

DATE: March 26, 2010
TO: President Joe Anderson
Members of the Board of Trustees
FROM: Michael Hearst, Director of Communications
SUBJECT: Weekly Memo – Week Ending March 26, 2010

Operations Committee Update: On Wednesday, March 24, the Operations Committee met and continued the discussion of the opportunity to privatize rodent control in Orange County. The pest control industry was well represented by ten individuals; the Operations Committee was represented by Trustee Leece, who was re-elected Chair, Trustees Ming, Rosen, Kring, and Herman. Committee members that were absent were Trustees Gomez and Dixon. After hearing input from the pest control industry, the committee agreed to recommend that the Board authorize the Operations Committee to proceed with further discussion of developing an RFP for a pilot program.

The next step as stated by the Operations Committee is to get a price from the Pest Control Operators (PCOs) for providing the service to see if there is any savings. The cost information will be presented to the Board of Trustees at the April 15 Board meeting, along with other supporting documentation, so the whole Board can determine if there is any merit to further examine the proposal. If the Board approves further discussion, and also approves the development of an RFP, staff will suggest an outside firm provide this service.

District staff and the PCOs will form a working group that will establish recommendations for the pilot program.

Budget Committee Update: On Thursday, March 25, staff presented the proposed 2010-11 Budget to the Budget and Finance Committee. Trustees Rheins, Murray, Freese, Thompson, Bailey, Weinberg, and Chair Parker were in attendance; Trustees Jones and Moorlach were absent. The Committee is recommending to keep the budget status quo. In light of the change in management, some recommended changes were pulled to allow the incoming manager the opportunity to weigh in. The Capitol Improvement Project section was separated from the rest of the budget pending project approval by the Building, Property, and Equipment Committee.

There are two additional Budget workshops coming up on April 6 and 8 for Trustees to get a complete presentation of the Budget by staff.

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Outreach Events Update: This weekend staff will be attending the Los Alamitos 50th Anniversary Celebration. The City anticipates over 30,000 people to attend the event making this one of the larger outreach events of the year.

AMCA Update: In a different form of outreach, OCVCD staff attending the American Mosquito Control Association (AMCA) Annual Conference, along with Trustee and Anaheim Council Member Lucille Kring, will be busy during the program gaps at the conference taking turns manning a booth that will promote the upcoming 2011 AMCA Annual Conference being held in Anaheim.

Operations Update: The recently retired Director of Operations, Larry Shaw, has rescinded his decision to retire and will be returning to the District next week.

District Manager Update: District Manager Goedhart will be working normal hours, attending meetings, and communicating with the Board next week.

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Attachment: Scientific Technical Services Weekly Memo