

**San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District
1145 N. Azusa Canyon Road
West Covina, California 91790**

Board of Trustee Meeting

Friday, August 10, 2007

7:00 AM

Minutes

Trustees Attending

- 1 Stephen Sham (Alhambra)
- 2 Roger Chandler (Arcadia)
- 3 Joseph Rocha (Azusa)
- 4 Jacquelin McHenry (Claremont)
- 5 Henry Morgan (Covina)
- 6 Margaret Finlay (Duarte)
- 7 Ernest Gutierrez (El Monte)
- 8 George Vangel (Glendora)
- 9 Jeff Parriott (Industry)
- 10 Dan Kirby (Monrovia)
- 11 Elliott Rothman (Pomona)
- 12 Robert Bruesch (Rosemead)
- 13 Albert Huang (San Gabriel)
- 14 Janice Nelson (Sierra Madre)
- 15 Roger Hernandez (West Covina)

Trustees Absent

- 1 Frank Hall (L.A. County)
- 2 Rick Barakat (Bradbury)
- 3 Mark A. Breceda (Irwindale)
- 4 Louie Lujan (La Puente)
- 5 Robert Neher (La Verne)
- 6 David Barron (Monterey Park)
- 7 Jeffrey Templeman (San Dimas)
- 8 Fernando L. Vizcarra (Temple City)
- 9 Tom Sykes (Walnut)

Guests Attending:

Deborah A. George, Senior Vice President, Government Services, (Ontario Branch)
Duane Keene, Senior Vice President and Manager (Covina Branch)

Staff Attending

Steve West

Kenn Fujioka

Rose Alba

Kelly Middleton

Esther Elliott

Melvin Cook

Ramona Deacon

Carol Anne Hagele

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Roger Chandler at 7:10 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Silent Roll Call

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Gutierrez.

3. Opportunity for Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

None

4. Consent Calendar

- A. List of Claims for July, 2007

- B. Budget Status Report for July, 2007
- C. Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting July, 2007
- D. Surveillance and Vector Report
- E. Abatement Report
- F. Education Program

A motion by Trustee Gutierrez to approve the Consent Calendar as presented was seconded and unanimously approved.

5. Monthly Treasurer Report / District Working Balance

A motion by Trustee Gutierrez to approve the Monthly Treasurer's Report and the District Working Balance was seconded and unanimously approved.

6. Consider Agreement(s) with Citizens Business Bank

Office Manager Rose Alba reported that the District has been researching financial institutions with the intent of replacing Bank of America due to poor customer service.

Citizens Bank representatives Duane Keene, Senior Vice President and Manager of the Covina Branch and Deborah A. George, Senior Vice President, Government Services, Ontario Branch were present to answer questions.

Citizen's Bank is a business bank versed in public agency funds, the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF), and working with County funds. They offer live customer service, electronic online banking, and transfer of funds.

In answer to questions from the Trustees, Rose explained that Citizens Bank can wire transfer funds from the County directly into our account so we can immediately do payroll and pay bills. In addition Citizens bank the District would earn \$600 more in interest per month.

A motion by Trustee Finlay to switch our banking activities from Bank of America to Citizen's Bank was seconded and unanimously approved.

7. District Administration

A. Contract Cities Update

District Manager Steve West reported there has been no progress with the City of South Pasadena. Steve and Kenn Fujioka, Assistant Manager will attend the August 15, 2007 City Council meeting.

B. Governor Schwarzenegger's Proclamation

District Manager West reported Governor Schwarzenegger recently made a West Nile virus emergency proclamation for Colusa, San Joaquin and Kern Counties in Central and Northern California.

C. MVCAC Fall Meeting, October 31 – November 2, 2007, Lake Tahoe

District Manager West announced that if anyone is interested in attending the MVCAC Fall Meeting in Lake Tahoe October 31 thru November 2 of this year to let staff know as soon as possible.

8. Honey Bee, Avian Flu and West Nile Virus Update

Assistant Manager Kenn Fujioka reported that honey bee activity decreases in August so we can expect less calls to the District.

Avian flu is in holding pattern with no unusual activity worldwide.

California currently leads the nation in reported cases of WNV, although this is half the cases reported in 2004 and in 2005. A press release on August 9th announced Los Angeles County's first case from the San Fernando Valley.

In our District, two WNV positive crows from West Covina have been reported. Our staff is looking in that area for sources of water.

Our helicopter surveillance program is over. Two hundred eight pools were found throughout the District; of those 150 are new to our data base and of those 22 were breeding. Our program continues to be successful at picking up pools which are difficult to see from the street and are not in our data base.

Since hundreds of thousands of mosquitoes are generated from each of these pools, it's very effective to find these spots that could have been problematic.

Answering questions from the Trustees, Kenn reported that Greater L. A. Vector Control District has not used helicopter surveillance yet. They have thousands of miles of underground storm drain systems that are in disrepair and focus a lot on finding these areas and treating them for mosquito breeding. They have been very successful in decreasing the incidents of WNV by doing that. They also have a fair number of staff that go out and look at swimming pools.

9. Trustee Reports

In answer to Trustee Rothman's question, District Manager Steve West informed the Board that District will not have a booth at the L.A. County Fair this year as was the case since 2005. Instead, Public Information Officer Kelly Middleton will give four presentations in the Garden Building as part of an involvement with the Fair, although on a lesser scale.

10. New Business

The District Manager reported to Trustee Vangel that we are still looking into enhancements to the speaker system in the Board room.

11. Adjournment

A motion by Trustee Morgan to adjourn the meeting was seconded and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 A.M.