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## District Manager Announces Retirement

With 31 years of service to the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control (GLACVCD), Jack Hazelrigg, Ph.D has announced that he will retire at the end of April, 2006. "My career with the District, especially the last 12 years as General Manager, has been extraordinarily rewarding. I believe that my leadership has had a successful impact on the District as well as the public health and welfare of citizens within the communities the District serves. Gandhi once said that to find oneself is to lose oneself in the services of others. I leave with that fulfillment and great satisfaction."

His employment began with the District on July 1, 1975 as District Entomologist. On July 1, 1985, Jack was promoted to Assistant Manager and became interim manager in 1994, following the unexpected retirement of the District Manager who had served for 19 years. In August 1994, after a six-month probationary period Jack became the full-time District Manager by the approval of the District's Board of Trustees.

Many accomplishments have occurred since Jack became District Manager in 1994 that have positively changed the District and greatly improved services to the 34 member cities and unincorporated county territory within its 1,330 square mile service area. There are too many to mention but the following were significant:

- Served as member of the California Senate Local Government Committee working group and assisted in revising the State Health and Safety Code affecting mosquito and vector control law.
- Improved employee working conditions and benefits by inaugurating PERS 1959 Level III Benefits for all employees, indexing PERS hospitalization benefits, and implemented an employee assistance program.
- Arranged contract service agreements with municipalities and agencies for black fly, midge fly, and mosquito control services.

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- Inaugurated the benefit assessment, which prior to the enactment of Proposition 218, established benefit assessment in 1997-98 to replace service charge and provide for major funding for the GLACVCD.
- Created and enhanced District programs and functions by changing the name from the Southeast Mosquito Abatement District to the current moniker; developed a model swimming pool ordinance for member city adoption; created the Mobile Education Unit Program known as the VECmobile, which instructs 5<sup>th</sup> grade students on vector-borne diseases; established the Africanized Honeybee Suppression Program and the Underground Storm Drain Program.
- Developed the design concept and provided construction oversight for the Santa Fe Springs and Sylmar facilities, now highly regarded as state-of-the-art for conducting full vector control and disease surveillance activities.
- Submitted papers and made numerous presentations at national and international conferences such as the American Mosquito Control Association and the International Congress of the Society of Vector Ecologist.
- Served two years as Regional Representative of the Southern California Mosquito Abatement and Vector Control Districts, and served as South Pacific Director on the Board of Directors for the American Mosquito Control Association.
- The growth in the number of staff from 20 to 53 in those short years certainly reflects the dynamic that has contributed to GLACVCD's status as a superlative health guarding agency.