

**GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT  
MINUTES NO. 2022 – 07**

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, July 14, 2022, at the District office at 12545 Florence Avenue, Santa Fe Springs, California, and via teleconference.

**TRUSTEES PRESENT**

Melissa Ramoso, *City of Artesia*  
Ali Saleh, *City of Bell*  
Sonny Santa Ines, *City of Bellflower*  
Pedro Aceituno, *City of Bell Gardens*  
Dr. Jeff Wassem, *City of Burbank*  
Jim Dear, *City of Carson*  
Baru Sanchez, *City of Cudahy*  
Robert Keifer, *City of Downey*  
Luis Roa, *City of Hawaiian Gardens*  
Marylin Sanabria, Secretary/Treasurer –  
*City of Huntington Park*  
Leonard Peironi, *La Cañada Flintridge*  
Catherine Houwen, *City of La Habra Heights*  
Steve Croft, *City of Lakewood*  
Emily Holman, President - *City of Long Beach*  
Steve Appleton, *City of Los Angeles*  
Steven Goldsworthy, *Los Angeles County*  
Jorge Casanova, *City of Lynwood*  
Jessica Torres, *City of Maywood*  
Avik Cordeiro, *City of Montebello*  
Ana Valencia, *City of Norwalk*  
Isabel Aguayo, *City of Paramount*  
Raul Elias, *City of Pico Rivera*  
Jesse H. Avila, *City of San Fernando*  
Scott Kwong, Vice President - *City of San Marino*  
Heidi Heinrich, *City of Santa Clarita*  
Joe Angel Zamora, *City of Santa Fe Springs* \*7:15  
Robert Copeland, *City of Signal Hill*  
Hector Delgado, *City of South El Monte*  
Denise Diaz, *City of South Gate*  
Leticia Lopez, *City of Vernon*  
Jessica Martinez, *City of Whittier*

**TRUSTEES ABSENT (EXCUSED)**

John Lewis, *City of La Mirada*

**TRUSTEES ABSENT**

Mark Bollman, *City of Cerritos*  
Leonard Mendoza, *City of Commerce*  
Ruth Low, *City of Diamond Bar*  
Paulette Francis, *City of Gardena*  
Vrej Agajanian, *City of Glendale*

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Susanne Klueh, *General Manager*  
Steve Vetrone, *Director of Scientific-  
Technical Services*  
Mark Daniel, *Director of Operations*  
Mary-Joy Coburn, *Director of  
Communications*  
Carolyn Weeks, *Director of Fiscal  
Operations*  
Cindy Reyes, *Acting Director of  
Human Resources*  
Anais Medina Diaz, *Public Information  
Officer*  
Quinn Barrow, *General Counsel*

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

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

President Holman called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. The meeting was held in person and via teleconference, in compliance with AB 361 in the interest of maintaining appropriate social distancing.

**2. QUORUM (ROLL) CALL**

Following roll call it was recorded that 30 trustees were present and seven were absent. One trustee joined the meeting after roll call, bringing the total to 31 Trustees present and six absent.

### **3. INVOCATION**

Trustee Heinrich (Santa Clarita) led the invocation.

### **4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Trustee Heinrich's daughter Maddie Heinrich 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).

General Manager Klueh introduced Susan Barnes from SCI Consulting Group who would be providing an overview presentation of the District's Engineer's Report.

### **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 – 8.5)**

***(VOTE REQUIRED)***

8.1 Consideration of **Minutes 2022-06** of regular Board Meeting held on June 9th, 2022.  
***(EXHIBIT A)***

8.2 Consideration of **Resolution 2022-09** Authorizing Payment of Attached Requisition June 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022. ***(EXHIBIT B)***

8.3 Compliance with AB 361 to facilitate remote Trustee attendance at meeting during the Covid-19 pandemic ***(EXHIBIT C)***

*Summary: Board reconsideration of the circumstances of the declared COVID-19 emergency to determine whether the Board should continue to hold remote meetings pursuant to AB 361's special teleconferencing requirements.*

8.4 Consideration of County of Los Angeles Negotiated Tax Exchange Resolution(s) (NTER), related to the annexation of the territory known as Tract 72680, Tract 83168, and Tract 82498. 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 territories identified in the resolutions to provide revenue to the County Lighting Maintenance District (CLMDs) 1687. A copy of the letter from the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works requesting this resolution is attached. ***(EXHIBIT D)***

*Analysis: The NTER from the County of Los Angeles is similar to previous L.A. County tax sharing resolutions and seeks to generate revenue to partially fund the services of CLMD 1687. Similar resolutions have previously been adopted by the Board. These Petitions relate to funding for the operation and maintenance of new street lighting services for properties in Los Angeles County. Although the District gives up a negligible share of its ad valorem property taxes in these exchanges, in subsequent years, that amount would generally be regained, if not exceeded, due to an increase in property values associated with services provided by the CLMD.*

8.5 Consideration of Master Agreement for Taxing Entity Compensation regarding the City of Cudahy. (**EXHIBIT E**)

*Summary: The City has prepared a Master Agreement for Taxing Entity Compensation ("Compensation Agreement") that establishes the procedures required to be followed by the City for the sale of the sites for future development, and also establishes that the City will remit the Net Unrestricted Proceeds from the sale of the sites to the Los Angeles County Auditor-Controller for distribution to the taxing entities in accordance with each taxing entity's pro rata share of the Tax Base, as required by law.*

Trustee Peironi (La Canada Flintridge) asked for a correction to be made to the minutes reflecting that he was present during the June Board meeting.

**Trustee Dear (Carson) made a motion to approve the consent agenda with the amendment to the minutes. The motion was seconded by Trustee Pieroni (La Canada Flintridge) and approved unanimously.**

**Yes: Artesia, Bell, Bell Gardens, Bellflower, Burbank, Carson, Cudahy, Downey, Hawaiian Gardens, Huntington Park, La Canada Flintridge, La Habra Heights, Lakewood, Long Beach, Los Angeles City, Los Angeles County, Lynwood, Maywood, Montebello, Norwalk, Paramount, Pico Rivera, San Fernando, San Marino, Santa Clarita, Signal Hill, South El Monte, South Gate, Vernon, Whittier**

**No: NONE**

**Absent: Cerritos, Commerce, Diamond Bar, Gardena, Glendale, La Mirada, Santa Fe Springs**

**9. PUBLIC HEARING & ADOPTION OF THE FY 2022-2023 MINIMUM BENEFIT ASSESSMENT AND VECTOR SURVEILLANCE AND CONTROL PROJECTS ASSESSMENT RATES**

*Summary: This public hearing and discussion follow the June 9<sup>th</sup> Board approval of the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget and Assessment Report which includes 1) staff's recommendation to maintain the existing "minimum benefit assessment rate" (MBAR) of \$14.67, generating \$16,687,637 in estimated benefit assessment revenue for FY 2022-2023, and 2) maintaining the existing \$0.33 per parcel black fly assessment rate, generating \$101,638.02 of the estimated benefit assessment revenue within the black fly assessment zone.*

*The Board of Trustees regularly conducts a yearly hearing regarding adoption of its annual general benefit assessment rate. This year, the Board of Trustees intends to consider adoption of **Resolution 2022-10**, regarding maintaining the district-wide "minimum benefit assessment rate" (MBAR) at \$14.67 and maintaining the black fly assessment rate at \$0.33 in order to secure operational funding for fiscal year 2022-2023.*

9.1 President Holman declares the public hearing open.

9.2 Presentation of 2022-2023 Engineer's Report by SCI Consulting Group.  
**(EXHIBIT F)**

Susan Barnes from SCI Consulting Group asked the Board if they had any questions about the Engineer's Report. Trustee Kiefer inquired if Vernon was included in the assessment of the parcels and Ms. Barnes confirmed that all parcels in the District were included in the assessment.

9.3 Public Comments

9.4 President Holman declares the public hearing closed.

9.5 Discussion and consideration of **Resolution 2022-10**, “A Resolution of the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District Board of Trustees Determining the Rate of the Assessment for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 in Connection with Vector Surveillance and Control Projects of Common Benefit to the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District as a whole and of benefit to Zone A.”

**(EXHIBIT G) (VOTE REQUIRED)**

*Adoption of this Resolution formalizes acceptance of the District’s minimum benefit assessment rate (MBAR) contained or modified within Resolution 2022-10 to be made effective for fiscal year 2022-2023 and placed on the County Assessor’s tax roll for collection effective July 2022. The justification and support for adopting the MBAR is contained in the District’s “Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget” and Assessment Report.*

**Trustee Croft (Lakewood) made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-10. The motion was seconded by Trustee Appleton (Los Angeles City) and approved unanimously.**

**Yes: Artesia, Bell, Bell Gardens, Bellflower, Burbank, Carson, Cudahy, Downey, Hawaiian Gardens, Huntington Park, La Canada Flintridge, La Habra Heights, Lakewood, Long Beach, Los Angeles City, Los Angeles County, Lynwood, Maywood, Montebello, Norwalk, Paramount, Pico Rivera, San Fernando, San Marino, Santa Clarita, Santa Fe Springs, Signal Hill, South El Monte, South Gate, Vernon, Whittier**

**No: NONE**

**Absent: Cerritos, Commerce, Diamond Bar, Gardena, Glendale, La Mirada**

**10. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2022-11, “A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT IN CONNECTION WITH THE COLLECTION OF AD VALOREM TAXES NECESSARY TO OPERATE THE DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023.” (EXHIBIT H) (VOTE REQUIRED)**

**Trustee Croft (Lakewood) made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-11. The motion was seconded by Trustee Copeland (Signal Hill) and approved unanimously.**

**Yes: Artesia, Bell, Bell Gardens, Bellflower, Burbank, Carson, Cudahy, Downey, Hawaiian Gardens, Huntington Park, La Canada Flintridge, La Habra Heights, Lakewood, Long Beach, Los Angeles City, Los Angeles County, Lynwood, Maywood, Montebello, Norwalk, Paramount, Pico Rivera, San Fernando, San Marino, Santa Clarita, Santa Fe Springs, Signal Hill, South El Monte, South Gate, Vernon, Whittier**

**No: NONE**

**Absent: Cerritos, Commerce, Diamond Bar, Gardena, Glendale, La Mirada**

## **11. CONSIDERATION AND VOTE FOR AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND THE GLACVCD BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

### ***(EXHIBIT I) (VOTE REQUIRED)***

*Summary: Proposed amendment to the District's retirement contract as recommended by CalPERS to resolve issues with conflicting Government Codes. The District's current retirement contract from 1969 includes an exclusion for "all hourly rated or hourly basis employees (Exclusion)" under Government Code section 20502. However, the District is adhering to the membership eligibility requirements in Gov. Code section 20305 enacted in 1975 that supersedes our original exclusion. Therefore, the Exclusion is invalid and should be removed from the District's Retirement Contract.*

**Trustee Delgado (South El Monte) made a motion to approve the contract amendment. The motion was seconded by Trustee Dear (Carson) and approved unanimously.**

**Yes: Artesia, Bell, Bell Gardens, Bellflower, Burbank, Carson, Cudahy, Downey, Hawaiian Gardens, Huntington Park, La Canada Flintridge, La Habra Heights, Lakewood, Long Beach, Los Angeles City, Los Angeles County, Lynwood, Maywood, Montebello, Norwalk, Paramount, Pico Rivera, San Fernando, San Marino, Santa Clarita, Santa Fe Springs, Signal Hill, South El Monte, South Gate, Vernon, Whittier**

**No: NONE**

**Absent: Cerritos, Commerce, Diamond Bar, Gardena, Glendale, La Mirada**

## **12. STAFF PROGRAM REPORTS: JUNE 2022**

12.1 Manager's Report S. Kluh, General Manager

General Manager Kluh shared that the District is in the midst of the season and is busy bringing on seasonal technicians to help with operations.

12.2 Scientific-Technical: (Staff Report A) S. Vetrone, Sci.-Tech Services Dir.

Director Vetrone shared an update to the District's West Nile virus activity. Additionally, he highlighted Vector Ecologist Ryan Amick who has made contributions to the District's field trials, mosquito fish program, and general surveillance. Trustee Appleton shared his interactions with Ryan and thanked him for his work.

12.3 Operations M. Daniel, Operations Director

Director Daniel thanked the Sci-Tech department staff for their contributions to the operations department.

12.4 Community Affairs (Staff Report C) M.J. Coburn, Communications Dir.

Director Coburn shared the June Kudos video. Additionally, she shared the successes of the current Summer Campaign which includes partnerships with the cities of Gardena, Montebello, Norwalk, and Pico Rivera. Director Coburn shared a Mosquito Moment video featuring the multiple events the District will be attending during the month of July. Lastly, she shared the District's future 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events.

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

Trustee Dr. Wassem asked Director Weeks if she had any comments on the losses of the CalPERS investment fund. Director Weeks shared that the investment fund is like a trust controlled by CalPERS and can only be adjusted if the Board decided to remove it from CalPERS and had someone else manage it.

12.6 Human Resources (Staff Report E) C. Reyes, Acting Human Resources Dir.

Acting Director Reyes shared that staff continue to work on recruitments and is collaborating with the different departments to meet their staffing needs.

12.7 General Counsel Report Q. Barrow, General Counsel

No report. Trustee Santa Ines asked if staff could use the roll call vote on the consent agenda. Mr. Barrow stated that each voting item needed its own vote.

### **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).

#### **13.1 ADDENDUM TO ITEM 13 (OTHER) ON THE JULY 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2022 AGENDA (VOTE REQUIRED)**

Consideration to adopt the Joint Tax Transfer Resolution regarding City of Santa Clarita Reorganization NO. 20200-01 (Tesoro Del Valle) (**EXHIBIT J**)

*Summary: The County of Los Angeles notice is regarding Santa Clarita Reorganization No. 2020-01 (Tesoro Del Valle). The County is requesting your agency adopt the attached Joint Tax Transfer Resolution (TTR). The City of Santa Clarita (CITY) is requesting accelerated processing of the TTR as soon as possible. The City may be contacting you to fast track the approval process.*

**Trustee Heinrich (Santa Clarita) made a motion to approve adding Item 13.1 to the agenda. The motion was seconded by Trustee Delgado (South El Monte) and approved unanimously.**

Mr. Barrow shared that the city provided a report for the Board. This item would generally be found in the consent agenda but did not make in time and was added after the agenda was posted.

**Trustee Delgado (South El Monte) made a motion to approve the Joint Tax Resolution. The motion was seconded by Trustee Kiefer (Downey) and approved unanimously.**

**Yes: Artesia, Bell, Bell Gardens, Bellflower, Burbank, Carson, Cudahy, Downey, Hawaiian Gardens, Huntington Park, La Canada Flintridge, La Habra Heights, Lakewood, Long Beach, Los Angeles City, Los Angeles County, Lynwood, Maywood, Montebello, Norwalk, Paramount, Pico Rivera, San Fernando, San Marino, Santa Clarita, Santa Fe Springs, Signal Hill, South El Monte, South Gate, Vernon, Whittier**

**No: NONE**

**Absent: Cerritos, Commerce, Diamond Bar, Gardena, Glendale, La Mirada**

### **14. ADJOURNMENT**

President Holman adjourned the meeting at 7:52 PM. The next Board of Trustees meeting will be scheduled on Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 7:00 PM at the District's headquarters at 12545 Florence Avenue, Santa Fe Springs.