

# GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT

## MINUTES NO. 2008-12

A 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, December 11, 2008, at the District office at 12545 Florence Avenue, Santa Fe Springs, California.

### TRUSTEES PRESENT

Sally Flowers, Sec.-Treasurer, *(City of Artesia)*  
Victor Bello, *(City of Bell)*  
Ray T. Smith, *(City of Bellflower)*  
Pedro Aceituno, *(City of Bell Gardens)*  
Dr. Jeff D. Wassem, *(City of Burbank)*  
Harold Williams, *(City of Carson)*  
Nikki Noushkam, *(City of Cerritos)*  
Mison Levi, President, *(City of Cudahy)*  
Audrey Hamilton, *(City of Diamond Bar)*  
Meredith Perkins, *(City of Downey)*  
Victor Farfan, *(City of Hawaiian Gardens)*  
Elba Romo, *(City of Huntington Park)*  
Jim Remington, *(City of La Habra Heights)*

Bob Chotiner, *(City of La Mirada)*  
Robert Campbell, *(City of Long Beach)*  
Jim Morton, *(City of Lynwood)*  
Cheri Kelley, Vice President, *(City of Norwalk)*  
Henry Harkema, *(City of Paramount)*  
Bob Archuleta, *(City of Pico Rivera)*  
Dr. SeYao Hsu, *(City of San Marino)*  
Jan Heidt, *(City of Santa Clarita)*  
Michael Madrigal, *(City of Santa Fe Springs)*  
Dr. Hazel Wallace, *(City of Signal Hill)*  
Blanca Figueroa, *(City of South El Monte)*  
Maria Davila, *(City of South Gate)*  
Owen Newcomer, *(City of Whittier)*

### TRUSTEES ABSENT

Hugo Argumedo, *(City of Commerce)*  
Armine Perian, *(City of Glendale)*  
Rachel C. Johnson, *(City of Gardena)*  
Joseph Esquivel, *(City of Lakewood)*  
Alma Martinez, *(City of Los Angeles)*  
Vacant, *(County of Los Angeles)*  
Thomas Martin, *(City of Maywood)*  
Robert Urteaga, *(City of Montebello)*  
Dr. James Lawson, *(City of San Fernando)*

### OTHERS PRESENT

Kenneth L. Bayless, *General Manager*  
Mark Daniel, *Director of Operations*  
Susanne Klueh, *Director of Sci.-Tech. Services*  
Truc Dever, *Director of Community Affairs*  
Robert Miller, *Director of Human Resources*  
Carolyn Weeks, *Director of Fiscal Operations*  
Luke DeNitto, *Maintenance Supervisor*  
Quinn M. Barrow, *Legal Counsel*

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

President Levi called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

### 2. QUORUM (ROLL) CALL

Following the roll call, it is recorded that 26 Trustees were present and 9 were absent.

### 3. INVOCATION

Trustee Williams gave the invocation.

### 4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Trustee Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**5. CORRESPONDENCE**

Vice President Kelley read a copy of the letter sent to Richards, Watson, and Gershon expressing condolences for the passing of Bill Rudell.

Trustee Kelley also reminded Trustees to submit their preferences for Board committee assignments to Truc Dever. She pointed out that in 2008, there were 41 committee seats held by 22 Trustees. She expressed hope that every Trustee would share in the responsibility and commitment and have an interest in at least one committee.

**6. INTRODUCTIONS**

Ken Bayless introduced Quinn Barrow, the new legal counsel representative from Richards, Watson, and Gershon. Mr. Barrow has been with the firm for 28 years and has served many local cities as city attorney, including South El Monte. He is an expert in the Brown Act and Municipal Law. Although he is serving as an interim, Ken expressed hope that the Board would approve his permanent appointment.

**7. PUBLIC COMMENT**

NONE

**8. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES 2008-11 OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 13, 2008 (Exhibit A)**

**Trustee Kelley made the motion to approve the minutes. Trustee Romo seconded the motion. The motion passed with Trustees Smith and Williams abstaining.**

**9. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2008-20 AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF ATTACHED REQUISITION SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER 1, 2008 THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 2008. (Exhibit B)**

**Trustee Kelley made the motion to approve the District's expenditures. Trustee Hamilton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**10. CONSENT AGENDA (10.1-10.4)**

10.1 Consideration of two County of Los Angeles Joint Property Tax Resolutions, *Petition No. 62-608 and L 1075-2003. (Exhibit C)*

10.2 Consideration of five Joint Tax Sharing Resolutions from the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County (Annexation Nos. *SCV-1038, SCV-1039, SCV-1041, SCV-1043, and SCV-1040. (Exhibit D)*

10.3 Consideration of Director of Scientific-Technical Services Director, Trustee Hazel Wallace, and Director of Operations to attend the 2009 West Nile virus National Conference in Savannah, Georgia on February 19-20, 2009. *(Exhibit E)*

10.4 Consideration to waive Direct Assessment charges for the 2008-2009 fiscal year on 41 properties destroyed by the Marek, Sesnon, and Sayre fires as requested by the Los Angeles County property tax department. *(Exhibit F)*

**Trustee Kelley made a motion to approve items 10.1 through 10.4. Trustee Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**11. CONSIDERATION FOR TWO TRUSTEES TO ATTEND 77<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MVCAC CONFERENCE JANUARY 25-28, 2009.**

As incoming Board President, Trustee Kelley expressed interest in attending the conference. Trustee Wassem also expressed interest in attending. Although not present in attendance during the discussion~~absent~~, Trustees Flowers and Noushkam were also nominated to attend by other Trustees. **Trustee Romo made a motion to approve attendance by the two Trustees who were currently present at the meeting. Trustee Williams seconded that motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

## 12. STAFF PROGRAM REPORTS: NOVEMBER 2008

### 12.1 Manager's Report

Kenneth L. Bayless, General Manager

Ken Bayless reminded Trustees to submit their committee preferences before January 5<sup>th</sup> to allow incoming President Kelley to make her appointments before the January 8<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. Ken also reported that the District's holiday potluck was outstanding.

### 12.2 Operations: (Staff Report A)

M. Daniel, Operations Director

Mark Daniel wished the Board a happy holiday on behalf of the Operations staff. He also reported that according to Foreclosureradar.com, there were currently 38,000 residential properties in foreclosure and approximately 4,000 of those had swimming pools. He pointed out that the number of active pools requiring treatment rose from 409 in 2006 to 859 in 2008. With the recent rainstorms, approximately 1,800 pools on the District's list have been activated for inspection and treatment.

### 12.3 Scientific-Technical: (Staff Report B)

S. Kluh, Scientific-Tech Serv. Dir.

Susanne Kluh reported that there have been no new human cases reported in November, although some new cases from October were recently confirmed. There were also three reported human cases from the summer which have since been taken off the list. It was noted that Los Angeles County had the highest concentration of cases in California this year.

### 12.4 Community Affairs: (Staff Report C)

T. Dever, Community Affairs Dir.

Truc Dever thanked and congratulated Trustees who were re-appointed to the Board for the term beginning in January 2009. She also reported that she and the Scientific-Technical Services Director gave an interview to a global news network with an office based in Washington, D.C. The long format news segment will air in early January 2009.

### 12.5 Fiscal: (Staff Report D)

C. Weeks, Finance Director

Carolyn Weeks referred the Trustees to her board report and made herself available to answer questions.

### 12.6 Human Resources: (Staff Report E)

R. Miller, Human Resources Dir.

Robert Miller reported that the Safety Committee is currently on track to review and revise the IIPP.

### 12.7 Legal Counsel Report

Quinn Barrow, Legal Counsel

No report was given but Mr. Barrow wished the Board a happy holiday.

## 13. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

### 13.1 Personnel Committee Report

N. Noushkam (Chair)

Trustee Noushkam deferred the committee report to Vice Chair Trustee Perkins. Trustee Perkins reported that the personnel committee met earlier and have narrowed down the list of discussion items to four topics related to the Tier II Benefits for new employees. He hopes to come back to the Board in January with a temporary proposal.

**14. RECOGNITION OF RETIRING BOARD MEMBERS**

Trustee Henry Harkema from the City of Paramount was presented with an award of appreciation for his 23 years of service on the Board. Trustee Janice Heidt from the City of Santa Clarita was presented with an award of appreciation for her 19 years of service on the Board.

**15. OTHER**

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

NONE

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

The next scheduled Board of Trustees meeting will be on Thursday, January 8, 2009 at the District Headquarters office at 12545 Florence Avenue, Santa Fe Springs, CA.

**The meeting adjourned at 8:35p.m. in the memory of William B. Rudell.**