

GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT MINUTES NO. 2016-04

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 14, 2016, at the District office at 12545 Florence Avenue, Santa Fe Springs, California.

TRUSTEES PRESENT

Sally Flowers, *(City of Artesia)*
Ali Saleh, *(City of Bell) *7:16 pm*
Ray T. Smith, *(City of Bellflower)*
Pedro Aceituno, *(City of Bell Gardens)*
Dr. Jeff Wassem, *(City of Burbank)*
Elito Santarina, *(City of Carson)*
Mark Bollman, Sec.-Treasurer *(City of Cerritos)*
Baru Sanchez, *(City of Cudahy) *7:10 pm*
Steve Tye, *(City of Diamond Bar)*
Roger C. Brossmer, *(City of Downey)*
Dan Medina, *(City of Gardena)*
Elba Guerrero, *(City of Huntington Park)*
David Spence, *(City of La Cañada Flintridge)*
Jim Remington, *(City of La Habra Heights)*
Steve Croft, Vice President *(City of Lakewood)*
Pauline Deal, *(City of La Mirada)*
Robert Campbell, *(City of Long Beach)*
Steve Appleton, *(City of Los Angeles)*
Martin Kreisler, *(County of Los Angeles)*
Salvador Alatorre, *(City of Lynwood)*
Cheri Kelley, *(City of Norwalk)*
Tom Hansen, *(City of Paramount)*
Bob Archuleta, *(City of Pico Rivera)*
Nina Herrera, *(City of San Fernando)*
Scott Kwong, *(City of San Marino)*
Luis Gonzalez, *(City of Santa Fe Springs) *7:11 pm*
Dr. Hazel Wallace, *(City of Signal Hill)*
Maria Davila, President *(City of South Gate)*

TRUSTEES ABSENT

Barry Bruce, *(City of Hawaiian Gardens)*
Hector Delgado, *(City of South El Monte)*

TRUSTEES ABSENT (EXCUSED)

Tina Baca Del Rio, *(City of Commerce)*
Eddie De La Riva *(City of Maywood)*
Owen Newcomer, *(City of Whittier)*
Tina Szumanski, *(City of Santa Clarita)*

OTHERS PRESENT

Truc Dever, *General Manager*
Mark Daniel, *Director of Operations*
Susanne Kluh, *Director of Scientific-Technical Services*
Kelly Middleton, *Director of Community Affairs*
Carolyn Weeks, *Director of Fiscal Operations*
Rakesha Thomas, *Director of Human Resources*
Levy Sun, *Public Information Officer*
Quinn Barrow, *Legal Counsel*

VACANT

City of Glendale
City of Montebello

** Denotes time of late arrival (vote tallies on agenda items reflect actual Trustees present at time of vote)*

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Davila called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M.

2. QUORUM (ROLL) CALL

Following roll call, it was recorded that 25 Trustees were present and 9 were absent. Three Trustee arrived after roll call. Two positions are currently vacant.

3. INVOCATION

Trustee Archuleta gave the invocation.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Trustee Guerrero led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

General Manager Truc Dever reported on correspondence received from LAFCO legal counsel with the results of the recent Special District representative election. Donald Dear received 17 votes and was elected to serve as the LAFCO representative with a term ending May 2020.

6. **INTRODUCTIONS**

(Introductions requested by staff or Trustees of persons attending the meeting are made at this time).

7. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

(This time is reserved for members of the public to address the Board relative to matters of business on and off the agenda. Comments will be limited to three minutes per person).

8. **CONSENT AGENDA (8.1-8.5)**

VOTE REQUIRED

8.1 Consideration of **Minutes 2016-03** of regular Board Meeting held on March 10, 2016. ***(EXHIBIT A)***

8.2 Consideration of **Resolution 2016-05** Authorizing Payment of Attached Requisition March 1, 2016 through March 31, 2016. ***(EXHIBIT B)***

8.3 Consideration of County of Los Angeles Negotiated Tax Exchange Resolution (NTER), for Petition No. 31-515. 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) 1687. A copy of the letter from the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works requesting these resolutions are attached. ***(EXHIBIT C)***

Analysis: The NTERs from the County of Los Angeles are similar to previous L.A. County tax sharing resolutions and seek to generate revenue to partially fund the services of CLMD 1687 as noted above. Similar resolutions have previously been adopted by the Board; territory tract number L 005-2013 relates to funding for the operation and maintenance of new street lighting services for the city of Carson. L 080-2008 relates to funding for the Rowland Heights area. Tract No. 60999 relates to funding for the Saugus Area and Petition No. 13-412 relates to areas in the City of Diamond Bar. Although the District gives up a negligible share of its ad valorem property taxes in these exchanges, in subsequent years, that amount would generally be regained, if not exceeded, due to an increase in property values associated with services provided by the CLMD.

8.4 Consideration of District's FY 15/16 Goals Status Report for the third quarter. ***(EXHIBIT D)***

Summary: Upon adoption of the District's FY 15/16 Budget, the Board of Trustees requested a quarterly update on the status of departmental goals enumerated in the budget document.

8.5 Consideration of staff request to make adjustments to FY 15/16 budget line items to facilitate needed repair to parking lot light poles at the Santa Fe Springs facility. ***(EXHIBIT E)***

Truc requested President Davila pull 8.1 and 8.5 from the consent agenda. Trustee Alatorre made a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Trustee Guerrero and approved unanimously.

Item 8.1: The minutes will be amended to correctly note that Trustees Guerrero and Newcomer were absent (not excused). **Trustee Deal made a motion to approve item 8.1. The item was seconded by Trustee Kreisler and approved unanimously.**

Item 8.5: Truc noted that updated information was provided to Trustees showing that sufficient savings exist to replace all of the existing outdated light poles in the Santa Fe Springs facility parking lot and requests the Board approve this expenditure. **Trustee Archuleta made a motion to approve the amended Item 8.5. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tye and approved unanimously.**

9. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

9.1 Policy Committee

J. Wassem, Chair

- Consideration of District's revised Sick Leave Policy for all employees. **(EXHIBIT F)**
VOTE REQUIRED

Trustee Wassem reported that the Committee met to discuss the revised Sick Leave Policy and agreed with the revisions with one amendment: the subject title will change to Sick Leave Policy.

Trustee Spence made a motion to approve the Policy with the noted amendment. The motion was seconded by Trustee Wassem and approved unanimously.

9.2 Education & Publicity Committee

P. Deal, Chair

- Review of Outreach Department programs
- VecMobile status and programmatic needs

Trustee Deal reported that staff provided a presentation reviewing the District's communications and outreach programs reaching more than a half-million residents via social media and digital advertising alone. She also reported that in recent weeks, the VecMobile has faced several significant mechanical issues, and it has been determined by staff that the VecMobile has reached the end of its serviceable life. The District maintains \$125,000 in the MEU Reserve Account, but based on estimates received, the amount is insufficient. The Committee will continue to review funding and purchasing options and hopes the Board will consider increasing the reserve limit in the future.

In response to Trustee Kelley's questions, Truc noted that the reserve account is likely sufficient to purchase just the shell but not to outfit the vehicle for the outreach program. As this was a very recent development, additional funds for the replacement were not part of the proposed FY 16/17 budget reviewed by the Budget Committee. Truc noted that the Maintenance Department was able to get the vehicle back on the road in hopes that it can finish the school year, and that staff will be looking at budgetary options in the next week.

Trustee Medina encouraged all Trustees to subscribe or 'like' the District's Facebook, Twitter, and other social media pages to help promote our messages to all followers.

10. **CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATE DATE FOR THE MAY 12, 2016 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING** **VOTE REQUIRED**

Due to conflicts with the California Contract Cities 57th Annual Municipal Seminar scheduled May 12-15, 2016, staff recommends rescheduling the Board meeting to Thursday May 19, 2016 at 7:00PM.

Trustee Flowers made a motion to continue the Board of Trustees meeting to May 19th. The motion was seconded by Trustee Guerrero and was approved. Trustee Kreisler voted no.

11. STAFF PROGRAM REPORTS: MARCH 2016

10.1 Manager's Report

T. Dever, General Manager

Truc thanked Trustees Saleh, Bollman, Davila, and Aceituno and staff members who attended the recent MVCAC Legislative Day in Sacramento. SB 1246 was just amended and will be heard April 20th in the Environmental Quality Committee. Truc thanked everyone for their aggressive and comprehensive outreach opposing this bill on behalf of the District. The Budget and Finance Committee will meet April 20th at 5:30pm to review the first draft of the FY 16/17 budget.

In response to Trustee Kreisler's request for additional info on the amendments to SB 1246, Truc reported that MVCAC will continue to oppose this bill regardless of amendments since any amendment could still limit our ability to respond to an emergency in a timely manner. Susanne added the bill impacts other districts in the state to a greater degree because of their need to do more regular aerial treatments. In response to Trustee Wassem's question, Susanne noted that all applications are covered under an existing cooperative agreement with the California Department of Public Health, and that they are not in support of this bill. Trustee Tye pointed out the District's goal is to provide safe and responsive vector control, and urged a unanimous vote on this item. Susanne summarized feedback received from legislative staff during MVCAC Legislative Day, and Truc noted that MVCAC will continue to aggressively fight this bill.

Trustee Kreisler inquired about the feasibility of the Board submitting a resolution in strong opposition to this bill. Legal Counsel Barrow noted that because the amendments to SB 1246 were added after the Board agenda was posted, and action would need to be taken before the next agenda, with Board approval, this item can be added to the agenda. **Trustee Spence made a motion to add a discussion of a resolution in opposition to SB 1246 to the agenda. Trustee Appleton seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.** After a lengthy discussion, **Trustee Saleh made a motion to draft a resolution opposing SB 1246 to be signed by the President of the Board and sent to the Senate Environmental Committee and State legislators representing the GLACVCD service area. The motion was seconded by Trustee Spence and passed unanimously.** A copy of the resolution will also be sent to each member city, and Trustees will reach out to their contacts for their support.

10.2 Scientific-Technical: (Staff Report A)

S. Kluh, Sci.-Tech Services Dir.

Susanne thanked the Trustees who joined staff in Sacramento for Legislative Day, and reported that she had just received confirmation of the first WNV positive mosquito sample for the year from the city of Sunland. Trustee Flowers asked for a brief update on the Zika virus. She noted that the Federal government is currently discussing allocation of federal funds towards Zika prevention, showing their level of concern. Susanne reported that researchers continue to find data pointing to more severe complications associated with Zika infection. She noted that the District recently hosted a regional taskforce meeting among agencies to plan for the management of both WNV and Zika virus. Because California is expected to be of lower risk for localized Zika transmission, she didn't expect much of the federal funding to make it to California. The link to microcephaly has now been confirmed.

10.3 Operations: (Staff Report B)

M. Daniel, Operations Dir.

Mark thanked Dr. Wassem and the Burbank Police Department for their helicopter assistance again this year to search for green pools. Twenty six pools were spotted, 13 of them were actively breeding, and six additional pools would have been breeding in the very near future. He also thanked Trustee Appleton for assisting Supervisor Kevin Vargas in a meeting with LA County Bureau of Sanitation to discuss manhole covers that had been paved over, eliminating access to inspect and treat the city underground system. Trustee Appleton reported that funds will be set aside to rectify this problem, and that the city noted that they could react more quickly if needed in an emergency situation. He hopes to establish a working protocol/process that will solidify future cooperation. Mark looks forward to working with Trustee Kwong to finalize a date for a ride-along in the coming weeks.

10.4 Community Affairs: (Staff Report C)

K. Middleton, Comm. Affairs Dir.

Kelly noted that Sunday begins West Nile Virus and Mosquito Control Awareness Week which kicks off our 'official' outreach program to cities. Materials will be provided along with a request to assist us in reaching their constituents throughout the coming season. Levy will issue press releases each week to city managers and council members with WNV updates. She reported on a recent presentation to

San Marino City Council, and Dr. Wallace took time to thank Levy for visiting the Signal Hill Council meeting. She encouraged all Trustees to take advantage of these presentations. Trustee Kwong agreed that these presentations are very informative.

10.5 Fiscal: *(Staff Report D)*

Carolyn had no additional information to add to her report, and offered to answer any questions.

C. Weeks, Finance Director

10.6 Human Resources: *(Staff Report E)*

Rakesha offered to answer questions from Trustees.

R. Thomas, Human Resources Dir.

10.7 Legal Counsel Report

No report from Legal Counsel

Q. Barrow, Legal Counsel

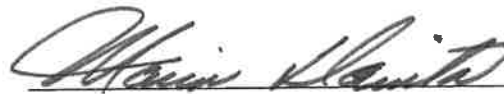
11. OTHER

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 meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

The next Board of Trustees meeting will be continued to Thursday, May 19, 2016. The meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the District's headquarters at 12545 Florence Avenue, Santa Fe Springs.



President



Secretary-Treasurer