

**GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT
MINUTES NO. 2021 – 09**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 9, 2021, via teleconference at the District office at 12545 Florence Avenue, Santa Fe Springs, California.

TRUSTEES PRESENT

Melissa Ramoso, *City of Artesia*
Ali Saleh, *City of Bell* *7:12pm
Pedro Aceituno, *City of Bell Gardens*
Sonny Santa Ines, *City of Bellflower*
Dr. Jeff Wassem, *City of Burbank*
Elito Santarina, *City of Carson*
Mark Bollman, *City of Cerritos*
Leonard Mendoza, *City of Commerce*
Baru Sanchez, *City of Cudahy* *7:26pm
Robert Kiefer, *City of Downey*
Dan Medina, *City of Gardena*
Vrej Agajanian, *City of Glendale*
Catherine Houwen, *City of La Habra Heights*
Marilyn Sanabria, *Huntington Park*
Leonard Pieroni, *City of La Cañada Flintridge*
Steve Croft, *City of Lakewood*
John Lewis, *City of La Mirada*
Emily Holman, Vice President- *City of Long Beach*
Steven Goldsworthy, *Los Angeles County*
Marisela Santana, *City of Lynwood*
Jessica Torres, *City of Maywood*
Avik Cordeiro, *City of Montebello* *7:06pm
Ana Valencia, *City of Norwalk*
Isabel Aguayo, *City of Paramount* *7:25pm
Raul Elias, *City of Pico Rivera*
Scott Kwong, Sec-Treasurer - *City of San Marino*
Jesse H. Avila, *City of San Fernando*
Joe Angel Zamora, *City of Santa Fe Springs*
Robert Copeland, *City of Signal Hill*
Hector Delgado, *City of South El Monte*
Denise Diaz, *City of South Gate*
Leticia Lopez, *City of Vernon*
Jessica Martinez, *City of Whittier*

TRUSTEES ABSENT

Steve Tye, *City of Diamond Bar*
Luis Roa, *City of Hawaiian Gardens*
Steve Appleton, *City of Los Angeles*

TRUSTEES ABSENT (EXCUSED)

Heidi Heinrich, President - *City of Santa Clarita*

OTHERS PRESENT

Truc Dever, *General Manager*
Mark Daniel, *Director of Operations*
Susanne Klueh, *Director of Scientific-Technical Services*
Mary-Joy Coburn, *Director of Communications*
Carolyn Weeks, *Director of Fiscal Operations*
Allison Bradley, *Director of Human Resources*
Anais Medina Diaz, *Public Information Officer*
Stephanie Cao, *General Counsel*

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Holman called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. The meeting was held via teleconference pursuant to Governor Newsom's Executive Orders in the interest of maintaining appropriate social distancing.

2. **QUORUM (ROLL) CALL**

Following roll call, it was recorded that 29 Trustees were present and eight were absent. Four Trustees joined the meeting after roll call bringing the total to 33 Trustees present and four absent.

3. **INVOCATION**

The invocation was conducted by Trustee Santarina.

4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The pledge of allegiance was led by Vice President Holman.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

NONE

6. **INTRODUCTIONS**

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

General Manager Dever introduced the newest Board member appointed to represent the City of Vernon, Trustee Leticia Lopez. Trustee Lopez shared that she has been serving the City of Vernon for the past six years as an elected Council Member and is excited to join the GLACVCD Board.

General Manager Dever also introduced Stephanie Cao who would be serving as General Counsel for the September meeting.

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).

NONE

8. **CONSENT AGENDA (8.1 – 8.3)**

(VOTE REQUIRED)

8.1 Consideration of **Minutes 2021-08** of regular Board Meeting held on August 12th, 2021.
(EXHIBIT A)

8.2 Consideration of **Resolution 2021-15** Authorizing Payment of Attached Requisition August 1 through August 31, 2021. ***(EXHIBIT B)***

8.3 Consideration of County of Los Angeles Negotiation Tax Exchange Resolution (NTER), related to the annexation of Project No. 32-37A (L 155-0A). This resolution authorizes the County of Los Angeles and GLACVCD to collectively approve and accept the negotiated territory identified in the resolution to provide revenue to the County Lighting Maintenance District 1697. A copy of the letter from the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works requesting this resolution is attached. ***(EXHIBIT C)***

Analysis: The NTERs from the County of Los Angeles are similar to previous LA County tax sharing resolutions and seek to generate revenue to partially fund the services of CLMD 1697. Similar resolutions have previously been adopted by the Board. This Petition relates to funding for the operation and maintenance of new street lighting services for properties in Carson. Although the District gives up a negligible share of its ad valorem property taxes in this

exchange, 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.

Trustee Croft made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Trustee Sanabria and approved unanimously.

9. CONSIDERATION TO MOVE OR CANCEL NOVEMBER 11, 2021 BOARD MEETING DUE TO VETERANS DAY HOLIDAY.

After discussion, the Board agreed to move the November meeting to Thursday, November 18, 2021, at 7:00 pm.

10. STAFF PROGRAM REPORTS: AUGUST 2021

10.1 Manager's Report

T. Dever, General Manager

General Manager Dever shared the month's "Kudos Board" video that highlighted and acknowledged the hard work staff are doing in the field and at the District. Commendations were submitted by residents and managers to thank staff for their excellent service.

Additionally, she shared that the Ad Hoc Facilities Expansion Committee met during the month of September to receive an update from the staff task force, and committee members provided more guidance and action items to the task force.

With President Biden's recent announcement regarding vaccination mandates, the District's administration will be waiting for further guidance from OSHA and Cal/OSHA on how it will impact the District, which currently employs over 100 full-time and seasonal staff.. General Manager Dever will keep the Board informed of any new developments.

Dr. Wassem inquired if the District had disseminated a survey to determine how many staff members have voluntarily been vaccinated. HR Director Bradley reported that 62% of full-time staff are currently vaccinated, and the rate increases to 64% with the addition of seasonal staff. General Manager Dever also shared that the District is reimplementing some of the safety protocols that were in place at the beginning of the pandemic like social distancing, masking mandates, and staggered shifts for all departments.

10.2 Scientific-Technical: (Staff Report A)

S. Klueh, Sci.-Tech Services Dir.

Director Klueh reported that the District's West Nile virus activity has been relatively low, as have *Culex* mosquito populations. The District continues to look at innovative technologies and approaches to control *Aedes* mosquitoes. She also reported that Vice President Holman shared that the Long Beach Public Health Department identified a human case for West Nile virus outside of the District's jurisdiction. This additional human detection brings the County's human case count to two.

Director Klueh highlighted her staff member Rande Gallant and his contributions to the District's midge program.

10.3 Operations (Staff Report B)

M. Daniel, Operations Dir.

Director Daniel did not have anything to add to his report.

10.4 Community Affairs (Staff Report C)

M.J. Coburn, Communications Dir.

Director Coburn shared that the District relaunched its website and new domain change on September 9th. The new website, GLAmosquito.org, will provide residents with a user-friendly and more intuitive platform to easily find resources, brochures, and information.

Secondly, the education program also redesigned their Mosquito SWAT lab website (www.mosquitolab.org) to provide users with a fresh look and make it more accessible for students and educators to find content, social media, and curriculum. In addition, the Education Program have also launched a new video game program embedded on their website, which she demonstrated live.

Furthermore, Director Coburn thanked cities, trustees, and neighborhood councils for sharing the District's message on their social media platforms and websites. For the month of October, the District will be working with the city of Artesia and Cerritos to provide a joint Mosquito Watch presentation for their residents and urged Trustees to reach out if they were interested in supporting something similar in their community.

Lastly, Director Coburn shared a news segment produced by Spectrum News 1 which featured Trustee Bollman.

10.5 Fiscal (Staff Report D)

C. Weeks, Finance Director

Director Weeks did not have anything to add to her report.

10.6 Human Resources (Staff Report E)

A. Bradley, Human Resources Dir.

Director Bradley reminded the Trustees that Employee Appreciation Day would be taking place virtually on Tuesday, October 5th and invited anyone interested to attend.

10.7 General Counsel Report

S. Cao, General Counsel

No 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).

NONE

12. ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Holman adjourned the meeting at 7:41 p.m. The next Board of Trustees meeting will be scheduled on Thursday, October 14, 2021 at 7:00 PM via Zoom teleconference.