

**GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT
MINUTES NO. 2014-04**

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, April 10, 2014, at the District office at 12545 Florence Avenue, Santa Fe Springs, California.

TRUSTEES PRESENT

Sally Flowers, (*City of Artesia*)
Ali Saleh, (*City of Bell*)
Ray T. Smith, (*City of Bellflower*)
Pedro Aceituno, President (*City of Bell Gardens*)
Dr. Jeff Wassem, (*City of Burbank*)
Mark Bollman, (*City of Cerritos*)
Josue Barrios, (*City of Cudahy*)
Roger C. Brossmer, (*City of Downey*)
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*)
Steve Appleton, (*City of Los Angeles*)
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*)
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*)

TRUSTEES ABSENT

Harold Williams, Sec.-Treasurer (*City of Carson*)
Steve Tye, Vice Pres. (*City of Diamond Bar*)
Rachel C. Johnson, (*City of Gardena*)
Armine Perian, (*City of Glendale*)
Vacant, (*County of Los Angeles*)
Robert Newman, (*City of Santa Clarita*)

TRUSTEES ABSENT (EXCUSED)

Tina Baca Del Rio, (*City of Commerce*)

OTHERS PRESENT

Truc Dever, *General Manager*
Susanne Klueh, *Director of Scientific-Tech. Services*
Mark Daniel, *Director of Operations*
Rakesha Thomas, *Director of Human Resources*
Carolyn Weeks, *Director of Finance*
Luke De Nitto, *Maintenance Supervisor*
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 28 Trustees were present and 7 were absent.
- 3. INVOCATION**
Trustee Campbell gave the invocation.
- 4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
Trustee De La Riva led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 5. CORRESPONDENCE**
NONE
- 6. INTRODUCTIONS**
NONE
- 7. PUBLIC COMMENT**
NONE

8. CONSENT AGENDA (8.1-8.2)

- 8.1 Consideration of **Minutes 2014-03** of the regular Board Meeting held on March 13, 2014. (*EXHIBIT A*)
- 8.2 Consideration of **Resolution 2014-07** Authorizing Payment of Attached Requisition Schedule for March 1, 2014 through March 31, 2014 (*EXHIBIT B*)

Trustee Newcomer made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Trustee Archuleta seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

9. STAFF PROGRAM REPORTS: APRIL 2014

9.1 Manager's Report

Truc Dever, General Manager

Truc Dever reported that staff recently determined that approximately 6,000 parcels of the La Crescenta/Montrose community (unincorporated L.A. County), which have been serviced for decades by this District, were found not to be within our sphere of influence nor is the District receiving any revenues in support of those services. In addition, Vasken Yardemian, the Board's Trustee from Los Angeles County, had to be notified that because he resides in La Crescenta, he is ineligible to serve on the Board. Truc is working with Paul Novak, LAFCO and District Legal Counsel to find a solution. Staff will stop servicing the area until a service contract can be initiated with Los Angeles County, and with the Board's direction, will continue to evaluate options for annexation. Staff will be conducting a thorough audit of all boundaries.

Truc noted that the CEQA notice of exemption for the La Canada Flintridge annexation has been filed. The LAFCO application will be hand-delivered by Truc and staff next week. The \$8,000 application fee will be paid with funds provided by La Canada Flintridge.

9.2 Scientific-Technical: (Staff Report A)

S. Kluh, Sci.-Tech Services Dir.

Susanne Kluh updated the Board regarding the WNV positive birds reported last month from Long Beach. All early-season mosquito samples collected in and around the area were negative. Trustee Campbell thanked Susanne for the extra effort in the city of Long Beach and encouraged her to continue working closely with the city health department.

9.3 Operations: (Staff Report B)

M. Daniel, Operations Dir.

Mark Daniel began his report by highlighting a voice message received by a resident praising Operations Assistant, Becky Anderson and Vector Control Specialist, Alan O'Connell for their extraordinary professionalism. All staff recently attended a continuing education session, which was required to maintain state certification to apply pesticides. Five staff from GLACVCD gave presentations including Susanne Kluh, Rande Gallant, Kevin Vargas, Steve Vetrone, and Mark Daniel.

Truc thanked all staff for stepping up to the plate and providing informative and engaging presentations that were very well received by the audience.

9.4 Community Affairs: (Staff Report C)

K. Middleton, Dir. of Comm. Affairs

Truc gave a brief report on behalf of Kelly Middleton and Levy Sun who were unable to attend. The Department recently sent emails to city managers, city staff, and council members announcing Mosquito Awareness Week and requesting cities participate in WNV education. Each was provided an order form for literature, the District public service announcement, and a request to notify staff of upcoming events or council meetings we might attend.

Truc also played a brief video produced by Levy highlighting the arrival of the District's new sentinel chickens used in WNV surveillance.

9.5 Finance: (Staff Report D)

C. Weeks, Finance Director

Carolyn discussed information received from ADP warning of new 'ransom' malware capable of hijacking files and requiring payment to regain access. She cautioned everyone to avoid clicking links in suspicious emails.

9.6 Human Resources: (Staff Report E)

R. Thomas, Human Resources Dir.

Rakesha Thomas had nothing further to report and offered to answer any questions.

9.7 Legal Counsel Report:

S. Flower, Legal Counsel

Legal Counsel had nothing to report.

10. OTHER

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

- Trustee Reports from the Mosquito & Vector Control Association of California Annual Legislative Day in Sacramento CA.

Trustee Wassem noted that he worked with Susanne Klueh and visited four state assembly members. They discussed AB 896 – mosquito best management practices, the potential future use of drones for mosquito control, CEQA updates, and ended by thanking Mark for providing him the link to ProMED email updates.

President Aceituno worked with Mark and noted that the 4th floor was quite busy that day with media and FBI in response to the indictment of Senator Yee. They spoke with quite a few legislators on the same topics. President Aceituno highly encouraged other Trustees to attend in the future.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The next Board of Trustees meeting will be scheduled on Thursday, May 8, 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 7:30 p.m.