

GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT MINUTES NO. 2012-12

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, December 13, 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*)
Ray T. Smith, (*City of Bellflower*)
Pedro Aceituno, Sec.-Treas. (*City of Bell Gardens*)
Dr. Jeff Wassem, Vice Pres. (*City of Burbank*)
Mark Bollman, (*City of Cerritos*)
Tina Baca Del Rio, (*City of Commerce*)
Steve Tye, (*City of Diamond Bar*)
Roger C. Brossmer, (*City of Downey*)
Rachel C. Johnson, (*City of Gardena*)
Armine Perian, (*City of Glendale*)
Barry Bruce, (*City of Hawaiian Gardens*)
Elba Romo, (*City of Huntington Park*)
Jim Remington, (*City of La Habra Heights*)
Pauline Deal, (*City of La Mirada*)
Steve Croft, (*City of Lakewood*)
Steven Appleton, (*City of Los Angeles*)
Robert Campbell, President (*City of Long Beach*)
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*)
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*)
Mison Levi, (*City of Cudahy*)
Sylvia Ballin, (*City of San Fernando*)
Jeff Groseth (*City of San Marino*)

TRUSTEES ABSENT (EXCUSED)

Dr. James Lawson, (*County of Los Angeles*)
Robert Newman, (*City of Santa Clarita*)

OTHERS PRESENT

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. QUORUM (ROLL) CALL

Following roll call, it was recorded that 29 Trustees were present and 6 were absent.

3. INVOCATION

Trustee Bruce gave the invocation.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Trustee Tye 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 2012-11** of regular Board Meeting held on November 8, 2012. (*EXHIBIT A*)
- 8.2 Consideration of **Resolution 2012-18** Authorizing Payment of Attached Requisition Schedule for November 1, 2012 through November 30, 2012 (*EXHIBIT B*)
- 8.3 Consideration of one (1) County of Los Angeles Joint Property Tax Resolution (JPTR), for Parcel Map 60030. 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) 1687. (*EXHIBIT C*)
- 8.4 Consideration of request to send additional staff to the AMCA Annual Conference in New Jersey, February 24-28, 2013. (*EXHIBIT D*)

Trustee Smith made a motion to approve items 8.1 through 8.4. Trustee Armenta seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1 Budget & Finance Committee P. Aceituno, Chair

- Review and discussion of GASB 45 actuarial report and funding options. (*EXHIBIT E*)

Trustee Newcomer provided status of the Budget and Finance Committee's determination regarding GASB 45. He indicated that the committee has yet to reach a conclusion and therefore will continue discussions when the committee meets again next month.

10. CONSIDERATION OF TWO TRUSTEES TO ATTEND THE MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA (MVCAC) ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN SACRAMENTO, FEBRUARY 3-6, 2013. (*EXHIBIT F*)

Director of Community Affairs Truc Dever provided details regarding two upcoming conferences for which the District is seeking Trustees to attend (items 10 and 11). **Trustee Wassem indicated interest in attending the Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California Annual Conference. Trustees Madrigal, Smith, and Flowers indicated interest in attending the American Mosquito Control Association Conference.**

11. CONSIDERATION OF TWO TRUSTEES TO ATTEND THE 79TH ANNUAL AMERICAN MOSQUITO CONTROL ASSOCIATION (AMCA) CONFERENCE IN NEW JERSEY, FEBRUARY 24-28, 2013. (EXHIBIT G)

Although the District has budgeted such that two Trustees attend each conference, President Campbell proposed allowing three Trustees to attend the AMCA Conference and one Trustee to attend the MVCAC Conference. Trustee Newcomer made a motion to approve President Campbell's proposal. Trustee Cortez seconded the motion. The motion passed with one abstention.

12. STAFF PROGRAM REPORTS: NOVEMBER 2012

12.1 Manager's Report

Kenneth L. Bayless, General Manager

General Manager Ken Bayless reported that the District's employee holiday potluck was a success and that the Board was well represented. Ken thanked the Board on behalf of District employees for taking such an active interest in supporting the District and staff.

Ken also stated that fifteen Board seats are up for reappointment as of January 2013. The District has confirmed eight of the fifteen pending reappointments thus far: Trustees Flowers, Hansen, Newcomer, Wallace, Smith, Aceituno, Newman, and Bruce. The District awaits confirmation from respective cities regarding the four seats remaining: Maywood, Diamond Bar, Los Angeles, and San Fernando. Three Trustees will not return for another term: from Huntington Park, Trustee Romo; from Cudahy, Trustee Levi; and from Pico Rivera, Trustee Armenta.

Ken reported the District has had an outstanding year. He commended the Board for working in such unison, and indicated that the unanimity of the Board is unprecedented. Ken thanked the Board for their guidance and support and wished everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

12.2 Scientific-Technical: (Staff Report A)

S. Klueh, Sci.-Tech Services Dir.

Director of Scientific-Technical Services Susanne Klueh reported that, after a very busy year, West Nile virus and the Asian tiger mosquito are finally tapering off with the onset of rain and cooler temperatures. Susanne echoed Ken's gratitude toward the Board for their ongoing support of District efforts.

12.3 Operations: (Staff Report B)

M. Daniel, Operations Dir.

Director of Operations Mark Daniel encouraged Trustees to examine the bucket of *Aedes albopictus* (Asian tiger mosquito) eggs being displayed in the lobby. The bucket was found in South El Monte by staff; having it displayed for the Board allowed Trustees to see how small *Aedes albopictus* eggs are, and how easily they can be missed. Mark stated that District staff have had to retrain themselves to be able to hone in on the tiny eggs when conducting inspections in the community.

Mark also mentioned that the District hosted a debriefing with Orange County and San Gabriel Valley vector control districts to collaborate on best practices regarding *Aedes albopictus* and strategize for the upcoming year.

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

Director of Community Affairs Truc Dever spoke briefly about a fundraiser that the Mobile Science and Vector Education Foundation was scheduled to have with Chik-fil-A in Long Beach on December 15. Truc asked Trustees to consider supporting the Foundation by spreading the word about the event.

Truc wished everyone happy holidays and turned the floor over to Trustee Wallace. Trustee Wallace, President of the Mobile Science and Vector Education Foundation discussed efforts to secure new funding for the VecMobile program. She mentioned that the Foundation raised just over \$100 during the VecMobile open house in August. Trustee Wallace went on to say that funding is needed for refurbishment of the bus and for new study models. Trustee Wallace asked her fellow Trustees to consider donating a portion of their December stipend to the Foundation; she concluded by handing her previous month's stipend to Truc, as a donation to the Foundation.

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

Director of Finance Carolyn Weeks deferred to her written report and had nothing further to add.

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

Director of Human Resources Robert Miller stated that he has been reappointed to the National Labor Relations Special Expertise panel for the Society of Human Resources Management.

Trustee Wassem thanked Robert for sending emails to the Personnel Committee regarding employee rights; he finds the updates very informative. Robert responded by sharing news that he was asked to comment on a United States Civil Service Commission report regarding criminal record use in hiring practices. In doing so, he was not representing the District however, he wanted to share the fact that it has been very interesting and rewarding.

12.7 Legal Counsel Report Q. Barrow, Legal Counsel

Legal Counsel Quinn Barrow had nothing to report.

13. **OTHER**

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

Trustee Madrigal thanked Trustees and the administration for another great year. He also gave a special thanks to Luke DeNitto who works behind-the-scenes during board meetings.

Trustee Baca del Rio thanked all who have served on the Board. She also thanked Public Information Officer Cynthia Miller for presenting information about West Nile virus during a recent City Council meeting. Trustee Baca Del Rio reported that the City of Commerce got a great response from members of the community regarding the *Mosquitoes and Our Environment* video that Cynthia played during the City Council meeting, which reached many households through the city's cable system.

Trustee Romo expressed her gratitude in working with Board members since her appointment to the Board in 2005, and said that she will miss everyone. Trustee Romo asserted that she feels the District has come a long way with how well Trustees work together and the quality of the District's staff.

President Campbell thanked Trustee Romo for her service and also expressed thanks to Trustees Armenta and Levi for their years of service.

Trustee Morton thanked the District's staff, saying that having such a great staff makes the Board's job very easy.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The next Board of Trustees meeting will be scheduled on Thursday, January 10, 2013. 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 7:45 p.m.