

GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT

MINUTES NO. 2010-04

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District was held at 7:05 p.m. on Thursday, April 8, 2010, at the District office at 12545 Florence Avenue, Santa Fe Springs, California.

TRUSTEES PRESENT

Sally Flowers, President, *(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)*
Tina Baca Del Rio, *(City of Commerce)*
Mison Levi, *(City of Cudahy)*
Steve Tye, *(City of Diamond Bar)*
Meredith Perkins, *(City of Downey)*
Barry Bruce, *(City of Hawaiian Gardens)*
Armine Perian, *(City of Glendale)*
Jim Remington, *(City of La Habra Heights)*
Dr. James Lawson, *(County of Los Angeles)*
Ana Rosa Rizo, *(City of Maywood)*

Joseph Esquivel, *(City of Lakewood)*
Gabe Garcia, *(City of La Mirada)*
Robert Campbell, Sec.-Treasurer *(City of Long Beach)*
Jim Morton, *(City of Lynwood)*
Cheri Kelley, President, *(City of Norwalk)*
Tom Hansen, *(City of Paramount)*
Bob Archuleta, *(City of Pico Rivera)*
Jeff Groseth, *(City of San Marino)*
Michael Madrigal, *(City of Santa Fe Springs)*
Dr. Hazel Wallace, *(City of Signal Hill)*
Joseph Gonzales, *(City of South El Monte)*
Maria Davila, *(City of South Gate)*
Owen Newcomer, Vice President *(City of Whittier)*

TRUSTEES ABSENT

Nikki Noushkam, *(City of Cerritos)*
Dr. Frank Gomez, *(City of Montebello)*
Alma Martinez, *(City of Los Angeles)*
Robert Newman, *(City of Santa Clarita)*
Vacant, *(City of San Fernando)*

TRUSTEES ABSENT (EXCUSED)

Harold Williams, *(City of Carson)*
Rachel C. Johnson, *(City of Gardena)*
Elba Romo, *(City of Huntington Park)*

OTHERS PRESENT

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

President Flowers called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. **QUORUM (ROLL) CALL**

Following the roll call, it is recorded that 27 Trustees were present and 8 were absent.

3. **INVOCATION**

Trustee Bruce gave the invocation.

4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Trustee Davila led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

NONE

6. **INTRODUCTIONS**

NONE

7. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

NONE

8. **CONSENT AGENDA (8.1-8.4)**

8.1 Consideration of **Minutes 2010-03** of regular Board Meeting held on March 11, 2010. (**EXHIBIT A**)

8.2 Consideration of **Resolution 2010-05** Authorizing Payment of Attached Requisition Schedule for March 1, 2010 through March 31, 2010 (**EXHIBIT B**)

8.3 Consideration of four (4) County of Los Angeles Joint Property Tax Resolution (JPTR), *Petition No. 13-209, 64-608, L 039-2009 and Parcel Map No. 62011*. These resolutions authorize 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 territories identified in the resolutions to provide revenue to the County Lighting Maintenance Districts (CLMD) 1687 & 1697. Copies of the letters from the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works requesting these resolutions are attached. (**EXHIBIT C**)

8.4 Consideration of **Resolution 2010-06** adopting the amended Conflict of Interest and Disclosure Code for the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District approved by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. (**EXHIBIT D**)

Trustee Kelly made the motion to approve items 8.1 through 8.4. Trustee Morton seconded the motion. The motion passed with two Trustees abstaining.

9. **STAFF PROGRAM REPORTS: MARCH 2010**

9.1 Manager's Report

Kenneth L. Bayless, General Manager

Ken reported that several staff members and Trustees Flowers, Kelley and Smith attended AMCA's annual conference last week in Lexington, Kentucky. He commented that it was a very good and informative conference. Ken also reported that Trustees Wassem and Williams accompanied Director of Community Affairs Truc Dever and himself to Sacramento for MVCAC's Legislative Day on April 6th. The attending Trustees and staff met with fifteen state legislators and/or their staff to discuss two Assembly Bills and concerns about their impact on vector control efforts. There was no opposition to the Association's positions and, overall, it was a successful legislative effort.

9.2 Scientific-Technical: (Staff Report A)

S. Klueh, Sci.-Tech Services Dir.

Susanne reported that they have already identified two West Nile virus positive dead birds for the season in Stevenson Ranch and Silver Lake. These confirmed positives have driven the risk assessment level to the top end of the normal season, nearing the

emergency planning phase. This is further indication that West Nile is back for another season. Susanne proceeded to give a presentation to the Board showcasing the surveillance and testing activities of the Scientific-Technical Services Department. She explained that the Vector Ecologists use mosquito trapping and testing, wild-bird trapping and testing, and sentinel chicken flock testing to monitor for West Nile virus and other vector-borne diseases. Susanne explained that they have trapping routes and send in mosquito samples for testing at the lab at UC Davis.

Trustee Esquivel asked Susanne how trap types and locations are determined. Susanne explained that the District uses two types of traps, the EVS/CO2 Baited Trap and the Reiter Trap. At a new trap site, the lab staff will set both traps to determine what species are present. She reported that the Reiter Trap is mainly used at residential locations because the *Culex quinquefasciatus* species of mosquito has been shown to be the most abundant species in this type of area. The lab staff will use the EVS/CO2 Baited Trap at natural places like Machado Lake, Whittier Narrows, or Chatsworth where many mosquito species are usually present. The lab staff will continue using a certain trap based on mosquito collection results.

Trustee Esquivel also asked if the lab makes a map of trapping sites. Susanne confirmed that there is a map of all the trapping sites. She continued that Operations will occasionally report a problem in a specific area. The lab staff will then trap in that particular location, which provides an indication of the mosquito species in the area and the scope of the problem. For ease of setting, the lab will position traps along major thoroughfares, but most of the trap locations are in residential areas.

Trustee Wassem commented that at Legislative Day, there was discussion of potentially less federal funding for mosquito control and surveillance next year. Susanne affirmed that the dead bird program, including the website and hotline, might be discontinued in 2011. Susanne assured the Board that the District is anticipating such cuts and will be prepared to do what is necessary to continue protecting District residents and maintain appropriate surveillance and monitoring efforts.

Trustee Perkins inquired about a past lab staff employee Jennifer Wilson. Susanne reported that Jennifer is finishing her Ph.D. work at UC Davis and will present her research findings to the Board in the future.

9.3 Operations: (*Staff Report B*)

M. Daniel, Operations Dir.

Mark referred to the handout *Mistaken Identity* and explained to the Board the differences between mosquitoes, midges, crane flies and black flies. He also reported that Operations is dealing with a midge bloom due to the extra rain this year. Mark added that mosquito seasons usually peak after the midge season.

Trustee Archuleta asked if malaria is a threat in California. Mark responded that malaria is currently not a cause for concern in California, although there can be certain isolated local incidents on occasion due to international travel. He explained that certain species are responsible for carrying malaria, and those species are not prevalent in California. Susanne continued that the *Anopheles* mosquito species carries malaria and they prefer wetlands.

Trustee Kelley requested that the *Mistaken Identity* brochure be distributed to cities.

9.4 Community Affairs: (*Staff Report C*)

T. Dever, Community Affairs Dir.

Truc informed the Board that she and Crystal Brown attended the AMCA conference in Lexington and coordinated an Education Day program for more than 200 local kids. Planning for AMCA's 2011 Education Day in Anaheim is already underway. Truc

also reported that she attended Legislative Day in Sacramento and met with state legislators and their staff. The *Fight Back Against Mosquito Attacks!* Poster Contest ended and a winner has been chosen. The winner will be announced during Mosquito Awareness Week, which is April 26th through 30th. Truc referred Trustees to the materials on their desks and explained that new Education Foundation brochures are available.

9.5 Fiscal: (*Staff Report D*)

C. Weeks, Finance Director

Carolyn referred to her staff report and said she had nothing further to add.

9.6 Human Resources: (*Staff Report E*)

R. Miller, Human Resources Dir.

Robert reported that his department has been busy coordinating training for staff members. District Directors will be attending a mandatory sexual harassment training in the near future. He also mentioned that they are almost done hiring the seasonal employees for the year. Robert attended a webinar covering the new health care bill and will continue to stay apprised of the latest issues and how they apply to the public health sector.

9.7 Legal Counsel Report

Q. Barrow, Legal Counsel

Counsel Barrow 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).

President Flowers asked if there were any Trustee vacancies at this time. Ken responded that there is a vacancy for San Fernando. President Flowers commented that attendance has been good. Ken affirmed that there are no Trustees currently in poor attendance standing.

President Flowers asked if the next Board meeting could be moved to Thursday, May 20th because many Trustees will be in Indian Wells for a Contract Cities event. Trustees Rizo and Archuleta would not be able to attend because of the date change. **Trustee Esquivel made a motion to move the meeting to Thursday, May 20th. Trustee Levi seconded the motion. The motion passed with one dissenting vote.**

Trustee Kelley reported on her visit to Lexington, Kentucky for AMCA's annual conference. She relayed that the GLACVCD staff is very well respected in the industry, and that she is very proud of the staff. Trustee Kelley mentioned that she found the Trustee session at the conference to be too scientific for Trustee purposes. President Flowers supported this observation and hoped this could be changed in the future. President Flowers also mentioned that very few of the Trustees at the conference were elected officials for their local municipalities. Ken added that GLACVCD Trustees do an excellent job of representing the District as a whole and not just the interests of their specific appointing cities.

Trustee Smith told the Board that he also attended the conference and had the pleasure of visiting the University of Kentucky and various horse farms. He thanked GLACVCD and the Board for allowing him to attend and said it was an outstanding conference.

Trustee Esquivel agreed that the staff is highly revered in the industry. He recounted his trip to New Orleans last year and said that the people in the industry talk about GLACVCD employees with high regard.

President Flowers shared with the Board that there is stimulus money available between April 22nd and May 23rd for people who purchase energy efficient washing machines.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The next Board of Trustees meeting will be scheduled on Thursday, May 20, 2010. 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 8:00 p.m.