

**GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT
MINUTES NO. 2013-11**

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, November 14, 2013, at the District office at 12545 Florence Avenue, Santa Fe Springs, California.

TRUSTEES PRESENT

Danny Harber, (*City of Bell*)
Ray T. Smith, (*City of Bellflower*)
Pedro Aceituno, Vice Pres. (*City of Bell Gardens*)
Dr. Jeff Wassem, President (*City of Burbank*)
Harold Williams, (*City of Carson*)
Mark Bollman, (*City of Cerritos*)
Tina Baca Del Rio, (*City of Commerce*)
Josue Barrios, (*City of Cudahy*)
Steve Tye, Sec.-Treasurer (*City of Diamond Bar*)
Roger C. Brossmer, (*City of Downey*)
Rachel C. Johnson, (*City of Gardena*)
Elba Guerrero, (*City of Huntington Park*)
Jim Remington, (*City of La Habra Heights*)
Steve Croft, (*City of Lakewood*)
Pauline Deal, (*City of La Mirada*)
Robert Campbell, (*City of Long Beach*)
Steve Appleton, (*City of Los Angeles*)
Jim Morton, (*City of Lynwood*)
Christina Cortez (*City of Montebello*)
Cheri Kelley, (*City of Norwalk*)
Tom Hansen, (*City of Paramount*)
Nina Herrera, (*City of San Fernando*)
Clifton Jenkins, (*City of San Marino*)
Michael Madrigal, (*City of Santa Fe Springs*)
Dr. Hazel Wallace, (*City of Signal Hill*)
Maria Davila, (*City of South Gate*)
Owen Newcomer, (*City of Whittier*)

TRUSTEES ABSENT

Armine Perian, (*City of Glendale*)
Barry Bruce, (*City of Hawaiian Gardens*)
Vacant, (*County of Los Angeles*)
Edward Varela, (*City of Maywood*)
Hector Delgado, (*City of South El Monte*)

TRUSTEES ABSENT (EXCUSED)

Sally Flowers, (*City of Artesia*)
Gustavo Camacho, (*City of Pico Rivera*)
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*
Levy Sun, *Public Information Officer*
Carolyn Weeks, *Director of Finance*
Luke De Nitto, *Maintenance Supervisor*
Quinn M. Barrow, *Legal Counsel*

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Wassem called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

2. QUORUM (ROLL) CALL

Following roll call, it was recorded that 27 Trustees were present and eight were absent.

3. INVOCATION

President Wassam gave the invocation.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Trustee Barrios led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

NONE

6. INTRODUCTIONS

NONE

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

President Wassem informed the Board that item 10.2 would be moved to the end of the night's agenda.

**8. CONSENT AGENDA (8.1-8.5)
(VOTE REQUIRED)**

8.1 Consideration of **Minutes 2013-10** of regular Board Meeting held on October 10, 2013. (**EXHIBIT A**)

8.2 Consideration of **Resolution 2013-14** Authorizing Payment of Attached Requisition Schedule for October 1, 2013 through October 31, 2013. (**EXHIBIT B**)

8.3 Consideration of one (1) County of Los Angeles Joint Property Tax Resolution (JPTR), for Tax Rate Area within Territory Tract Map 54244. 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 one (1) Joint Tax Sharing Resolution from the County Sanitation District of Los Angeles County (Annexation No. SCV-1068). SCV-1068 requests GLACVCD to allocate 0.0005811% of its current 0.032% share of property tax resulting in a net share of 0.032% to support services to an area being annexed to the County Sanitation District. (**EXHIBIT D**)

8.5 Discussion and vote to authorize staff and legal counsel to meet with LAFCO and La Canada Flintridge representatives to discuss proceeding with annexation process and prepare any necessary documents.

Analysis: Recent communications with the City of La Canada Flintridge and LAFCO indicate they are ready to move forward with the District's annexation of the City. Legal Counsel and staff now seek Board authorization to discuss the process with LAFCO and the City and explore the option of an annexation without a Prop 218 vote based on the recent Sunset Beach court case decision.

Trustee Newcomer made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Trustee Deal seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

9. CONSIDERATION OF LAFCO REQUEST TO NOMINATE CANDIDATES TO SERVE AS LAFCO ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE (EXHIBIT E)

Truc Dever referred to the Board packet and reported the need for a LAFCO alternate to replace the recently-vacated position. Trustees were invited to apply for the position.

President Wassem inquired about any restrictions on the appointment due to conflicts of interest, etc. Truc clarified that the document states the nominee must be an elected official or appointed to the Board for a fixed term.

Trustee Williams indicated he was interested in the position. President Wassem directed Truc to aid Trustee Williams in the application process and to determine his eligibility. Truc agreed and will work with the legal firm coordinating LAFCO's request to nominate candidates.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

10.1 Policy Committee

S. Croft, Chairperson

- Report on committee review of District's FY 2013-2014 Investment Policy and consideration of **Resolution 2013-15** "A Resolution of the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District Board of Trustees Adopting an Investment Policy for Fiscal Year 2013-2014." (*EXHIBIT F*)

Trustee Croft reported no recommended changes to the existing policy. The committee made a recommendation to re-adopt the Investment Policy from the previous year. It was noted that future changes may occur in subsequent years from analysis of the limitation on the insured certificate of deposit.

Trustee Croft made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-15. Trustee Hansen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 10.2 was moved to the end of the agenda.

11. STAFF PROGRAM REPORTS: OCTOBER 2013

11.1 Manager's Report

Kenneth L. Bayless, General Manager

Ken Bayless reported on the recent odor emanating from the facility across from the Santa Fe Springs office. This nuisance odor has affected some District employees. Ken explained that the water reclamation and sanitation company across the street has been storing water in old, corroded tanks. The result of the process produced hydrogen sulfide gas, which in high concentrations, can be dangerous to humans. The Air Quality Management District (AQMD), after multiple visits, ordered a cease and desist on the offending company until the issue is resolved. Ken reported that he attended a public hearing on November 6, 2013 on behalf of the District and registered GLACVCD as an official complainant against the offending company.

11.2 Scientific-Technical: (Staff Report A)

S. Kluh, Sci.-Tech Services Dir.

Susanne reported that less West Nile virus activity was observed in October compared to previous months. However, the District is still vigilant in performing surveillance. In addition, the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health reported more human cases. There have been a total of 158 cases with eight fatalities. Of the totals, 98 human cases and five fatalities occurred within the District.

President Wassem inquired about the effects of funding cutbacks on the dead bird hotline. Susanne explained the testing will continue. However, rather than sending in the dead bird carcasses, the staff will only be sending in an oral swab of corvids for testing. Susanne also clarified that having live personnel to operate the hotlines is useful, therefore discussions of funding that feature will be discussed in the future by MVCAC. Susanne also confirmed that oral swabs are just as effective in detecting diseases as sending in birds for necropsy.

11.3 Operations: (Staff Report B)

M. Daniel, Operations Dir.

Mark reported that the Operations crews are transitioning into source reduction strategies. More resources are going into controlling vectors in San Gabriel River outfalls. Mark opened the floor for any questions.

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

Truc reported that the Mobile Science and Vector Education Foundation recently held a bingo fundraiser in Santa Fe Springs. The event received \$3,787, which exceeded the goal of \$2,500. Truc thanked everyone involved including Trustees, staff and community members.

Trustee Wallace praised Trustee Madrigal for his help in securing the facility to host the Bingo Night Fundraiser.

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

Carolyn referred to her report and opened the floor to questions.

11.6 Legal Counsel Report (*Staff Report E*) Q. Barrow, Legal Counsel

Legal Counsel had nothing 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).

Trustee Appleton informed the Board about a study by the Army Corps of Engineers regarding the L.A. River Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study. Trustee Appleton stated that attention should be given to the project's ability to negatively impact vector control. He suggested the District make contact with the Army Corps of Engineers.

President Wassem introduced San Marino's newly appointed representative, Trustee Clifton Jenkins. Trustee Jenkins provided background on his experience and looks forward to working with the Board and District staff.

10.2 COMMITTEE REPORT

10.2 Ad Hoc General Manager Selection Committee R. Campbell, Chairperson

- **CLOSED SESSION**

In accordance with §54957(b)(1) of the California Government Code, the Board of Trustees held a closed session to consider the appointment of a public employee/general manager.

Following the closed session, Legal Counsel Quinn Barrow reported that the Board of Trustees went into closed session to discuss the item under 10.2. **The Board of Trustees voted unanimously to direct legal counsel to offer the position of General Manager to Truc Dever subject to successful contract negotiations and to authorize the President to execute an agreement with Truc Dever.** There was no other reportable action taken.

Truc Dever thanked the Ad Hoc General Manager Selection Committee and the Board of Trustees for its faith in her and the District. Truc looks forward to her new position as the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District General Manager.

Trustee Campbell thanked the Ad Hoc Committee members for their hard work. He also praised all three candidates for their outstanding work at the District.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The next Board of Trustees meeting will be scheduled on Thursday, December 12, 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 8:30 p.m.