

**GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT
MINUTES NO. 2021 – 12**

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, December 9, 2021, via teleconference at the District office at 12545 Florence Avenue, Santa Fe Springs, California.

TRUSTEES PRESENT

Melissa Ramoso, *City of Artesia*
Ali Saleh, *City of Bell*
Pedro Aceituno, *City of Bell Gardens*
Sonny Santa Ines, *City of Bellflower*
Dr. Jeff Wassem, *City of Burbank*
Mark Bollman, *City of Cerritos*
Leonard Mendoza, *City of Commerce*
Baru Sanchez, *City of Cudahy*
Steve Tye, *City of Diamond Bar*
Robert Kiefer, *City of Downey*
Dan Medina, *City of Gardena*
Catherine Houwen, *City of La Habra Heights*
Luis Roa, *City of Hawaiian Gardens*
Marilyn Sanabria, *Huntington Park*
Leonard Pieroni, *City of La Cañada Flintridge*
Steve Croft, *City of Lakewood*
John Lewis, *City of La Mirada*
Emily Holman, Vice President- *City of Long Beach*
Steve Appleton, *City of Los Angeles *7:16 PM*
Steven Goldsworthy, *Los Angeles County*
Marisela Santana, *City of Lynwood*
Jessica Torres, *City of Maywood*
Avik Cordeiro, *City of Montebello*
Raul Elias, *City of Pico Rivera*
Scott Kwong, Sec-Treasurer - *City of San Marino*
Jesse H. Avila, *City of San Fernando*
Heidi Heinrich, President - *City of Santa Clarita*
Joe Angel Zamora, *City of Santa Fe Springs*
Robert Copeland, *City of Signal Hill*
Denise Diaz, *City of South Gate *7:09 PM*
Hector Delgado, *City of South El Monte*
Leticia Lopez, *Vernon*
Jessica Martinez, *City of Whittier *7:09 PM*

TRUSTEES ABSENT (EXCUSED)

Elito Santarina, *City of Carson*
Ana Valencia, *City of Norwalk*
Isabel Aguayo, *City of Paramount*

TRUSTEES ABSENT

Vrej Agajanian, *City of Glendale*

OTHERS PRESENT

Susanne Klueh, *Interim General Manager*
Steve Vetrone, *Acting Director of Scientific-
Technical Services*
Mary-Joy Coburn, *Director of Communications*
Carolyn Weeks, *Director of Fiscal Operations*
Allison Bradley, *Director of Human Resources*
Mark Hall, *Environmental Program Manager*
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 Heinrich called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. The meeting was held 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. Three trustees joined the meeting after roll call bringing the total to 33 Trustees present and four absent.

3. INVOCATION

The invocation was conducted by Trustee Medina.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Trustee Cordeiro.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

NONE

6. INTRODUCTIONS

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

Interim General Manager Kluh introduced Steve Vetrone who will be stepping in as Acting Director of Scientific-Technical Services and Environmental Program Manager Mark Hall who would be providing the Operations department report. President Heinrich welcomed them to the meeting.

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 2021-11** of regular Board Meeting held on November 18th, 2021. (*EXHIBIT A*)

- 8.2 Consideration of **Resolution 2021-19** Authorizing Payment of Attached Requisition November 1st through November 30th, 2021. (***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.

Trustee Roa made a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Trustee Medina and approved unanimously.

9. CONSIDERATION OF 2 TRUSTEES TO ATTEND THE 91ST ANNUAL MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA (MVCAC) CONFERENCE IN SACRAMENTO, CA, FEBRUARY 7-10, 2022 (EXHIBIT D)

Interim General Manager Klueh shared that the planning committee is requiring proof of vaccination or negative COVID test for all attendees of this in-person event. President Heinrich encouraged newer trustees to attend the conference to become familiar with the industry and the district's work.

Trustee Avila and Trustee Kwong expressed interest in attending the conference. Trustee Tye suggested to table the item for the following meeting to provide newer trustees with time to evaluate their schedules and share if they're interested. Interim Manager Klueh said that tabling the item was allowed, but the district may have to pay additional fees for the registration.

Trustee Santana and Trustee Appleton expressed that they were interested in attending but would not be able to commit until January. President Heinrich supported the idea of approving Trustee Santana and Trustee Avila to attend the conference. As back up, Trustee Kwong and Trustee Appleton would be available.

Trustee Tye made a motion to approve Trustee Santana and Trustee Avila as the attendees to the 91st Annual MVCAC Conference. The motion was seconded by Trustee Bollman and approved unanimously.

10. STAFF PROGRAM REPORTS: NOVEMBER 2021

10.1 Manager's Report

S. Klueh, Interim General Manager

Interim General Manager Klueh thanked the board for providing her with the opportunity to lead the agency in this time. She added that the District is still in communication with the Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control to discuss details regarding SIT projects.

Lastly, Interim Manager Klueh thanked Trustee Dan Medina for his service in representing the City of Gardena for the past several years.

Trustee Medina thanked the board and district for their work and shared that he enjoyed his time serving on the board.

10.2 Scientific-Technical: (Staff Report A) S. Vetrone, Acting Sci.-Tech Services Dir.
Acting Director Vetrone did not have anything to add to the report.

10.3 Operations (Staff Report B) M. Hall, Environmental Program Manager
Mark Hall shared the department's work and collaboration with the Los Cerritos Wetlands, the City of Long Beach, and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to treat and control mosquitoes in the Los Cerritos Wetlands by removing vegetation at times that are considerate of nesting season.

10.4 Community Affairs (Staff Report C) M.J. Coburn, Communications Dir.
Director Coburn shared that Education Program Coordinator Greg Mercado was awarded the 2022 American Mosquito Control Association Boyd-Ariaz Grassroots Award for his work in providing innovative ways to continue vector-control education to students during the pandemic by creating a virtual program, Tik-Tok videos, and engaging content.

10.5 Fiscal (Staff Report D) C. Weeks, Finance Director
Director Weeks did not have anything to add to the report.

10.6 Human Resources (Staff Report E) A. Costa, Human Resources Dir.
Director Costa shared that the General Manager position recruitment was ongoing, and interviews would begin in January. Additionally, she noted that her last name had changed because of her recent nuptials.

10.7 General Counsel Report Q. Barrow, General 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).

Trustee Croft shared that the recruitment firm has notified the ad hoc committee that they feel there is a strong pool of candidates. The committee will look to meet the first week of January to discuss the interview process and provide Koff and Associates with requests and considerations to be included in the recruitment. Trustee Croft shared his email and asked trustees to send interview questions they would like to be considered. The committee is looking at conducting interviews during the third week of January.

Trustee Medina thanked everyone for their well wishes and is grateful for the time allowed to serve.

Interim General Manager Kluh shared pictures for the District's Holiday festivities.

Lastly, Trustee Houwen thanked Manager Kluh and Director Coburn for assisting her in providing the City of La Habra Heights with an update of the district's work.

12. ADJOURNMENT

President Heinrich adjourned the meeting at 7:41 p.m. The next Board of Trustees meeting will be scheduled on Thursday, January 13, 2022, at 7:00 PM at the District's headquarters at 12545 Florence Avenue, Santa Fe Springs.