

MINUTES OF THE 689TH MEETING**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Orange County Vector Control District

TIME: 3:00 P.M., April 15, 2004

PLACE: 13001 Garden Grove Blvd., Garden Grove, CA 92843

Trustees Present:

Huntington Beach	Dr. Peter Green, President		
Laguna Niguel	Marc W. Winer		
San Juan Capistrano	David M. Swerdlin, Secretary		
Aliso Viejo	Karl Warkomski	Mission Viejo	Sydney H. Gordon
Anaheim	John J. Baird	Newport Beach	Dr. Virginia L. Barrett
Brea	Roy Moore	Orange	Carolyn Cavecche
Costa Mesa	Charles Gleason	Placentia	Constance Underhill
Cypress	Sandra Montez	Rancho Santa Margarita	Jerauld D. Holloway
Garden Grove	Dr. Sheldon S. Singer	San Clemente	Joe Anderson
Irvine	Rosemary Dugard	Santa Ana	Fred S. Bella
Laguna Hills	Natalie "Lee" Klein Lagun	Seal Beach	Frank Laszlo
Woods	Dr. Robert Bouer	Stanton	Al Ethans
Lake Forest	Jean D. Jambon	Tustin	Doug Davert
La Habra	Rose Espinoza	Villa Park	William Oliva
La Palma	Larry A. Herman	Yorba Linda	Jim Winder
Los Alamitos	Alice Jempsa	County of Orange	R. Paul Webb

Trustees Absent:

Buena Park	Jim Dow	Fullerton	Don Bankhead
Dana Point	Wayne Rayfield	Laguna Beach	Grant McCombs
Fountain Valley	Laurann Cook	Westminster	Frank Fry, Jr.

Others Present:

Gerard Goedhart, District Manager	Alan Burns, District Counsel
Richard P. Meyer, Ph.D., Field Operation Dir.	Gerard van Steyn, Shilts Consultants, Inc.
Michael Hearst, Comm. Information Officer	Donald F. McIntyre
Dana Ohanesian, Administration & Finance Mgr.	Marv Jempsa
Lawrence H. Shaw, Field Operations Manager	Michael Charles, Irvine
David Brock, Accountant	Jennifer Charles, Irvine
Joyce Conquest, HR Analyst	
Debbie Cavers, Outreach Coordinator	
Allyson Reinig, Vector Control Technician III	
John Newton, Vector Control Technician II	
Robert Cummings, Asst. Vector Ecologist	
Jodie Stoddard, Information Technology Tech.	
Sue Koenig, Seasonal Lab Assistant	
Viki Blaylock, Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board	

1. **Pledge of Allegiance:** President Green called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m., and asked Trustee Gleason to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Roll Call:** Roll call indicated 28 Trustees present, with Trustee Warkowski arriving shortly thereafter, making 29 Trustees present out of the current Board membership of 35.
3. **Other Visitors Present:** Chris Lankford (Creepy Crawlers Pest Control); George Gutman (Bordier's Nursery, Inc.); John Kabashima (University of California Agriculture & Natural Resources); Arthur B. Cook (Hill, Farrer & Burrill); Solveig R. Darner (City of Laguna Niguel); Dean Wiley (Newport Exterminating); Roger Sonnenfeld (Access Exterminator Service, Inc.); Bryan E. Houtchens (Team Termite and Pest Control); William R. Houtchens (Team Termite and Pest Control); Tom Meany (Orange County Pest Control, Inc.); Brian Olson (The Bugman Termite and Pest Control); Gary Hayakawa (Three Star Nursery and Orange County Fire Ant Authority Advisory Panel); and Reed L. Royalty (Orange County Taxpayers Association).
4. **Trustee Bouer from the City of Laguna Woods Completes Five Years of Service:** Dr. Robert Bouer, Trustee representative from the City of Laguna Woods, completed five years of service on the Board of Trustees. Trustee Bouer was first appointed to the Board in April 1999 and has served on the Policy and Personnel, and Budget and Finance Committees. He has attended 59 of the 60 meetings of the Board for a 98 percent attendance record. President Green presented a five year service certificate to Trustee Bouer at the Board meeting.
5. **Report of District Activities:** The Report of District Activities, as submitted by District staff to the Board of Trustees by separate report dated April 9, 2004, was enclosed with the Agenda.

6. **Authorized Staff to Proceed with Preparation of Increase of Annual Benefit Assessment Tax Adjustment:** On motion by Trustee Bouer, seconded by Trustee Singer, and passed by majority roll call vote, the Board of Trustees directed staff to proceed with the preparation of the appropriate resolutions to conduct a mailed ballot election on adjusting the benefit assessment tax to include the operation of the Red Imported Fire Ant program.

Ayes: Trustees Warkowski, Baird, Moore, Gleason, Montez, Singer, Green, Dugard, Klein, Bouer, Espinoza, Jambon, Herman, Jempsa, Gordon, Barrett, Cavecche, Holloway, Anderson, Swerdlin, Bella, Ethans, Oliva, and Winder.

Noes: Trustees Winer, Underhill, and Davert.

Abstained: Trustee Webb.

Absent: Trustees Dow, Rayfield, Cook, Bankhead, McCombs, Laszlo, and Fry.

A detailed staff report was prepared and sent with the Agenda. The report showed that the District will have a \$1,334,495 deficit in its basic operations (flies, rats, mosquitoes, and West Nile Virus Program) in fiscal year 2004-05. The report also included the cost of implementing a Fire Ant Program at a cost of \$2,742,816 the first year of operation. The total estimated adjustment in the assessment would be as follows:

Basic Operations and Election Cost	\$2.37
Fire Ant Program	<u>3.05</u>
Total Recommended Adjustment	<u>\$5.42</u>

7. **Public Participation:** President Green called upon the members of the public to speak before the Board during Trustee discussion on Item 6 (Increase of Annual Benefit Assessment Tax Adjustment), to allow the public to express their concerns prior to the Board voting.

The following people spoke against the ballot measure for an increase in annual parcel assessment: Arthur Cook (Attorney, Hill, Farrer & Burrill, Representing Orange County Members of Pest Control Operators of California); Brian Olson (President, The Bug Man Termite and Pest Control); and Reed Royalty (President, Orange County Taxpayers Association).

The following people spoke in favor of the ballot measure for an increase in annual parcel assessment to control fire ants: Michael Charles (Citizen from the City of Irvine); John Kabashima (University of California Cooperative Extension, Entomologist); Gary Hayakawa (Three Star Nursery and Nursery Growers of California); and George Gutman (General Manager, Bordier's Nursery, Inc.)

8. **Items for Approval by General Consent:** On motion by Trustee Swerdlin, seconded by Trustee Anderson, and passed by unanimous vote, the Board of Trustees approved the following Consent Calendar Items.

8A - **Approval of Minutes:** Approved without reading the Minutes of the 688th Meeting of the Board of Trustees held March 18, 2004.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

8B - **Budget Review Schedule:** Received and filed: The Budget and Finance Committee will meet on June 3, 2004, at 11:00 a.m. at the District Office to review the proposed fiscal year 2004-05 Budget, which will be mailed to all Board Members on May 27, 2004. At the regular Board of Trustees meeting on June 17, 2004, the Board will adopt the fiscal year 2004-05 Budget for the District. The Budget and Finance Committee consists of Trustees Singer (Chair), Moore, Dow, Rayfield, McCombs, Davert, and Oliva.

The following schedule is presented to show dates for Budget review and approval for fiscal year 2004-05.

- May 27 - Proposed Budget Recommendations mailed to all members of the Board of Trustees.
- June 3 - Budget and Finance Committee meeting at the District Office at 11:00 a.m. (lunch to be provided), Thursday, June 3, 2004. Meeting to include District finance briefing and budget presentation. All Trustees concerned about future finances are urged to attend. Trustees who are not Budget Committee members please RSVP to place a lunch order.
- June 17 - Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees. Review Budget and Finance Committee Recommendations. Adopt Budget for Fiscal Year 2004-05.

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May 20, 2004

Dr. Peter Green, President
Orange County Vector Control District (OCVCD)
13001 Garden Grove Boulevard
Garden Grove CA 92702

Dear Dr. Green,

The Orange County Taxpayers Association (OCTax) testified twice before your Board of Directors in opposition to OCVCD's proposed parcel tax. Our fundamental objection was that OCVCD would use taxpayers' money to hire 20 additional public employees to perform pest control services that can be provided by taxpaying private-sector pest control operators.

OCTax is pleased that OCVCD has decided to allow private pest control operators to compete for a substantial portion of the work. OCVCD staff would identify and survey infestations of Red Imported Fire Ants, then do initial treatment. Private pest control operators would perform subsequent treatments (at least two, in accordance with OCVCD protocols). OCVCD would do final surveying and monitoring. The result of this procedure is that OCVCD would need fewer public employees, and pest control operators would earn money to provide more taxpaying jobs in the private sector.

In light of this enlightened approach to vector control, OCTax withdraws its opposition to your plan to submit the proposed parcel tax to property owners on a ballot to be mailed on or about June 4, 2004.

We thank your honorable Board of Directors and OCVCD staff for responding to OCTax's concerns. Gerard Goedhart (district manager) and Michael Hearst (government relations manager) were especially helpful.

Sincerely,

Reed L. Royalty
President



PEST CONTROL OPERATORS of CALIFORNIA, Inc.

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May 17, 2004

To: All Branch 2 members of Orange County District of PCOC

From: PCOC Orange County District Red Imported Fire Ant Committee Chairman

This letter is to inform you that we have negotiated what we believe is a working partnership with the Orange County Vector Control District.

This partnership would have vector control do the survey and initial treatment of the reported RIFA findings. Private industry PCOC members would do the 2nd and 3rd follow up treatments. Payment would be paid by vector control directly to the private pest control company.

A mandatory meeting of the Operator/Manager of any company interested in participating in this program will be held on June 8th at 9am at the Orange County Vector Control Office located at 13001 Garden Grove Blvd. Garden Grove, CA 92843. Telephone-714-971-2421. If you do not attend this meeting, you will not qualify to be part of the program.

This meeting will explain the ground rules of the program which will include but are not limited to the Certification Program, pricing, billing, method of application and materials to be used.

If your company is interested in being involved in this program, it is mandatory that you notify PCOC mail or fax in writing by June 1st, 2004. You must also attend the management meeting on June 8th, 2004. Any questions you may have will be answered at this meeting.

Thank you

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