

**GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT
MINUTES NO. 2015-08**

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, August 13, 2015, at the District office at 12545 Florence Avenue, Santa Fe Springs, California.

TRUSTEES PRESENT

Sally Flowers, (*City of Artesia*)
Ali Saleh, (*City of Bell*)
Pedro Aceituno, (*City of Bell Gardens*)
Dr. Jeff Wassem, (*City of Burbank*)
Harold Williams, Vice Pres. (*City of Carson*)
Mark Bollman, (*City of Cerritos*)
Baru Sanchez, (*City of Cudahy*)
Steve Tye, President (*City of Diamond Bar*)
Roger C. Brossmer, (*City of Downey*)
Armine Perian, (*City of Glendale*) *7:06pm
Barry Bruce, (*City of Hawaiian Gardens*) *7:08pm
David Spence, (*City of La Cañada Flintridge*)
Jim Remington, (*City of La Habra Heights*)
Steve Croft, (*City of Lakewood*)
Pauline Deal, (*City of La Mirada*)
Robert Campbell, (*City of Long Beach*)
Martin Kreisler, (*County of Los Angeles*)
Salvador Alatorre, (*City of Lynwood*)
Eddie De La Riva (*City of Maywood*)
Cheri Kelley, (*City of Norwalk*)
Tom Hansen, (*City of Paramount*)
Bob Archuleta, (*City of Pico Rivera*)
Nina Herrera, (*City of San Fernando*)
Michael Madrigal, (*City of Santa Fe Springs*) *7:08pm
Maria Davila, Sec.-Treasurer (*City of South Gate*)
Owen Newcomer, (*City of Whittier*)

TRUSTEES ABSENT

Ray T. Smith, (*City of Bellflower*)
Elba Guerrero, (*City of Huntington Park*)
Steve Appleton, (*City of Los Angeles*)
Clifton Jenkins, (*City of San Marino*)
Dr. Hazel Wallace, (*City of Signal Hill*)
Hector Delgado, (*City of South El Monte*)

TRUSTEES ABSENT (EXCUSED)

Tina Baca Del Rio, (*City of Commerce*)
Rachel C. Johnson, (*City of Gardena*)
Christina Cortez (*City of Montebello*)
Tina Szumanski, (*City of Santa Clarita*)

OTHERS PRESENT

Truc Dever, *General Manager*
Mark Daniel, *Director of Operations*
Susanne Klueh, *Director of Scientific-Tech Services*
Kelly Middleton, *Director of Community Affairs*
Carolyn Weeks, *Director of Fiscal Operations*
Rakesha Thomas, *Director of Human Resources*
Levy Sun, *Public Information Officer*
Luke DeNitto, *Maintenance Supervisor*
Quinn Barrow, *Legal 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 Williams called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

2. QUORUM (ROLL) CALL

Following roll call, it was recorded that 23 Trustees were present and 10 were absent. Three Trustees arrived after roll call.

3. INVOCATION

Trustee Bollman gave the invocation.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Cindy Sanchez from Dyer Elementary School led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

NONE

6. INTRODUCTIONS

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

- New Trustee from the city of Cudahy – Baru Sanchez

General Manager Truc Dever welcomed Trustee Sanchez and provided him with an opportunity to introduce himself.

- 2015 “*Bite Back Against Mosquito Attacks*” Poster Contest and “*How Vector Control is Important to My Community*” Essay Writing Contest Winners:
 - Poster Contest: Brianna Contreras, 5th Grade, Dyer Elem., Sylmar
 - Essay Contest: Cindy Sanchez, 5th Grade, New River Elem., Norwalk

Kelly noted that both the winning poster and essay were posted in the lobby. Unfortunately, Poster Contest winner, Brianna Contreras, was unable to attend the meeting. Kelly introduced Essay Contest winner, Cindy Sanchez, from New River Elementary. Andy Pak provided a brief overview of the program and invited Cindy to read a portion of her essay to the Board. Her excellent essay was well received and a certificate highlighting her achievement was presented by President Tye.

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 (8.1-8.5)**
VOTE REQUIRED

8.1 Consideration of **Minutes 2015-07** of regular Board Meeting held on July 9, 2015. (***EXHIBIT A***)

8.2 Consideration of **Resolution 2015-13** Authorizing Payment of Attached Requisition Schedule for July 1, 2015 through July 31, 2015. (***EXHIBIT B***)

8.3 Consideration of County of Los Angeles Negotiated Tax Exchange Resolutions (NTER) for Tax Rate Areas 01085 and 01184 in conjunction with annexation of the territory known as L 073-2014. 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. A copy of the letter from the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works requesting the resolution is 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 1697 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 Joint Tax Sharing Resolution from the Sanitation District of Los Angeles County (Annexation No. SCV-1078). This resolution requests GLACVCD allocate 0.000576% of its current 0.0322% share of property tax resulting in a net share of 0.0316% to support services to the areas being annexed to the County Sanitation District. (**EXHIBIT D**)

Analysis: The applicant requested annexation of properties into the above County Sanitation District Number in order to receive off-site disposal of sewage. The annexation process requires that a resolution for property tax revenue exchange be adopted by all the affected local agencies before an annexation may be approved. These requests are similar to many received from the county sanitation districts and public works in the past. By sharing the property tax increment with the District resulting from these annexations, GLACVCD will not lose any existing ad valorem tax revenue it currently receives from the affected territories. GLACVCD would only be giving up a portion of the revenues it would receive on increased assessed valuation.

- 8.5 Consideration of use of Capital Designated Reserves (LAIF Account No. 1025.0) for replacement of Santa Fe Springs' facility HVAC system. (**EXHIBIT E**)

Trustee Newcomer made a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Trustee Davila and approved unanimously with Trustee Hererra abstaining.

9. **CONSIDERATION OF NOMINEE FOR MVCAC TRUSTEE COUNCIL SOUTHERN REGION REPRESENTATIVE**

MVCAC is seeking nominees for the Southern California Region Representative to the Trustee Council. The Southern Region Representative will serve a two-year term beginning January 2016. (**EXHIBIT F**) (**VOTE REQUIRED**)

Truc provided an overview of the roles and responsibilities associated with the Trustee Council Southern Region Representative and asked if there was interest from the Board to serve in this capacity. Trustee Deal expressed her interest and willingness to serve as a candidate for this elected position.

Trustee Archuleta made a motion to approve the nomination of Trustee Deal. The motion was seconded by Trustee Flowers and approved unanimously.

10. **STAFF PROGRAM REPORTS: JULY 2015**

10.1 Manager's Report

T. Dever, General Manager

Truc updated the Board that *Aedes aegypti* (yellow fever mosquito) has now been found in a new area, expanding its known range into Boyle Heights and East LA. It appears this species frequently utilizes the underground water conveyances to travel to new areas. Staff was excited this month to learn from our colleagues in the Central Valley, that the process of infecting male tiger mosquitoes with *Wolbachia* to effectively sterilize female mosquitoes, pioneered by the University of Kentucky, may soon be available for the yellow fever mosquitoes as well. This would provide another extremely valuable tool to address this far more challenging infestation.

10.2 Scientific-Technical: (Staff Report A)

S. Kluh, Sci.-Tech Services Dir.

Susanne offered to answer further questions on the current *Aedes* infestations and added that WNV has picked up in the past weeks. A total of 44 WNV positive samples have been collected to date, compared with 82 samples at the same time last

year. The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health has reported the first human case of the year. The resident lives outside of our District, and may have been infected while traveling outside of the County. In response to questions by Trustee Williams, Susanne clarified that our primary WNV vector, *Culex quinquefasciatus*, can fly a mile or so in search of a blood meal, and can live weeks to months if conditions are ideal, thereby laying many batches of eggs during this time.

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

Mark reported that the recent rains set operations staff back considerably as previously inspected and cleared non-functional pools will now require re-inspection. Staff are also busy posting signs around WNV positive areas, and trying to stay on top of the thousands of known sources in each of their zones.

10.4 Community Affairs: (*Staff Report C*) K. Middleton, Comm. Affairs Dir.

Kelly offered to answer questions from her report. She was saddened to announce that this was the last meeting for Education Program Coordinator, Andrew Pak, who is leaving to pursue his Master's Degree from USC in public policy. Andy has been with the District for more than 6 years, and has worked very closely with LeShawn to provide exceptional education programs. Trustees were invited to a going-away luncheon in his honor on August 26th.

Dr. Wassam thanked Levy for the recent WNV notification he sent to the city, and asked him to also include city council members in future correspondences.

10.5 Fiscal: (*Staff Report D*) C. Weeks, Finance Director

Carolyn offered to answer questions from the Board. Trustee Kreisler asked for clarification to determine if the information provided on the CalPers Investment Fund table was related to the District's retirement benefit fund. Carolyn explained that the fund is an OPEB irrevocable trust established to pay for employee retirement benefits related to medical, dental, and vision premiums, but not the pension itself.

10.6 Human Resources: (*Staff Report E*) R. Thomas, Human Resources Dir.

Rakesha noted that the District is in the final stages with regards to the recruitment to fill Andy's position, and wished to thank the Directors and staff for their patience as her department works through the various recruitment processes for current openings.

Trustee Alatorre requested to be placed on the email distribution list for future job openings (including internships) so that he can help spread the word in his community. Rakesha will be happy to add Trustees to her job announcement lists.

10.7 Legal Counsel Report Q. Barrow, Legal 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).

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

The next Board of Trustees meeting will be scheduled on Thursday, September 10, 2015. The meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the District's headquarters at 12545 Florence Avenue, Santa Fe Springs.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:27 PM.