

# GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT MINUTES NO. 2009-10

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 8, 2009, 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*)  
Pedro Aceituno, (*City of Bell Gardens*)  
Dr. Jeff D. Wassem, (*City of Burbank*)  
Harold Williams, (*City of Carson*)  
Nikki Noushkam, (*City of Cerritos*)  
Hugo Argumedo, (*City of Commerce*)  
Mison Levi, (*City of Cudahy*)  
Audrey Hamilton, (*City of Diamond Bar*)  
Meredith Perkins, (*City of Downey*)  
Victor Farfan, (*City of Hawaiian Gardens*)  
Elba Romo, (*City of Huntington Park*)

Joseph Esquivel, (*City of Lakewood*)  
Jim Remington, (*City of La Habra Heights*)  
Robert Campbell, (*City of Long Beach*)  
Alma Martinez, (*City of Los Angeles*)  
Dr. James Lawson, (*County of Los Angeles*)  
Jim Morton, (*City of Lynwood*)  
Ana Rosa Rizo, (*City of Maywood*)  
Tom Hansen, (*City of Paramount*)  
Michael Madrigal, (*City of Santa Fe Springs*)  
Dr. Hazel Wallace, (*City of Signal Hill*)  
Blanca Figueroa, (*City of South El Monte*)

## TRUSTEES ABSENT

Rachel C. Johnson, (*City of Gardena*)  
Armine Perian, (*City of Glendale*)  
Gabe Garcia, (*City of La Mirada*)  
Robert Urteaga, (*City of Montebello*)  
Cheri Kelley, President, (*City of Norwalk*)  
Bob Archuleta, (*City of Pico Rivera*)  
Vacant, (*City of San Fernando*)  
Dr. SeYao Hsu, (*City of San Marino*)

## TRUSTEES ABSENT (EXCUSED)

Sally Flowers, Vice President, (*City of Artesia*)  
Robert Newman, (*City of Santa Clarita*)  
Maria Davila, (*City of South Gate*)  
Owen Newcomer, Sec.-Treasurer (*City of Whittier*)

## OTHERS PRESENT

Kenneth L. Bayless, *General Manager*  
Mark Daniel, *Operations Director*  
Susanne Kluh, *Sci-Tech Services Director*  
Truc Dever, *Director of Community Affairs*  
Carolyn Weeks, *Director of Finance*  
Robert Miller, *Director of Human Resources*  
Crystal Brown, *Public Information Officer*  
Luke DeNitto, *Maintenance Supervisor*  
Quinn M. Barrow, *Legal Counsel*

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

**In the absence of the three Board Officers, former Board President Mison Levi chaired the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 7pm.**

## 2. QUORUM (ROLL) CALL

**Following the roll call, it is recorded that 23 Trustees were present and 12 were absent.**

**3. INVOCATION**

Trustee Perkins gave the invocation.

**4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Trustee Remington led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**5. CORRESPONDENCE**

NONE

**6. INTRODUCTIONS**

NONE

**7. PUBLIC COMMENT**

NONE

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

8.1 Consideration of **Minutes 2009-09** of regular Board Meeting held on September 10, 2009 (*Exhibit A*)

8.2 Consideration of **Resolution 2009-16** Authorizing Payment of Attached Requisition Schedule for September 1, 2009 through September 30, 2009. (*Exhibit B*)

8.3 Consideration of two (2) County of Los Angeles Joint Property Tax Resolutions *Petition No. 14-309* and *L 003-2009*. (*Exhibit C*)

8.4 Consideration of two (2) Joint Tax Sharing Resolutions from the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County (Annexation No. 18-53 and SCV-1048) (*Exhibit D*)

**Trustee Perkins made the motion to approve items 8.1 through 8.4 of the Consent Agenda. Trustee Figueroa seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF TRUSTEES TERM OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE JANUARY 4, 2010.**

The following named governing bodies have been notified of the need to reappoint or appoint a representative to serve a two or four year term commencing January 4, 2010:

- City of Commerce
- City of Long Beach
- City of South Gate
- City of South El Monte
- City of La Mirada
- City of San Marino
- City of Gardena
- County of Los Angeles
- City of Santa Fe Springs
- City of Lynwood
- City of Downey
- City of Montebello
- City of San Fernando

**The information was received and filed by the Board.**

**10. STAFF PROGRAM REPORTS: SEPTEMBER 2009**

10.1 Manager's Report

K. Bayless, General Manager

Ken Bayless reported that the District hosted a very successful Employee Appreciation Day with excellent attendance by District employees, including seasonal staff. There was also representation from 3 board members. He added that the employees very much appreciate the support the Board has showed them over this past year. He referred the Trustees to his manager's report and made himself available to answer any further questions.

10.2 Scientific- Technical: (Staff Report A)

S. Klueh, Scientific-Technical Services Director

Susanne Klueh referred to her report and pointed out that there have been more WNV positive mosquito samples in the past month. In addition, there are now four reported human cases of West Nile virus in the District for this year. One case resulted in a fatality. She clarified that the case in Silver Lake was most likely not locally acquired since the resident traveled to Mexico regularly. All of the human cases have been reported in the Valley portion of the District. This correlates to areas where considerable mosquito and virus activity has been found this summer.

10.3 Operations: (Staff Report B)

M. Daniel, Operations Director

Mark Daniel reported that the Operations Department continues to monitor the mosquito surveillance numbers obtained by the Scientific-Technical Services Department. Areas with heavy WNV activity are addressed and surveyed for breeding sources immediately. He also reiterated that the Employee Appreciation Day had great participation from the employees and he expressed his gratitude for the participation of the Trustees.

Trustee Perkins inquired as to how Operations accommodated the reduction in part time staff this year. Mark replied that one of the Vector Control Specialists, Bruce Cameron, has been looking at the street gutter routes for the Santa Fe Springs office and finding ways to be more efficient. He has mapped areas that need more attention than others. Through extensive analysis and follow-up, the Department has been able to cut back on part-time positions. The Department expects to duplicate that approach at the Sylmar office to gain the same efficiency.

10.4 Community Affairs: (Staff Report C)

T. Dever, Community Affairs Dir.

Truc Dever reported that the Education Foundation held its quarterly meeting before the General Board meeting and the Foundation received several donations from Foundation Directors to assist with prize money for the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Poster Design Contest. Truc encouraged Board member and community donations to the Foundation in support of this valuable educational resource for local area schools and students.

Trustee Martinez also encouraged the Trustees to make and solicit donations from their communities.

10.5 Fiscal: (Staff Report D)

Carolyn Weeks referred to her staff report and had nothing further to add.

10.6 Human Resources: (Staff Report E)

R. Miller, Human Resources Dir.

Robert Miller reported that his department has created and supplied all employees with an H1N1 reference booklet.

Trustee Wallace asked if the District is supplying the H1N1 vaccine to District employees, and Robert explained that the District is exploring its options. The County Health Department is currently not classifying District personnel as a priority group.

Trustee Figueroa announced that as Mayor of South El Monte, she was invited to the White House to attend an H1N1 conference. She clarified that priority for the vaccine will be given to hospital staff, young children, and pregnant women. She would be happy to assist anyone looking for more information.

Trustee Perkins announced that on October 27th, the City of Downey is offering free H1N1 vaccine shots from 1pm to 9pm at the Downey Theater. More information can be obtained by contacting the City of Downey.

Trustee Lawson added that within Los Angeles County, seven million vaccine shots will be available at 200 different sites. Information about the times and sites will be disseminated online and through the radio and television media. Each site will receive 500-1,000 vaccine shots for both the seasonal flu and H1N1. These clinics will be screening people and turning away those who may already be ill or are high risk. The nasal spray will be available for certain categories of children. He added that he has been working with public health officers to make the vaccine available to District employees but has been unsuccessful. He explained that even police and fire do not qualify as priority groups. Major medical groups should have the vaccine available to patients soon.

10.7 Legal Counsel Report

Quinn Barrow, Legal Counsel

Legal Counsel Quinn Barrow had nothing further to report.

**11. OTHER**

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

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

The next scheduled Board of Trustees meeting will be on Thursday, November 12, 2009. The meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the District's headquarters office at 12545 Florence Avenue, Santa Fe Springs, CA.

**The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.**