

GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT

MINUTES NO. 2010-03

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, March 11, 2010, at the District office at 12545 Florence Avenue, Santa Fe Springs, California.

TRUSTEES PRESENT

Sally Flowers, 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)*
Tina Baca Del Rio, *(City of Commerce)*
Mison Levi, *(City of Cudahy)*
Steve Tye, *(City of Diamond Bar)*
Meredith Perkins, *(City of Downey)*
Barry Bruce, *(City of Hawaiian Gardens)*
Rachel C. Johnson, *(City of Gardena)*
Armine Perian, *(City of Glendale)*
Jim Remington, *(City of La Habra Heights)*

Dr. James Lawson, *(County of Los Angeles)*
Ana Rosa Rizo, *(City of Maywood)*
Robert Campbell, Sec.-Treasurer *(City of Long Beach)*
Jim Morton, *(City of Lynwood)*
Dr. Frank Gomez, *(City of Montebello)*
Cheri Kelley, President, *(City of Norwalk)*
Bob Archuleta, *(City of Pico Rivera)*
Jeff Groseth, *(City of San Marino)*
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, Vice President *(City of Whittier)*

TRUSTEES ABSENT

Elba Romo, *(City of Huntington Park)*
Alma Martinez, *(City of Los Angeles)*
Tom Hansen, *(City of Paramount)*
Vacant, *(City of San Fernando)*

TRUSTEES ABSENT (EXCUSED)

Joseph Esquivel, *(City of Lakewood)*
Gabe Garcia, *(City of La Mirada)*
Robert Newman, *(City of Santa Clarita)*

OTHERS PRESENT

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Flowers called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

2. QUORUM (ROLL) CALL

Following the roll call, it is recorded that 28 Trustees were present and 7 were absent.

3. INVOCATION

Trustee Smith gave the invocation.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Trustee Lawson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

NONE

6. **INTRODUCTIONS**

President Flowers welcomed new Trustee Barry Bruce from Hawaiian Gardens. Trustee Bruce shared that he looks forward to serving on the Board. He is a pastor by trade and founded his ministry 27 years ago. Trustee Bruce is also a newly elected Councilman for the City of Hawaiian Gardens.

7. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Lilian Kawasaki, a candidate running for LAFCO Representative Alternate, asked the Board for its support and vote. Ms. Kawasaki is currently a manager for the Water Replenishment District and believes she has the background and experience necessary to fulfill the position's duties, if elected. Trustee Perkins asked Ms. Kawasaki if LAFCO would have the jurisdiction to overrule the action of a city dismantling its own fire department in order to hire one from a different county. Ms. Kawasaki responded that LAFCO deals with boundary changes and jurisdiction, and she does not believe LAFCO would deal with contract services.

Robert Apodaca also asked the Board for its support and vote as the LAFCO Representative Alternate. Mr. Apodaca is the incumbent candidate and has extensive experience working in the public sector and with many legislators. He has established good relationships with elected officials since taking this position and believes this would benefit the district. Trustee Perkins asked Robert if LAFCO would have the ability to overrule the decision of a city to change fire departments. Robert answered that he believes LAFCO could be part of that process although he was unsure of specifics.

8. **CONSENT AGENDA (8.1-8.6)**

- 8.1 Consideration of **Minutes 2010-02** of regular Board Meeting held on February 11, 2010. (**EXHIBIT A**)
- 8.2 Consideration of **Resolution 2010-04** Authorizing Payment of Attached Requisition Schedule for February 1, 2010 through February 28, 2010 (**EXHIBIT B**)
- 8.3 Consideration of one (1) County of Los Angeles Joint Property Tax Resolution (JPTR), *L 064-2009*. This resolution authorizes 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 territory identified in the resolution to provide revenue to the County Lighting Maintenance District (CLMD) 1697. A copy of the letter from the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works requesting this resolution is attached. (**EXHIBIT C**)
- 8.4 Consideration of two (2) Joint Tax Sharing Resolutions from the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County (Annexation No. *21-729 and SCV-1031*). Annexation No. 21-729 requests GLACVCD to allocate 0.0003115% of its current 0.0413% share of property tax resulting in a net share of 0.0409% to support services to an area being annexed to the County Sanitation District. Annexation No. SCV-1031 requests GLACVCD to allocate 0.0005802% of its current 0.0322% share of property tax resulting in a net share of 0.0316% to support services to an area being annexed to the County Sanitation District. (**EXHIBIT D**)
- 8.5 Purchase of two Polaris ATV's from previously approved FY 2009-2010 Budget Account #6010 A-62. (**EXHIBIT E**)
- 8.6 Consideration of request to reallocate funds from within FY 2009-2010 Budget Account #6010 A-62 for Argo purchase. (**EXHIBIT F**)

Dr. Wassem pulled item 8.1 and asked for a correction to the Minutes 2010-02 under item section 8.2 of the Consent Agenda. He stated he was the Trustee who inquired about the \$25,000 expenditure for mosquito pool testing and surveillance. Trustee Remington made the motion to approve items 8.1 through 8.6. Trustee Levi seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

9. CONSIDERATION OF CANDIDATES SEEKING ELECTION AND VOTE FOR LAFCO INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE (*EXHIBIT G*)

Trustee Kelly made the motion to support Jerry Gladbach for LAFCO representative. Trustee Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed with a majority vote.

Trustee Smith made the motion to support Robert Apodaca for LAFCO Representative Alternate. Trustee Madrigal seconded the motion. The motion passed with a majority vote.

10. STAFF PROGRAM REPORTS: FEBRUARY 2010

10.1 Manager's Report

Kenneth L. Bayless, General Manager

Ken reminded the Board that the NPDES decision by the Sixth Circuit Court had been appealed to the US Supreme Court. Ken informed the Board that the Supreme Court recently made the decision not to hear the appeal. Ken assured the Board that District staff members are staying current with NPDES and CEQA requirements and the District is prepared to handle the implications of the permitting process. He also stated that the District may shoulder a significant financial burden due to NPDES and CEQA. He will continue to keep the Board apprised of the District's progress.

Ken also relayed that the Directors are busy planning next year's budget recommendations for their departments. Ken is projecting a zero-growth budget for FY 2010-2011. He informed the Board that he hopes to have a final budget ready for the Board to view at May's Board of Trustees Meeting. Ken reminded the Board that Legislative Day will be held in Sacramento on April 6, 2010. Trustees Noushkam, Wassem and Williams have voiced interest in accompanying Ken to Legislative Day, and Ken asked other Trustees to confirm with him after the meeting if they would like to participate.

Trustee Noushkam asked Ken if the regional water quality control boards are going to adhere to the regulations made by the State. Ken responded that he has not had direct contact with the local water boards, but he heard at last month's MVCAC conference that the State would take precedence over the regional water boards. Director of Scientific-Technical Services Susanne Kluh reinforced that they expect local water boards to accept the State's policies.

Trustee Noushkam also asked if District staff members knew what type of water monitoring the State will be requiring. Susanne responded that for the first five years, vector control districts will provide research and data as requested by the State's water board; however, the details of the reports have yet to be determined.

Trustee Tye commended staff, saying he is very impressed with the positive attitude of District staff members and their flexibility to perform various tasks that might be outside of their specific job descriptions.

10.2 Scientific-Technical: (*Staff Report A*)

S. Kluh, Sci.-Tech Services Dir.

Susanne reported the State's risk assessment model for West Nile virus indicates California is currently at a Level 1. She warned, however, that this low risk assessment level will not remain for an extended period of time. Susanne has heard from unofficial sources that the first West Nile virus

positive dead birds have been identified for Los Angeles County. She is unaware of specifics, but confirmed that West Nile virus activity is beginning for the year.

10.3 Operations: (Staff Report B)

M. Daniel, Operations Dir.

Mark asked if the Board had any questions in regards to his written staff report. Mark then introduced Vector Control Specialist Bruce Cameron. Bruce presented a PowerPoint slideshow to the Board illustrating the many job responsibilities of the Operations Department. Bruce also demonstrated his work with computer software programs to create detailed maps for the department that they use to better identify and track breeding sources.

Bruce's presentation was followed by a number of questions and comments from Trustees. Trustee Wallace asked for an estimate of how many miles a certain map represented. Bruce answered that the map represented about eight square miles. Trustee Smith asked if there has ever been a problem with broken locks on manhole lids. USD Supervisor Kevin Vargas told the Board that this is not a significant problem in District territory. Trustee Bruce asked how many total Operations workers are at the District. Bruce answered that there are 37 specialists and approximately 20 more seasonal employees. Trustee Madrigal asked if it would be illegal to take metal from the manhole lids. Ken responded that it is definitely illegal. Trustee Wallace asked USD Supervisor Vargas to tell the Board the number of mosquitoes species that could be found underground. He responded that there are three species, and the *Culex quinquefasciatus* is the main carrier of West Nile virus. President Flowers asked how long the District has had the ArcGIS system. Bruce responded five years and that he has been working with it for that length of time. Trustee Gonzales asked if crew members will contact technicians in other regions if they find blockages. He also commended the Operations Department for its work. Mark responded that the District's Vector Control Specialists will take care of minor blockages if they can, otherwise, they will contact the appropriate organizations. Trustee Wasseem asked if Bruce's presentation has ever been presented to member cities. Mark answered that this presentation has not been made available at this moment, but it can be in the future. Trustee Remington congratulated Bruce on a great presentation and details made using ArcGIS. Trustee Madrigal also complimented the staff on the presentation and great work.

10.4 Community Affairs: (Staff Report C)

C. Brown, Public Info. Ofcr.

Public Information Officer Crystal Brown reported that the First Annual *Bite Back Against Mosquito Attacks!* Poster Contest submission deadline is March 12th. The winners will be announced during Mosquito Awareness Week in April. She also informed the Board that the Community Affairs Department is available to make public presentations in their cities at community centers, fairs, and city council meetings. Crystal also reported that the department's public relations campaign for the year will include radio and bus ads and will begin in the spring.

10.5 Fiscal: (Staff Report D)

C. Weeks, Finance Director

Carolyn directed the Board to her report and asked if anyone had any questions. Seeing none, she had nothing further to add.

10.6 Human Resources: (Staff Report E)

R. Miller, Human Resources Dir.

Robert directed the Board to his report and asked if anyone had any questions. Seeing none, he had nothing further to add.

10.7 Legal Counsel Report Q. Barrow, Legal Counsel

Counsel Barrow had nothing to report.

11. OTHER

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

12. ADJOURNMENT

The next Board of Trustees meeting will be scheduled on Thursday, April 8, 2010. The meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the District's headquarters office at 12545 Florence Avenue, Santa Fe Springs.