

**GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES NO. 2021-06**

The meeting of the Executive Board of the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District was held at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 18, 2021, via teleconference at the District Headquarters, 12545 Florence Avenue, Santa Fe Springs, California.

TRUSTEES PRESENT

Heidi Heinrich, President (*City of Santa Clarita*)
Emily Holman, Vice President (*City of Long Beach*)
Scott Kwong, Sec-Treasurer (*City of San Marino*)

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

• **QUORUM (ROLL) CALL**

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

• **PUBLIC COMMENT**

NONE

• **CONSIDERATION OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES FROM MARCH 4, 2021 (EXHIBIT A)**

Trustee Kwong moved approval of the minutes. President Heinrich 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):

- During the last meeting, the Committee discussed the pros and cons of requiring a negative COVID test from all seasonal MCT staff before their start date in May. The cost to the District would be approximately \$6600 to \$7300 to test all 42 seasonals, depending on the type of test. The discussion was continued to this meeting. During this week's meeting, Trustee Kwong asked whether there is liability to the District if no pre-

employment COVID tests are conducted and there was a subsequent workplace outbreak. Legal Counsel Barrow explained that there would be no direct liability; however, GM Dever explained that outbreaks would be reviewed on a case-by-case basis by the District's third party workers' compensation administrator. Trustee Holman re-emphasized that testing captures a "moment in time" and could provide staff with a dangerous false sense of security. What is important is that the District continues its protective measures such as distancing and masking. At her workplace, Long Beach Health Department has not required any type of testing for employees. President Heinrich made a motion to not require COVID-testing of seasonals prior to their start date. Trustee Holman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

- The Committee and staff reviewed the CDC guidelines for handling vaccinated staff. Trustee Holman emphasized that a vaccinated employee is not required to quarantine or test following a known exposure if that employee is asymptomatic. However, they should still monitor for symptoms and continue wearing a mask according to district guidelines. She added that there is now more evidence that the vaccine prevents asymptomatic transmission of COVID-19. Susanne will update the district's "Return to Work" guidelines and notify staff.
- New tax credits are available to public agencies through the COVID relief bill to provide extended FFCRA leave to employees through September 30th. The District will extend these benefits and Quinn will check on any updates. Any updates will be implemented and an update will be provided to the Committee at the next meeting.

- **EXECUTIVE BOARD WILL CONSIDER ADOPTING ADDITIONAL MEASURES TO ADDRESS COVID 19.**

NONE

- **ADJOURNMENT**

President Heinrich adjourned the meeting at 2:52 P.M. The next Executive Board meeting will be scheduled on Thursday, April 1, 2021 at 2:30 PM via Zoom teleconference.