, at the District office at 12545 Florence Avenue, Santa Fe Springs, California.

TRUSTEES PRESENT

Sally Flowers, Vice President, *(City of Artesia)*
Victor Bello, *(City of Bell)*
Ray T. Smith, *(City of Bellflower)*
Pedro Aceituno, *(City of Bell Gardens)*
Dr. Jeff D. Wassem, *(City of Burbank)*
Harold Williams, *(City of Carson)*
Nikki Noushkam, *(City of Cerritos)*
Mison Levi, *(City of Cudahy)*
Audrey Hamilton, *(City of Diamond Bar)*
Meredith Perkins, *(City of Downey)*
Rachel C. Johnson, *(City of Gardena)*
Victor Farfan, *(City of Hawaiian Gardens)*
Jim Remington, *(City of La Habra Heights)*

Gabe Garcia, *(City of La Mirada)*
Robert Campbell, *(City of Long Beach)*
Alma Martinez, *(City of Los Angeles)*
Jim Morton, *(City of Lynwood)*
Ana Rosa Rizo, *(City of Maywood)*
Cheri Kelley, President, *(City of Norwalk)*
Tom Hansen, *(City of Paramount)*
Dr. James Lawson, *(City of San Fernando)*
Dr. SeYao Hsu, *(City of San Marino)*
Michael Madrigal, *(City of Santa Fe Springs)*
Dr. Hazel Wallace, *(City of Signal Hill)*
Owen Newcomer, Sec.-Treasurer *(City of Whittier)*

TRUSTEES ABSENT

Hugo Argumedo, *(City of Commerce)*
Armine Perian, *(City of Glendale)*
Elba Romo, *(City of Huntington Park)*
Vacant, *(County of Los Angeles)*
Robert Urteaga, *(City of Montebello)*
Bob Archuleta, *(City of Pico Rivera)*
Robert Newman, *(City of Santa Clarita)*
Maria Davila, *(City of South Gate)*

OTHERS PRESENT

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

TRUSTEES ABSENT (EXCUSED)

Joseph Esquivel, *(City of Lakewood)*
Blanca Figueroa, *(City of South El Monte)*

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Kelley called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 Garcia led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

NONE

6. INTRODUCTIONS

President Kelley introduced the new Trustee from the City of Maywood, Ana Rosa Rizo.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

President Kelley pointed out that next month's regularly scheduled Board meeting on May 14th will conflict with the Contract Cities conference at Indian Wells. President Kelley asked if there were any objections to rescheduling the meeting to May 21st. No objections were made and the next general Board meeting was rescheduled for May 21, 2009.

8. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES 2009-03 OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON MARCH 12, 2009 (Exhibit A)

Trustee Levi made the motion to approve the minutes. Trustee Martinez seconded the motion. The motion passed with Trustee Rizo abstaining.

9. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2009-07 AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF ATTACHED REQUISITION SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 1, 2009 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2009. (Exhibit B)

Trustee Levi made the motion to approve the District's expenditures. Trustee Morton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

10. CONSENT AGENDA (10.1-10.2)

10.1 Consideration of one County of Los Angeles Joint Property Tax Resolution, *Petition No. 182-1107. (Exhibit C)*

10.2 Consideration of one Joint Tax Sharing Resolution from the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County, *Annexation No. SCV-1045. (Exhibit D)*

Trustee Levi made a motion to approve items 10.1 and 10.2. Trustee Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

11. CONSIDERATION OF REVISED BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2009

The standing committee assignments were revised by President Kelley to include the following Trustee:

- Jim Morton, Lynwood Risk Management Committee

There were no objections to the committee assignment revisions.

12. STAFF PROGRAM REPORTS: MARCH 2009

12.1 Manager's Report

K. Bayless, General Manager

Ken Bayless provided an update on the lawsuit filed by the LAUSD against LA City, the County, and other parties such as the District. Ken reported that the court has ruled in favor of the County; however, LAUSD is considering an appeal. The good news is that the District will not need to spend any additional money on legal counsel regarding this case.

Ken also provided an update on the NPDES permitting issue. The EPA will be asking for a stay of execution on the ruling which vacated the order by the EPA to exempt vector control agencies from the NPDES permits. If granted by the 6th District, we will have 2 years to file for permits. Ken recommended that the District move forward on the permit applications. As of the date of the Board meeting, a law firm in Davis, CA had already filed a Notice of Intent to Sue to five different CA vector control agencies for violation of the Clean Water Act. It was decided that the Board would move to add approval to file a permit to the current Board agenda. Legal counsel confirmed that because the issue was revealed to the Board after the agenda had already been posted and immediate action was required before the next board meeting, the addition of the item would comply with the Brown Act.

Trustee Perkins made a motion to add the item on the agenda and that motion was seconded by Trustee Morton. The motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Lawson made a motion to direct management staff to move forward with the permitting process. Trustee Hamilton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

12.2 Operations: (Staff Report A)

M. Daniel, Operations Director

Mark Daniel thanked the Board for giving him the opportunity to attend the AMCA annual conference. He reported that the NPDES permitting issue was a major topic at the conference. He also reported that he attended 69 presentations over the course of 3 days. One particular presentation focused on the use of magnets to trap mosquitoes in mass without pesticides. The study revealed that although 375,000 mosquitoes were trapped using that method, there was a negligent effect on the mosquito population. The study, therefore, illustrates the importance and effectiveness of chemical control methods.

12.3 Scientific-Technical: (Staff Report B)

S. Klueh, Sci.-Tech. Services Director

Susanne Klueh pointed out that according to the State-adopted risk assessment model, the District has entered into the emergency planning phase. Last year, the District did not enter into that phase until May. She reported that according to mosquito trap counts, mosquito populations are currently very high and there have been continuous chicken sero-conversions throughout the region.

12.4 Community Affairs: (Staff Report C)

T. Dever, Community Affairs Dir.

Truc Dever also thanked the Board for allowing her the opportunity to attend the AMCA annual conference. She reported that as Chairperson of the AMCA Public Education Committee, she coordinated an educational day for one of the local schools in New Orleans, Alice Harte Charter Elementary. The program was carried out with the help of 30 volunteers from vector control agencies across the country and targeted 660 students at the school from grades K-8th. She was happy to report that the education day program was a major success.

Truc also reported that a new PIO has been selected and will begin work on May 1st.

12.5 Fiscal: (Staff Report D)

Staff had no additional items to report.

12.6 Human Resources: (Staff Report E)

R. Miller, Human Resources Dir.

Robert Miller reported that many of the new employee recruits will begin their first day on April 15th. The Human Resources department will begin recruitment of an Operations Assistant for the Santa Fe Springs office and Seasonals shortly.

Robert also reported that the District has made the switch to a new dental and vision program.

Trustee Flowers asked staff why, according to finance reports, the district is over-spending on monthly health benefits. Ken Bayless explained that the general benefits category comprised of CalPERS retirement and 401(a) benefits. The district did not budget enough for that category this fiscal year but, fortunately, there is money in the budget to cover from salary savings. This issue will be addressed in the preparation of next fiscal year's budget.

12.7 Legal Counsel Report

Quinn Barrow, Legal Counsel

Nothing to report.

13. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

13.1 Policy Committee Report

O. Newcomer, Chairperson

Trustee Newcomer asked the Board to consider Resolution No. 2009-06 with several additional changes. Resolution No. 2009-06 amending certain provisions of the District's Articles and Bylaws Governing Meetings pertains to a new Trustee absence policy. The recommended changes are as follows:

Article V, Section 9.1 of the Bylaws will be changed to read, "*Pursuant to California Government Code Section 1770(g), a public office, such as a seat on the board of trustees for a vector control district, is abandoned if the person holding the office ceases to discharge the duties of his or her office for a period of three consecutive months, except when prevented by sickness or specified excuses. The Board may excuse a Board member's absence for the reasons stated in Section 9.2.*"

Trustee Martinez made a motion to accept Resolution No. 2009-06 with the newly amended language. Trustee Campbell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Newcomer stated that the committee did not have a quorum for its meeting that evening, therefore the other items regarding the District's Investment Policy for Calendar Year 2009 and the discussion of the document titled "Mosquito and Vector Control District Trustees as District Employees?" would be discussed at the May committee meeting.

13.2 Education & Publicity Committee Report

A. Martinez, Chairperson

Trustee Martinez reminded the Board that during the March committee meeting, members voted to keep and revitalize the Educational Foundation. She reported that the Committee met earlier that evening to discuss the appointment of temporary directors in order to hold a Foundation meeting to discuss amendments to the Foundation Bylaws. The three current Foundation directors, Trustees Wallace, Smith, and Esquivel, will be joined by Trustee Martinez, Ken Bayless, and Truc Dever.

14. OTHER

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

NONE

15. ADJOURNMENT

The next scheduled Board of Trustees meeting will be on Thursday, May 21, 2009, as determined by the Board in this evening's meeting, at the District Headquarters office at 12545 Florence Avenue, Santa Fe Springs, CA.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00p.m.