

**GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES NO. 2020-17**

The meeting of the Executive Board of the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District was held at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 30, 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*)  
Emily Holman Sec-Treasurer (*City of Long Beach*)

**TRUSTEES ABSENT**

None

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Truc Dever, *General Manager*  
Mark Daniel, *Director of Operations*  
Susanne Klueh, *Director of Sci-tech Services*  
Mary-Joy Coburn, *Director of Community Affairs*  
Allison Bradley, *Human Resources Director*  
Carolyn Weeks, *Director of Fiscal Operations*  
Quinn Barrow, *Legal Counsel*

• **CALL TO ORDER**

President Appleton called the meeting to order at 2:31 P.M.

• **QUORUM (ROLL) CALL**

Following roll call, it was recorded that all members were present and a quorum was reached.

• **PUBLIC COMMENT**

NONE

• **CONSIDERATION OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES FROM JULY 16, 2020  
(EXHIBIT A)**

Trustee Heinrich moved approval of the minutes. Sec-Treasurer Holman 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 topic(s):

- The District updated its “Return to Work” policies and COVID exposure guidelines to comply with new CDC protocols and rolled out a new form which allows staff to log their close contacts/prolonged exposures each day they report to the office. Tracking this through paper forms and tablet dailies will allow management to conduct better COVID-19 contact tracing when needed. In response to a question regarding chain of custody from President Appleton, HR Director Allison Bradley explained that all forms are submitted to the HR Department at the end of the day and kept confidential.

- Management is focused on how staff will be impacted once the school year starts in a virtual/distance learning environment. We anticipate that some staff may run out of Emergency Family and Medical Leave benefits for childcare before the end of the calendar year. This will also affect our available workforce through the rest of the season, so we'll need to prepare for the reduction in staff by considering alternatives such as additional seasonal staff or temporary staff. The GM and HR are preparing a survey to send to all employees and will run the questions by Quinn before deployment.
  - GM Dever provided an update on CA DPR's decision regarding the reuse of N95 masks and the use of KN95 masks. Unfortunately, they are not making any exceptions for mosquito control pesticide applicators despite great effort by MVCAC and its legislative advocates at KP Public Affairs. We will continue to purchase masks and gloves as they become available to ensure we have adequate supplies to get us through the season.
  - The CDC and EPA released a report on July 17, 2020 re-affirming the need for mosquito surveillance and control during non-mosquito-related public health emergencies (such as the current Covid-19 pandemic) and natural disasters. Following the release, some mosquito control districts across the country and local elected officials received correspondence from residents affiliated with Beyond Pesticides expressing concern about mosquito control in relation to COVID-19. They made unfounded claims that the use of ULV spraying and public health pesticides exacerbates COVID respiratory symptoms. AMCA and MVCAC have developed speaking points and letters to address these claims and our District recently sent a letter to a resident from the City of Whittier addressing these concerns.
  - Sci-tech Director Susanne Klueh provided an update on the West Nile virus season, saying we're starting to see more mosquito activity in the San Fernando Valley, which is comparable to the bad season we had in 2017. It's still too early to tell how human case counts will look this year.
  - The Executive Committee requested a copy of the updated "Return to Work" guidelines.
- **EXECUTIVE BOARD WILL CONSIDER ADOPTING ADDITIONAL MEASURES TO ADDRESS COVID 19.**

The Committee will hold meetings on the first, third, and fifth weeks of the month to avoid meeting on the same day as the general Board meeting.

- **ADJOURNMENT**

President Appleton adjourned the meeting at 3:00 P.M. The next Executive Board meeting will be scheduled on Thursday, August 6, 2020 at 2:30 PM via Zoom teleconference.