

GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT MINUTES NO. 2011-12

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, December 8, 2011, at the District office at 12545 Florence Avenue, Santa Fe Springs, California.

TRUSTEES PRESENT

Sally Flowers, (*City of Artesia*)
Danny Harber, (*City of Bell*)
Pedro Aceituno, (*City of Bell Gardens*)
Ray T. Smith, (*City of Bellflower*)
Dr. Jeff Wasseem, Sec.-Treasur. (*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*)
Elba Romo, (*City of Huntington Park*)
Rachel C. Johnson, (*City of Gardena*)
Joseph Esquivel, (*City of Lakewood*)

Jim Remington, (*City of La Habra Heights*)
Robert Campbell, Vice President (*City of Long Beach*)
Dr. James Lawson, (*County of Los Angeles*)
Jim Morton, (*City of Lynwood*)
Edward Varela, (*City of Maywood*)
Christina Cortez, (*City of Montebello*)
Cheri Kelley, (*City of Norwalk*)
Tom Hansen, (*City of Paramount*)
David Armenta, (*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, President (*City of Whittier*)

TRUSTEES ABSENT

Armine Perian, (*City of Glendale*)
Gabe Garcia, (*City of La Mirada*)
Steven Appleton, (*City of Los Angeles*)
Sylvia Ballin (*City of San Fernando*)
Robert Newman, (*City of Santa Clarita*)

OTHERS PRESENT

Kenneth L. Bayless, *General Manager*
Mark Daniel, *Director of Operations*
Susanne Klueh, *Director of Scientific-Tech. Services*
Truc Dever, *Director of Community Affairs*
Crystal Brow, *Public Information Officer*
Luke DeNitto, *Maintenance Supervisor*
Quinn Barrow, *Legal Counsel*

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Newcomer called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

2. QUORUM (ROLL) CALL

Following roll call, it was recorded that 30 Trustees were present and 5 were absent.

3. INVOCATION

Trustee Perkins gave the invocation.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Trustee Esquivel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

General Manager Kenneth Bayless read a letter from Trustee Perkins requesting to address the Board. Trustee Perkins announced that he would be retiring from the Board after 12 years of service. He individually recognized each of the Trustees and commented on everyone's contributions to the District. Trustee Perkins presented Director of Community Affairs Truc Dever with a check to be donated to the Greater Los Angeles Mosquito and Vector Control Public Health and Educational Foundation. President Newcomer and Ken presented him with a commemorative plaque honoring his service to the District.

6. INTRODUCTIONS

NONE

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

8. CONSENT AGENDA (8.1-8.4)

8.1 Consideration of **Minutes 2011-11** of regular Board Meeting held on November 10, 2011. (***EXHIBIT A***)

8.2 Consideration of **Resolution 2011-18** Authorizing Payment of Attached Requisition Schedule for November 1, 2011 through November 30, 2011 (***EXHIBIT B***)

8.3 Consideration of five (5) County of Los Angeles Joint Property Tax Resolutions (JPTR), for Petition Nos. *15-309, 20-410, 28-510, 57-1010* and *70-1110*. These resolutions authorize 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 territories identified in the resolution to provide revenue to the County Lighting Maintenance District (CLMD) 1687. (***EXHIBIT C***)

8.4 Consideration of one (1) Joint Tax Sharing Resolution from the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County (Annexation *No. SCV-1061*). This annexation number requests GLACVCD to allocate 0.0008984% of its current 0.050% share of property tax resulting in a net share of 0.0491% to support services to an area being annexed to the County Sanitation District. (***EXHIBIT D***)

Trustee Levi made the motion to approve the consent agenda. Trustee Morton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

9. REQUEST TO NOMINATE CANDIDATE TO SERVE AS LAFCO REPRESENTATIVE (*EXHIBIT E***)**

President Newcomer shared that a city councilmember cannot be a LAFCO representative for a special district. He, therefore, was not eligible for the nomination made at November's meeting. President Newcomer opened the floor to nominations. Trustee Lawson was nominated without opposition and approved as the Board's nominee.

10. **CONSIDERATION OF TWO TRUSTEES TO ATTEND THE MVCAC 80th ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN BURLINGAME, CA ON JANUARY 29 THROUGH FEBRUARY 1, 2012. (EXHIBIT F)**

Truc Dever announced that the MVCAC 80th Annual Conference would be held from January 29 through February 1, 2012 in Burlingame, California. Truc added that it will be a special conference because Ken will be serving as MVCAC President, and he has put together an excellent program. She asked if there were any Trustees interested in attending. Trustees Armenta, Wassem, and Kelley expressed interest in attending. Truc said that she would follow up with them after the meeting to confirm details.

11. **MVCAC SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGION TRUSTEE COUNCIL ELECTION RUNOFF (EXHIBIT G)**

Ken informed the Board that there was a tie in the election for Southern Region Representative on the MVCAC Trustee Council. The tie was between two candidates, Doug Walker from Coachella Valley MVCD and Cheryl Brothers from Orange County VCD. Ken explained to the Trustees that they would need to cast their vote in a run-off election. He continued by saying that the District would only submit one vote representative of all the Trustees based on their majority vote. Trustee Wallace asked how many people served on the MVCAC Trustee Council and Ken answered that there were five. **The Trustees voted and the Board will submit its vote to MVCAC for Doug Walker.**

12. **STAFF PROGRAM REPORTS: NOVEMBER 2011**

12.1 Manager's Report

Kenneth L. Bayless, General Manager

Ken thanked the Board on behalf of the staff for a wonderful year. He wished the Trustees a healthy, happy, and safe holiday season. He then shared that there were 13 Trustees with terms expiring at the end of the year. So far, Trustee Johnson has been reappointed for two years, Trustee Groseth for two years, Trustee Baca del Rio for two years, and Trustee Davila for four years. He continued that the reappointment of Trustees Gonzales, Perian, Cortez, and Madrigal have yet to be determined. Ken thanked Trustees Noushkam, Garcia, Morton, Esquivel, and Perkins for their service and informed the Board that they would not be returning. President Newcomer and Ken presented Trustee Esquivel with a commemorative plaque for his 22 years of service. Trustee Esquivel addressed the Trustees and staff, mentioning that it was a real pleasure to serve on the Board.

Ken invited all the Trustees to attend the District's Holiday Luncheon on December 14th. He informed them that lunch would be served around 11 a.m. and the event would conclude around 2 p.m.

12.2 Scientific-Technical: (Staff Report A)

S. Klueh, Sci.-Tech Services Dir.

Director of Scientific-Technical Services Susanne Klueh reported that West Nile virus activity has slowed for the year. Virus activity did not reach 2008 levels, although 2011 was still considered an epidemic year. Los Angeles County led the nation in West Nile virus activity this year with 62 human cases reported so far and 2 cases still pending. Forty-four of those cases fall within GLACVCD territory. Susanne continued her report by stating that lab staff are continuing to monitor for the Asian tiger mosquito. Fortunately, no new areas have shown activity. The District is taking advantage of what is referred to as diapause, or a time when eggs do not hatch, to prepare for spring. Susanne continued by saying that the last few summers have been

cooler with more moisture. It would help if next year summer weather is hot and very dry to help abate Asian tiger mosquito breeding.

12.3 Operations: (*Staff Report B*)

M. Daniel, Operations Dir.

Director of Operations Mark Daniel said that the Operations Department is refining its treatment regimen to combat the Asian tiger mosquito. Vector Control Specialists are revisiting the homes where breeding activity was found during door-to-door campaigns. GLACVCD is staying in contact with other districts. He shared that his staff members are very innovative and developing different control methods for eradicating the Asian tiger mosquito.

12.4 Community Affairs: (*Staff Report C*)

T. Dever, Community Affairs Dir.

Truc began her report by stating that her department is already gearing up for its 2012 educational campaign to inform the public about the Asian tiger mosquito. She continued by notifying the Board that GLACVCD staff and staff from the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District would be giving a brief presentation to Supervisor Gloria Molina's office on Friday, December 16 to update them on the Asian tiger mosquito activity. Truc stated that her staff is planning to consistently keep city councils and L.A. County Supervisors apprised of the Asian tiger mosquito activity in 2012. She asked the Trustees to please contact her if they would like for a GLACVCD representative to speak at their city council meetings. She wished the Trustees a happy holiday season on behalf of her department.

12.5 Fiscal: (*Staff Report D*)

C. Weeks, Finance Director

Director of Fiscal Operations Carolyn Weeks had nothing further to report.

12.6 Human Resources: (*Staff Report E*)

R. Miller, Human Resources Dir.

Director of Human Resources was absent from the meeting. Ken referred the Trustees to his report.

12.7 Legal Counsel Report

Q. Barrow, Legal Counsel

Legal Counsel Quinn Barrow had nothing to report.

13. OTHER

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

President Newcomer thanked the staff on behalf of the Board for a great year. He also thanked the Trustees.

Trustee Morton thanked staff and Trustees for the past four years. He commented that he would miss serving on the Board and that it is a great group of people.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The next Board of Trustees meeting will be scheduled on Thursday, January 12, 2012. The meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the District's headquarters office at 12545 Florence Avenue, Santa Fe Springs.

President Newcomer adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.