

**GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES NO. 2020-10**

The meeting of the Executive Board of the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District was held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 7, 2020, via teleconference at the District Headquarters, 12545 Florence Avenue, Santa Fe Springs, California.

TRUSTEES PRESENT

Steve Appleton, President (*City of Los Angeles*)
Heidi Heinrich, Vice-President (*City of Santa Clarita*)

TRUSTEES ABSENT

Emily Holman Sec-Treasurer (*City of Long Beach*)

OTHERS PRESENT

Truc Dever, *General Manager*
Susanne Klueh, *Director of Scientific-Technical Services*
Mary-Joy Coburn, *Director of Community Affairs*
Carolyn Weeks, *Director of Fiscal Operations*
Quinn Barrow, *Legal Counsel*
Dan Medina, *Trustee, City of Gardena*

• **CALL TO ORDER**

President Appleton called the meeting to order at 2:06 P.M.

• **QUORUM (ROLL) CALL**

Following roll call, it was recorded that two members of the Executive Board of Trustees were present and one was absent.

• **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

• **CONSIDERATION OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES FROM APRIL 30, 2020 (EXHIBIT A)**

Trustee Heinrich moved approval of the minutes. President Appleton seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

• **DISCUSS DISTRICT ISSUES AND RECEIVE UPDATES AS TO COVID-19**

General Manager Dever and staff presented to the committee an update on the following topics:

- General Manager Dever and Scientific-Technical Services Director Susanne Klueh provided an update on possible COVID testing for staff.
 - Susanne reported that individuals living in LA County can now get tested through the County. There is generally a two-day waiting period. She also confirmed that antibody testing can be obtained for \$119 per test plus the cost of the prescription from a doctor through Quest Labs. The quality of anti-body tests can be highly variable. After further discussion, it was decided that the District would continue to monitor the testing situation, monitor the best diagnostic procedures and reconsider when these tests become more accurate and more informative. Vice

President Heinrich mentioned insurance may begin covering antibody tests as well. In the meantime, the District will continue to enforce good sanitization protocols. Legal Counsel Quinn Barrow was asked whether antibody testing would be reimbursable under emergency relief funding. Quinn suggested the District go ahead and submit for possible reimbursement.

- GM Dever provided an update on staff's research into renting mobile trailers for use as lockers and workspace for seasonal staff. Mobile workspaces in LA County are difficult to come by since the County is using them to shelter the homeless. Operations Supervisor Martin Serrano had some luck with several vendors and will be obtaining final proposals by the end of the week.
- An update was provided on the status of PPE requirements in California for pesticide applicators. At this time the CA Dept. of Pesticide Regulation will not make any exceptions to current pesticide labels for applicators in the agricultural or vector control industries.
- Trustee Dan Medina recommended contacting Enterprise and UHaul for rental or fleet vehicles.
- Additional items:
 - GM Dever followed up on the discussion regarding staff who are reaching or surpassing their vacation accrual caps. Only three employees are currently past the cap and management will revisit this topic in a couple of months to better assess staffs' anticipated vacation use this summer following the lifting of stay-at-home orders.
 - President Appleton asked when managers will convene the Board Committees to review the revised Employee Handbook. GM Dever stated that a Doodle poll will go out following the passage of the Budget.
 - Susanne reported that mosquito numbers are increasing due to weather conditions and since treatments are being delayed as a result of current COVID restrictions and social distancing guidelines. Sci-tech staff will be working with Operations staff for the next several weeks to assist with treatment routes until more seasonals can be hired.
 - Comm. Affairs Director Mary-Joy Coburn reported that the Education Program Coordinators are busy scheduling virtual end-of-year and summer lessons with Los Angeles County teachers. The department is also preparing its annual campaign for National Mosquito Awareness Week this summer.
 - President Appleton shared that major changes have been made to water maintenance protocols in a portion of the LA River and it has resulted in an increase in mosquito activity. Staff will work with him next week to assess and treat the problem.
- **EXECUTIVE BOARD WILL CONSIDER ADOPTING ADDITIONAL MEASURES TO ADDRESS COVID 19.**

None

- **ADJOURNMENT**

President Appleton adjourned the meeting at 2:43 P.M. The next Executive Board meeting will be scheduled on Thursday, May 14, 2020 at 2:00 PM via teleconference at the District's headquarters at 12545 Florence Ave., Santa Fe Springs.