

**GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT  
MINUTES NO. 2012-03**

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, March 8, 2012, at the District office at 12545 Florence Avenue, Santa Fe Springs, California.

**TRUSTEES PRESENT**

Sally Flowers, (*City of Artesia*)  
Danny Harber, (*City of Bell*)  
Pedro Aceituno, Sec.-Treas. (*City of Bell Gardens*)  
Ray T. Smith, (*City of Bellflower*)  
Dr. Jeff Wassem, Vice Pres. (*City of Burbank*)  
Mark Bollman, (*City of Cerritos*)  
Tina Baca Del Rio, (*City of Commerce*)  
Mison Levi, (*City of Cudahy*)  
Steve Tye, (*City of Diamond Bar*)  
Roger C. Brossmer, (*City of Downey*)  
Barry Bruce, (*City of Hawaiian Gardens*)  
Rachel C. Johnson, (*City of Gardena*)  
Armine Perian, (*City of Glendale*)  
Steve Croft, (*City of Lakewood*)  
Jim Remington, (*City of La Habra Heights*)  
Pauline Deal, (*City of La Mirada*)

Robert Campbell, President (*City of Long Beach*)  
Steven Appleton, (*City of Los Angeles*)  
Dr. James Lawson, (*County of Los Angeles*)  
Jim Morton, (*City of Lynwood*)  
Edward Varela, (*City of Maywood*)  
Christina Cortez, (*City of Montebello*)  
Cheri Kelley, (*City of Norwalk*)  
Tom Hansen, (*City of Paramount*)  
David Armenta, (*City of Pico Rivera*)  
Sylvia Ballin, (*City of San Fernando*)  
Robert Newman, (*City of Santa Clarita*)  
Michael Madrigal, (*City of Santa Fe Springs*)  
Dr. Hazel Wallace, (*City of Signal Hill*)  
Hector Delgado, (*City of South El Monte*)  
Maria Davila, (*City of South Gate*)  
Owen Newcomer (*City of Whittier*)

**TRUSTEES ABSENT**

Harold Williams, (*City of Carson*)  
Elba Romo, (*City of Huntington Park*)  
Jeff Groseth (*City of San Marino*)

**OTHERS PRESENT**

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

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**President Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.**

**2. QUORUM (ROLL) CALL**

**Following roll call, it was recorded that 32 Trustees were present and 3 were absent.**

**3. INVOCATION**

Trustee Bruce gave the invocation.

**4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Trustee Danny Harber's granddaughter, Brooke Candelario, 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 2012-02** of regular Board Meeting held on February 9, 2012. (***EXHIBIT A***)

8.2 Consideration of **Resolution 2012-04** Authorizing Payment of Attached Requisition Schedule for February 1, 2012 through February 29, 2012. (***EXHIBIT B***)

8.3 Consideration of four (4) County of Los Angeles Joint Property Tax Resolutions (JPTR), for Petition No. 19-410 (*Tax Rate Areas 02225, 02228, 02280, 04408, 04427*), Petition No. 19-410 (*Tax Rate Areas 04410, 04481*), Petition No. 71-1110 (*Tax Rate Area 11980*), and Petition No. 71-1110 (*Tax Rate Area 11984*). 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 resolution to provide revenue to the County Lighting Maintenance District (CLMD) 1687. (***EXHIBIT C***)

8.4 Consideration of one (1) Joint Tax Sharing Resolution from the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County (*Annexation No. SCV-1062*). This resolution requests GLACVCD to allocate 0.0005809% of its current 0.0322% share of property tax resulting in a net share of 0.0317% to support services to an area being annexed to the County Sanitation District. (***EXHIBIT D***)

**Trustee Smith made the motion to approve Items 8.1 through 8.4 of the Consent Agenda. Trustee Morton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**9. CONSIDERATION AND VOTE FOR SPECIAL DISTRICT LAFCO REPRESENTATIVE FOR TERM EXPIRING MAY 2016**

President Campbell explained that the Board should vote for one candidate on the ballot for Special District LAFCO Representative for the term expiring May 2016. He continued that the Board will submit one vote on behalf of all Trustees. General Manager Kenneth Bayless informed the Board that there were three candidates, Donald Dear, Dr. James Lawson, and Lynn Plambeck. **The Board voted unanimously for Dr. James Lawson.**

**10. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

10.1. Education & Publicity Committee

Dr. H. Wallace, Chair

Trustee Wallace deferred the report to Director of Community Affairs Truc Dever. Truc reported that the Education Foundation Board and District's Education & Publicity Committee met during a joint meeting to continue discussing a strategic plan for the Education Foundation. They set a fundraising goal of \$10,000 per year. She shared that to accomplish this goal, solicitation letters would be sent, solicitation presentations would be made, and the VecMobile would be sent to additional summer events. The Committee is looking at other fundraising ideas such as hosting a restaurant event. Another joint meeting between the Committee and the Educational Foundation Board of Directors has been scheduled for April.

## **11. STAFF PROGRAM REPORTS: FEBRUARY 2012**

### **11.1 Manager's Report**

Kenneth L. Bayless, General Manager

General Manager Kenneth Bayless began his report by thanking Trustees Smith and Ballin for attending the AMCA Annual Conference in Austin, Texas. Ken remarked that the conference was very informative and worthwhile.

Ken continued that each Trustee had a manager's evaluation form in front of them. He asked that Trustees submit their completed evaluations to him or Truc by March 30. Trustees may scan and email their forms or submit the hard copy. Each completed evaluation will be provided to the Personnel Committee to assist members in conducting the official manager's evaluation.

Ken informed the Board that the District will be contacting cities to ask for their support of H.R. 872, which would provide a legislative fix to the new Clean Water Act NPDES permitting requirements. The District will send a template letter of support to city managers to be signed and forwarded to U.S. Senators Boxer and Feinstein. The letter asks the Senators to support H.R. 872 and encourage Senator Reid to bring it to a floor vote. The Trustees were provided with a copy of the letter for their reference. Trustee Appleton asked Ken to elaborate on the existing regulatory framework that impacts the District. Ken explained that a recent 6<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court decision made Clean Water Act NPDES permitting requirements applicable to public health pesticide applications made by mosquito and vector control districts. Pesticide applications by these districts are already regulated under FIFRA; therefore, the new regulations are a costly and redundant burden. Ken further explained that FIFRA outlines extensive regulations that are current and ensure environmental protections. Trustee Tye asked if it would be appropriate to also send the letter to Senator Reid. Ken responded that it would be greatly appreciated. Trustee Bollman inquired about the authors or sponsors of the bill. Ken responded that there were approximately 40 members of the House of Representatives who co-authored the bipartisan bill. Trustee Wassem asked Ken to expand on the onerous requirements of the NPDES permit. Ken explained that the permit requires very intensive and unnecessary monitoring and reporting of pesticide treatments. The permit costs are detrimental to the District and could impede regular control procedures.

Ken also announced that MVCAC will hold its annual Legislative Day on April 17. He asked if there were four Trustees that would be interested in joining four of the District's Directors in Sacramento to meet with state legislators. Trustees Smith, Wassem, Davila, and Aceituno volunteered to attend.

Ken congratulated Director of Community Affairs Truc Dever for receiving the AMCA President's Citation at the annual conference in Austin, Texas.

11.2 Scientific-Technical: (*Staff Report A*) S. Klueh, Sci.-Tech Services Dir.

Director of Scientific-Technical Services Susanne Klueh reported that the first West Nile virus positive dead bird was reported in Los Angeles County for 2012. The bird was discovered within the LA County West Vector Control District and shows that there is already virus activity. Susanne also reported that Vector Ecologists believe they observed Asian tiger mosquito adult activity in the known infestation zone, but were unable to catch for confirmation. Ovitrap, however, have not yet confirmed breeding activity.

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

Director of Operations Mark Daniel shared that the AMCA conference was very informative. He continued that the Operations Department is coordinating with the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District on a treatment and control plan for the Asian tiger mosquito. Mark concluded his report by saying that he is creating an Asian tiger mosquito task force consisting of members from Southern California districts.

11.4 Community Affairs: (*Staff Report C*) T. Dever, Community Affairs Dir.

Director of Community Affairs Truc Dever said that her department was also coordinating with the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District on outreach and public education efforts. There will be a region-wide radio buy that should begin at the end of April. A regional website with a landing page is being created that will allow radio listeners to search for the vector control district that services their area. A joint tire-recycling event will take place at Whittier Narrows Recreation Area in June. District staff will be exhibiting at the upcoming LA Marathon and participating in other community fairs throughout the season.

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

Director of Fiscal Operations Carolyn Weeks asked the Board to contact her if they would like to start receiving their travel stipend via direct deposit.

11.6 Human Resources: (*Staff Report E*) R. Miller, Human Resources Dir.

General Manager Ken Bayless reported that Director of Human Resources Robert Miller was attending a VCJPA conference. Ken directed Trustees to Robert's report.

11.7 Legal Counsel Report Q. Barrow, Legal Counsel

Legal Counsel Quinn Barrow had nothing further to report.

12. **OTHER**

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

Truc asked Trustees with a Form 700 "Statement of Economic Interests" on their desks to please submit a completed and signed form to the District before April. If Trustees submit the Form 700 online, Truc asked that they please provide the District with a copy.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

The next Board of Trustees meeting will be scheduled on Thursday, April 12, 2012. The meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the District's headquarters office at 12545 Florence Avenue, Santa Fe Springs.

President Campbell adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.