

## **GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT MINUTES NO. 2008-09**

A 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, September 11, 2008, at the District office at 12545 Florence Avenue, Santa Fe Springs, California.

### **TRUSTEES PRESENT**

Sally Flowers, Sec.-Treasurer, *(City of Artesia)*  
Victor Bello, *(City of Bell)*  
Pedro Aceituno, *(City of Bell Gardens)*  
Dr. Jeff D. Wassem, *(City of Burbank)*  
Harold Williams, *(City of Carson)*  
Nikki Noushkam, *(City of Cerritos)*  
Hugo Argumedo, *(City of Commerce)*  
Mison Levi, President, *(City of Cudahy)*  
Audrey Hamilton, *(City of Diamond Bar)*  
Meredith Perkins, *(City of Downey)*  
Victor Farfan, *(City of Hawaiian Gardens)*  
Elba Romo, *(City of Huntington Park)*  
Jim Remington, *(City of La Habra Heights)*

Bob Chotiner, *(City of La Mirada)*  
Robert Campbell, *(City of Long Beach)*  
Jim Morton, *(City of Lynwood)*  
Cheri Kelley, Vice President, *(City of Norwalk)*  
Henry Harkema, *(City of Paramount)*  
Bob Archuleta, *(City of Pico Rivera)*  
Dr. James Lawson, *(City of San Fernando)*  
Dr. SeYao Hsu, *(City of San Marino)*  
Jan Heidt, *(City of Santa Clarita)*  
Michael Madrigal, *(City of Santa Fe Springs)*  
Dr. Hazel Wallace, *(City of Signal Hill)*  
Blanca Figueroa, *(City of South El Monte)*  
Maria Davila, *(City of South Gate)*

### **TRUSTEES ABSENT**

Ray T. Smith, *(City of Bellflower)*  
Rachel C. Johnson, *(City of Gardena)*  
Armine Perian, *(City of Glendale)*  
Joseph Esquivel, *(City of Lakewood)*  
Alma Martinez, *(City of Los Angeles)*  
Vacant, *(County of Los Angeles)*  
Thomas Martin, *(City of Maywood)*  
Robert Urteaga, *(City of Montebello)*  
Owen Newcomer, *(City of Whittier)*

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Kenneth L. Bayless, *General Manager*  
Mark Daniel, *Director of Operations*  
Susanne Klueh, *Director of Sci.-Tech. Services*  
Truc Dever, *Director of Community Affairs*  
Robert Miller, *Director of Human Resources*  
Carolyn Weeks, *Director of Fiscal Operations*  
Luke DeNitto, *Maintenance Supervisor*  
William Rudell, *Legal Counsel*

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

### **2. QUORUM (ROLL) CALL**

**Following the roll call, it is recorded that 26 Trustees were present and 9 were absent.**

**3. INVOCATION**

Trustee Argumedo gave the invocation.

**4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Trustee Archuleta led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**5. CORRESPONDENCE**

NONE

**6. INTRODUCTIONS**

Trustee Bello from the City of Bell introduced in the audience former Trustee Oscar Hernandez.

**7. PUBLIC COMMENT**

NONE

**8. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES 2008-08 OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 14, 2008 (Exhibit A)**

**Trustee Figueroa made the motion to approve the minutes. Trustee Remington seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**9. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2008-17 AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF ATTACHED REQUISITION SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 1, 2008 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2008. (Exhibit B)**

**Trustee Noushkam made the motion to approve the District's expenditures. Trustee Kelley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**10. CONSENT AGENDA (10.1)**

10.1 Consideration of Director of Human Resources to attend CalPERS educational forum in Indian Wells, CA on October 26-29. *(Exhibit C)*

**Trustee Wallace made a motion to approve item 10.1. Trustee Figueroa seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**11. STAFF PROGRAM REPORTS: AUGUST 2008**

11.1 Manager's Report

Kenneth L. Bayless, General Manager

Ken Bayless provided an update on the contract situation with La Canada Flintridge, reporting that the City's staff is recommending to the City Council that the City annex into GLACVCD. The Council is expected to vote on the issue on September 15, 2008. If the annexation process is initiated, the District will continue to provide contract services in the interim.

11.2 Operations: (*Staff Report A*)

M. Daniel, Operations Director

Mark Daniel reported that the staff remains busy in the field. Service requests have begun to level off but the busy mosquito season will continue for a little while longer. Trustee Archuleta commented that he received some notice from residents in Pico Rivera that certain crews were treating standing water in the street gutters, and were not identifying themselves to residents. He asked if the District could notify the City when crews are controlling for mosquitoes in the area. Mark Daniel explained that the District has gutter crews that routinely treat the gutters throughout the District about every 15 days. Ken Bayless added that District vehicles are clearly marked with the District's name and logo. He added that a form letter can be sent to all member cities at the beginning of each season with a photograph of the vehicles used for mosquito control.

11.3 Scientific-Technical: (*Staff Report B*)

S. Kluh, Scientific-Tech Serv. Dir.

Susanne Kluh reported that additional human cases were confirmed today. 10 human cases within the District were identified over the past week. New cities to report human cases this year include Bell, Canoga Park, Carson, Granada Hills, La Mirada, and Pico Rivera. In total, there have been 30 human cases reported in the District. By this time in 2004, there had been 35 human cases reported.

Trustee Archuleta had questions regarding the difference in positive mosquito pools and birds between neighboring cities. He asked if public education was tied to these numbers. Susanne noted that Long Beach had run a successful outreach effort and that resulted in a heightened awareness among residents, leading to a high number of dead bird reports. Trustee Argumedo asked what Long Beach was doing differently in educating the public. Susanne explained that the City coordinated a door-to-door leaflet campaign. Trustee Campbell added that one of the Council members is a registered nurse and has herself, along with her staff, handed out information and spoken to residents directly about the dangers. Board members were urged to be more proactive in their own cities.

11.4 Community Affairs: (*Staff Report C*)

T. Dever, Community Affairs Dir.

Truc Dever thanked Board members for their active involvement in public education within their own cities. She then unveiled the District's new website design, stating the live site is expected to be launched by next week.

11.5 Fiscal: (*Staff Report D*)

C. Weeks, Finance Director

Carolyn Weeks referred the Board to her staff report and stated that she had nothing additional to report.

11.6 Human Resources: (*Staff Report E*)

R. Miller, Human Resources Dir.

Robert Miller announced that Vector Control Specialist Steve Vetrone had been hired as Assistant Vector Ecologist.

11.7 Legal Counsel Report

Bill Rudell, Legal Counsel

No report

**12. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

12.1 Personnel Committee Report

N. Noushkam, Chairperson

Trustee Noushkam reported that the Personnel Committee met again that evening to discuss a Tier II Benefits plan for newly hired employees. The benefits plan is a work in progress and an update will be provided at the next Board meeting.

**13. OTHER**

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

NONE

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

The next scheduled Board of Trustees meeting will be on Thursday, October 9, 2008 at the District Headquarters office at 12545 Florence Avenue, Santa Fe Springs, CA.

**The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.**

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**President**

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**Secretary-Treasurer**