

**GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT
MINUTES NO. 2018-10**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 11, 2018, at the District office at 12545 Florence Avenue, Santa Fe Springs, California.

TRUSTEES PRESENT

Sally Flowers, (*City of Artesia*)
Ali Saleh, (*City of Bell*)
Pedro Aceituno, (*City of Bell Gardens*) *7:09 pm
Dr. Jeff Wassem, (*City of Burbank*)
Elito Santarina, (*City of Carson*)
Mark Bollman, President (*City of Cerritos*)
Leonard Mendoza, (*City of Commerce*)
Baru Sanchez, Vice-President (*City of Cudahy*)
Steve Tye, (*City of Diamond Bar*)
Robert Kiefer, (*City of Downey*)
Dan Medina, (*City of Gardena*)
Marilyn Sanabria, (*City of Huntington Park*)
Leonard Pieroni, (*City of La Cañada Flintridge*)
Catherine Houwen, (*City of La Habra Heights*)
Steve Croft, (*City of Lakewood*)
Larry Mowles, (*City of La Mirada*)
Emily Holman (*City of Long Beach*)
Steve Appleton, Sec.-Treasurer (*City of Los Angeles*)
Salvador Alatorre, (*City of Lynwood*)
Avik Cordeiro, (*City of Montebello*)
Leonard Shryock, (*City of Norwalk*)
Tom Hansen, (*City of Paramount*)
Jesse H. Avila, (*City of San Fernando*) *7:25 pm
Scott Kwong, (*City of San Marino*)
Heidi Heinrich, (*City of Santa Clarita*)
Luis Gonzalez, (*City of Santa Fe Springs*) *7:07 pm
Robert Copeland, (*City of Signal Hill*)
Hector Delgado, (*City of South El Monte*)
Denise Diaz, (*City of South Gate*)
Josué Alvarado, (*City of Whittier*)

TRUSTEES ABSENT

Sonny Santa Ines, (*City of Bellflower*)
Jerry Walton, (*City of Glendale*)
Barry Bruce, (*City of Hawaiian Gardens*)
Steven Goldsworthy, (*Los Angeles County*)
Eddie De La Riva (*City of Maywood*)
Bob Archuleta, (*City of Pico Rivera*)

TRUSTEES ABSENT (EXCUSED)

NONE

OTHERS PRESENT

Truc Dever, *General Manager*
Mark Daniel, *Director of Operations*
Susanne Kluh, *Director of Scientific-Technical Services*
Kelly Middleton, *Director of Community Affairs*
Carolyn Weeks, *Director of Fiscal Operations*
Rakesha Thomas, *Director of Human Resources*
Fernando Martinez, *Facilities and Fleet Maintenance Supervisor*
Quinn Barrow, *Legal Counsel*

* Denotes time of late arrival (vote tallies on agenda items reflect actual Trustees present at time of vote)

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Bollman called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

2. QUORUM (ROLL) CALL

Following roll call, it was recorded that 29 Trustees were present and 7 were absent. Three Trustees arrived after roll call.

3. INVOCATION

Trustee Sanabria gave the invocation.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Trustee Kwong led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

NONE

6. INTRODUCTIONS

(Introductions requested by staff or Trustees of persons attending the meeting are made at this time).

- Introduction of Jesse H. Avila, new Trustee for the City of San Fernando.
- Introduction of Gabriel Urreola, Education Program Coordinator.

General Manager Truc Dever introduced Gabriel Urreola, the District's new Education Program Coordinator who will be working with Heather Hyland on the Mosquito SWAT Lab. Gabriel is a recent graduate from UCLA with a degree in biology. Truc gave Gabriel a few moments to introduce himself to the Board.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

(This time is reserved for members of the public to address the Board relative to matters of business on and off the agenda. Comments will be limited to three minutes per person).

NONE

8. CONSENT AGENDA (8.1-8.3)
VOTE REQUIRED

8.1 Consideration of **Minutes 2018-09** of regular Board Meeting on September 13, 2018. (**EXHIBIT A**)

8.2 Consideration of **Resolution 2018-19** Authorizing Payment of Attached Requisition September 1, 2018 through September 30, 2018. (**EXHIBIT B**)

8.3 Consideration of Joint Tax Sharing Resolution (JTSR) from the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County in conjunction with annexation number SCV-1097. This Resolution requests GLACVCD allocate 0.0000057 of its current 0.0322% share of property tax to support sewage services to the area being annexed to the Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District. (**EXHIBIT C**)

Analysis: The applicant requested annexation of property into the Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District No. 21 in order to receive off-site sewage disposal services. The annexation process requires that a resolution for property tax revenue exchange be adopted by all the affected local agencies before an annexation may be approved. This request is similar to many received from the county sanitation districts and public works in the past. By sharing the property tax increment with the District resulting from these annexations, GLACVCD will not lose any existing ad valorem tax revenue it currently receives from the affected territories. GLACVCD would only be giving up a portion of the revenues it would receive on increased assessed valuation.

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Trustee Mowles, seconded by Trustee Croft, and approved unanimously.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1 Personnel Committee

S. Croft, Chair

- Report on Tier IV Benefits Discussion

Chair Croft reported that the Committee met with Laurie LoFranco, and spent considerable time working to finalize the Tier IV benefits structure. They reviewed data from comparable districts in the area and will be bringing back the full recommendation to the Board for consideration at the November meeting.

10. STAFF PROGRAM REPORTS: SEPTEMBER 2018

10.1 Manager's Report

T. Dever, General Manager

Truc reported that staff responded to a record 1,585 service requests last month, triple what is expected for a normal year. Educating the public that the nuisance biting pressure they are now experiencing represents a 'new

normal' for Los Angeles County has been difficult. Staff continue to work their days off and overtime to keep up, and still find a way to provide stellar service to residents. To highlight this, Truc played a voicemail received from a resident regarding services provided by Vector Control Specialist David Lopez. The resident truly appreciated David's information and professionalism, and was very impressed that David took the extra time to assist several senior citizens address water sources that they were unable to remove themselves. Trustee Medina also relayed a very professional and helpful interaction he had with one of our specialists. Trustees wishing to thank staff personally are invited to attend Employee Appreciation Day, October 18th. Truc extended her appreciation to Trustee Medina who had volunteered to DJ the event.

10.2 Scientific-Technical: (*Staff Report A*)

S. Klueh, Sci.-Tech Services Dir.

Susanne noted that WNV has remained at low levels this year. She provided a brief presentation clarifying information about St. Louis encephalitis virus and typhus which have been the subject of recent media reports. St. Louis encephalitis (SLE) is very similar to WNV, and the last outbreak occurred in LA County in 1984. Until this year, human infection had not been recorded in the LA area for 21 years although this new Argentinian strain of SLE had been detected in mosquito samples from the Coachella Valley and portions of the Central Valley.

Recently, the LA County Department of Public Health issued a news alert regarding an increase in flea-borne typhus in various parts of the County. To date, 57 cases have been reported. Flea and rodent control was historically managed by the County Health Department's Vector Management Program, but the lack of safe and effective rodenticides, and cuts to this program have reduced control efforts in recent years. Typhus is a bacteria transmitted primarily by cat fleas that are commonly found on opossums. The bacteria is transmitted by fleas from rats and opossums to cats and humans. The disease is typically flu-like but can become serious if not treated with antibiotics.

Trustee Wassem mentioned a 1945 video called "It's Up To You" regarding *Aedes*-borne disease outbreaks in Florida. Susanne noted that our message is exactly that – community support and participation is critical since we cannot talk directly to and inspect every property. The District is also working with cities to correct standing water sources in public areas.

10.3 Operations: (*Staff Report B*)

M. Daniel, Operations Dir.

No report.

10.4 Community Affairs: (*Staff Report C*)

K. Middleton, Comm. Affairs Dir.

Kelly reported that the SWAT Lab is booked for much of the school year already. Because of increased concern by parents and administrators, school site mosquito management recommendations were sent again to each school district, and training for LAUSD nurses has been scheduled for next month. The District's joint Hispanic media buy with SGVMVCD will be wrapping up soon. Staff are also partnering with USC, faith-based leaders, and repellent manufacturers' representatives to find better ways to encourage effective repellent use. Kelly noted that many members of the public are already actively engaged in sharing information with their neighbors, coworkers, etc. and highlighted a Lakewood realtor who volunteered to distribute more than 1,000 door hangers in her community. In response to Trustee Tye's request for a status update on the LA Dodgers proposal, Kelly noted that she is in contact with a representative with iHeart Media which airs the Dodger games, and may have an opportunity to partner through her with the Dodger Franchise next year. Trustee Houwen noted that the department has been busy as she has seen staff at various events recently and heard good comments regarding the information residents learned.

10.5 Fiscal: (*Staff Report D*)

C. Weeks, Finance Director

Carolyn offered to answer questions on her report.

10.6 Human Resources: (*Staff Report E*)

R. Thomas, Human Resources Dir.

Rakesha had no additional information to share and offered to answer questions.

10.7 Legal Counsel Report

Q. Barrow, Legal Counsel

No Report.

11. 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 took the opportunity to introduce San Fernando Trustee, Jesse Avila. Mr. Avila provided a bit of history on his background and expressed his eagerness to work with the District.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The next Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled on Thursday, November 8, 2018 at 7:00 PM at the District's headquarters at 12545 Florence Avenue, Santa Fe Springs.

President Bollman adjourned the meeting at 7:33 PM.