

**GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT
MINUTES NO. 2014-03**

The 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 13, 2014, at the District office at 12545 Florence Avenue, Santa Fe Springs, California.

TRUSTEES PRESENT

Ali Saleh, (*City of Bell*)
Ray T. Smith, (*City of Bellflower*)
Pedro Aceituno, President (*City of Bell Gardens*)
Dr. Jeff Wassem, (*City of Burbank*)
Harold Williams, Sec.-Treasurer (*City of Carson*)
Mark Bollman, (*City of Cerritos*)
Josue Barrios, (*City of Cudahy*)
Steve Tye, Vice Pres. (*City of Diamond Bar*)
Roger C. Brossmer, (*City of Downey*)
Armine Perian, (*City of Glendale*)
Barry Bruce, (*City of Hawaiian Gardens*)
Elba Guerrero, (*City of Huntington Park*)
Jim Remington, (*City of La Habra Heights*)
Steve Croft, (*City of Lakewood*)
Pauline Deal, (*City of La Mirada*)
Robert Campbell, (*City of Long Beach*)
Salvador Alatorre, (*City of Lynwood*)
Eddie De La Riva (*City of Maywood*)
Christina Cortez (*City of Montebello*)
Cheri Kelley, (*City of Norwalk*)
Tom Hansen, (*City of Paramount*)
Bob Archuleta, (*City of Pico Rivera*)
Nina Herrera, (*City of San Fernando*)
Clifton Jenkins, (*San Marino*)
Robert Newman, (*City of Santa Clarita*)
Michael Madrigal, (*City of Santa Fe Springs*)
Dr. Hazel Wallace, (*City of Signal Hill*)
Hector Delgado, (*City of South El Monte*)
Maria Davila, (*City of South Gate*)
Owen Newcomer, (*City of Whittier*)
Vasken Yardemian, (*County of Los Angeles*)

TRUSTEES ABSENT

Sally Flowers, (*City of Artesia*)
Tina Baca Del Rio, (*City of Commerce*)
Rachel C. Johnson, (*City of Gardena*)

TRUSTEES ABSENT (EXCUSED)

Steve Appleton, (*City of Los Angeles*)

OTHERS PRESENT

Truc Dever, *General Manager*
Susanne Klueh, *Director of Scientific-Tech. Services*
Mark Daniel, *Director of Operations*
Kelly Middleton, *Director of Community Affairs*
Rakesha Thomas, *Director of Human Resources*
Carolyn Weeks, *Director of Finance*
Luke De Nitto, *Maintenance Supervisor*
Levy Sun, *Public Information Officer*
Alhaji Kamara, *Accounting Clerk*
Quinn M. Barrow, *Legal Counsel*

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
President Aceituno called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- 2. QUORUM (ROLL) CALL**
Following roll call, it was recorded that 31 Trustees were present and 4 were absent.
- 3. INVOCATION**
Trustee Archuleta gave the invocation.
- 4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
Trustee Alatorre led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 5. CORRESPONDENCE**
NONE
- 6. INTRODUCTIONS**
NONE

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

8. CONSENT AGENDA (8.1-8.3)

- 8.1 Consideration of **Minutes 2014-02** of regular Board Meeting held on February 13, 2014. (*EXHIBIT A*)
- 8.2 Consideration of **Resolution 2014-06** Authorizing Payment of Attached Requisition Schedule for February 1, 2014 through February 28, 2014 (*EXHIBIT B*)
- 8.3 Consideration of one (1) County of Los Angeles Joint Property Tax Resolution (JPTR), for Tax Rate Area within Tract No. 72190. 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 (*EXHIBIT C*)

Dr. Wassem pulled item 8.1 to make a correction to page 8 of the Minutes.

Trustee Newcomer made a motion to approve the consent agenda with the correction noted on item 8.1. Trustee Kelley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

9. CONSIDERATION OF LAFCO REQUEST TO NOMINATE CANDIDATES TO SERVE AS SPECIAL DISTRICT LAFCO REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE (*EXHIBIT D*)

Truc Dever discussed a notice from LAFCO seeking nominations for a special district representative and an alternate for the next term. Applications are due April 7, 2014. She reminded the Board that Trustee Williams was recently nominated to run to fill a vacated alternate seat on the LAFCO Board. Following a question by Trustee Kelley, Trustee Williams thanked the Board but indicated he was not interested in running for a seat at this time.

Trustee Archuleta requested details regarding time commitments, meeting dates, etc. Truc Dever stated she would forward details to Trustee Archuleta. Since the Board will not meet again before the filing deadline, it was determined that the Board would proceed to vote on a nominee.

Trustee Newcomer nominated Trustee Archuleta and the motion was seconded by Trustee Tye. The motion passed unanimously with an abstention by Trustee Kelley.

10. CONSIDERATION OF 4 TRUSTEES TO ATTEND THE MVCAC LEGISLATIVE DAY IN SACRAMENTO, CA ON MARCH 26, 2014

Truc Dever requested 4 Trustees to attend MVCAC's Legislative Day in Sacramento with 4 of the District's staff.

President Aceituno called for volunteers: Trustee Wassem, Trustee Yardemian, and Trustee Williams expressed interest. President Aceituno agreed to attend as well. Truc Dever thanked all and reiterated the value of making these contacts.

Trustee Newcomer made a motion to approve attendance of the Legislative Day by Trustees and Staff and the motion was seconded by Trustee Archuleta. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

11. STAFF PROGRAM REPORTS: MARCH 2014

11.1 Manager's Report

Truc Dever, General Manager

Truc Dever referred to her written report for details and reminded Trustees to complete their Form 700 and submit to staff before the April 1 deadline with a reminder that the Conflict of Interest Office can levy a fine of \$100/day if not turned in on time.

Truc introduced new staff recently hired to the District: Kelly Middleton, Director of Community Affairs; and Rakesha Thomas, Director of Human Resources. Each gave a brief introduction about themselves and their background. Carolyn Weeks will introduce an additional new employee during her report. Truc also noted that the District will soon be hiring seasonal personnel and noted that we have already received our first indication of West Nile virus activity from two dead crows collected in the City of Long Beach.

11.2 Scientific-Technical: (Staff Report A) S. Kluh, Sci.-Tech Services Dir.

Susanne Kluh noted that surveillance staff will set traps and test mosquitoes collected from Long Beach, and reminded Trustees that while the mild winter has resulted in more mosquito activity than is usual this time of the year, it does not necessarily portend for higher disease activity.

Susanne was honored to be invited to meet with Dr. Ron Chapman, the Director of the California Department of Public Health. This District was selected to showcase vector control programs and operations in the Los Angeles area. Director Chapman, a member of the Governor's Drought Taskforce, was very interested in drought and its impact on mosquito breeding and public health risks.

Susanne opened the floor for questions. Following questions by several Trustees, Susanne discussed the 10-year West Nile virus research partnership with the University of California, Davis. Funding for that project has ended, and the District must now pay for all testing (approx. \$20/test). Testing will begin the end of April or early May unless disease activity warrants earlier testing. Trustee Wallace was provided with additional details of where the West Nile positive birds were found.

11.3 Operations: (Staff Report B) M. Daniel, Operations Dir.

Mark Daniel showed a video highlighting the District's commitment to Integrated Vector Management. Tom Veloz and others have developed a plow which attaches to the front of a Jeep and aids in debris removal from flood control channels and greatly reduces the need to apply pesticides to these waterways. Year-round 'urban drool' collects behind debris and vegetation that builds up in channels but is typically only cleaned by flood control once a year. This tool helps quickly move the debris and allow water to flow, thereby eliminating mosquito harborage. Mark Daniel referred Trustees to an excellent article in the March/April issue of *Stormwater Magazine* regarding stormwater management and mosquito control agencies and offered to forward the link to Trustees if desired.

11.4 Community Affairs: (Staff Report C) L. Sun, Public Info. Officer

Levy Sun noted that he and Kelly have been reviewing outreach strategies based on data received from Operations and Scientific Technical Services, and Kelly has also spent time with staff on the Bug Bus. Following notification of the West Nile positive birds in Long Beach, the Department issued its first press release which was picked up by several Long Beach media outlets. The department will be starting its outreach earlier this season including city council and senior center presentations and attendance at community fairs, and is currently updating the District's contact databases in preparation.

Levy reported that West Nile Virus & Mosquito & Vector Control Awareness Week is April 20-26. This is typically the kick off for our community outreach efforts, and at this time, we will announce the winners of the District's annual poster and essay contests.

Trustee Archuleta congratulated Levy on a very professional presentation to the Pico Rivera City Council highlighting how we operate to proactively protect public health as well as details about how mosquitoes thrive in neighborhoods and what residents should do to protect themselves.

11.5 Fiscal: (*Staff Report D*)

C. Weeks, Finance Director

Carolyn Weeks introduced Alhaji Kamara, the District's long awaited Accounting Clerk who took a few moments to introduce himself to the Board.

11.6 Legal Counsel Report (*Staff Report E*)

Q. Barrow, Legal Counsel

Legal Counsel had nothing to report.

12. OTHER

Trustee Reports from the Mosquito & Vector Control Association of California Annual Conference in San Diego, CA:

Trustee Davila reported her surprise at learning the extent of the problems vector control districts deal with and was impressed with the high degree of technical presentations given. Trustee Davila congratulated District staff who gave presentations to attendees and requested the ability to go on a ride along with field technicians to learn more about problems in her city.

Trustee Bollman provided a hard copy of his report and appreciated the opportunity to attend this meeting. He was overwhelmed by the quality and technical aspect of the presentations and the opportunity for collaboration with experts across the State. Trustee Bollman will be reaching out to local Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) to establish an outreach partnership similar to that discussed by San Mateo Vector Control District. He requests the District set up a plan for new trustees to attend a conference during their first year of service because of the tremendous benefit afforded by these meetings.

Trustee Williams thanked staff for presenting the most powerful presentations and agreed that all trustees should take the opportunity to attend such meetings. Trustee Williams recognized the significance of the District's underground program and will work to connect staff with the City and County Engineer's Association to establish future coordination and avoid preventable issues.

Truc Dever thanked Trustees for their kind comments, and noted that the FY 14/15 Budget will include additional opportunities for Trustee attendance at future meetings.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The next Board of Trustees meeting will be scheduled on Thursday, April 10, 2014. The meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the District's headquarters office at 12545 Florence Avenue, Santa Fe Springs.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.