

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

**Board of Trustee Meeting  
February 9, 2007**

**Minutes**

**Trustees Present:**

Frank Hall (Los Angeles County), President  
Stephen Sham (Alhambra)  
Roger Chandler (Arcadia), Vice President  
Joe Rocha (Azusa)  
Richard Barakat (Bradbury)  
Jacquelin McHenry (Claremont)  
Margaret Finlay (Duarte), Treasurer  
Henry Morgan (Covina), Secretary  
Ernest Gutierrez (El Monte)  
George Vangel (Glendora)  
Jeff Parriott (Industry)  
Mark A. Breceda (Irwindale)  
Robert Neher (La Verne)  
Dan Kirby (Monrovia)  
David Barron (Monterey Park)  
Robert Bruesch (Rosemead)  
Albert Huang (San Gabriel)  
Janice Nelson (Sierra Madre)  
Tom Sykes (Walnut)  
Roger Hernandez (West Covina)

**Staff Present**

Steve West, District Manager  
Kenn Fujioka, Assistant Manager  
Rose Alba, Office Manager  
Kelly Middleton, Public Information Officer  
Ramona Deacon, Administrative Assistant  
Esther Elliott, Administrative Secretary  
Carol Anne Hagele, Education Specialist

**Guests Present**

Mike Harrison, CPA, Mayer, Hoffman McCann P.C.  
Robert Apodaca, President of the Central Basin Municipal  
Water District

**Trustees Absent:**

Louie Lujan (La Puente)  
Jeffrey Templeman (San Dimas)  
Elliott Rothman (Pomona)

**Staff Absent**

Mel Cook, Operations Manager

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by President Hall at 7:00 a.m.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance and Silent Roll Call**

President Frank Hall led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Opportunity for Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**

Guest Robert Apodaco, President of the Central Basin Municipal Water District, introduced himself and announced he is a candidate for the alternate position on the LAFCO Board of Directors and requested the Board of Trustees to vote for him. Ballots will be mailed in March.

**4. Board Committee Members for 2007**

President Frank Hall asked for volunteers to fill Board Committee vacancies.

1. Trustee Huang volunteered for the Finance Committee.
2. Trustee Barron volunteered to join Personnel Committee; however the Committee currently has its maximum number of members.
3. Trustee Barron questioned whether the number of members on the Personnel Committee can be increased. Steve West will take this matter to the Policy Committee and will investigate if Board members can attend Committee meetings in a Closed Session.
4. Trustee Hernandez and Trustee Gutierrez volunteered for the Public Information Committee.
5. Trustee Kirby and Trustee Barron volunteered for the Legislative Committee.

A motion from Trustee Gutierrez to approve Committees and members was seconded and unanimously approved.

**5. Consent Calendar**

- A. List of Claims for January, 2007
- B. Budget Status Report for October, November, December 2006, and January 2007
- C. Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting January 12, 2007

Motion by Trustee Sykes to approve the Consent Calendar as presented was seconded and unanimously approved.

**6. Monthly Treasurer Report / District Working Balance Treasurer**

A motion from Trustee Arrighi to approve the Monthly Treasurer's Report was seconded and unanimously approved.

**7. Surveillance and Vector Report**

Assistant Manager Kenn Fujioka reported that because of low temperatures in the District bee requests are down. There was a positive mosquito pool found in

Rowland Heights, a crow in Northridge and a positive chicken in Monterey Park. Kenn warned that WNV is still out there and as Spring unfolds the amount of warm and cold weather will predict if it will be a good or bad year for mosquitoes.

## **8. Abatement Report:**

Assistant Manager Kenn Fujioka reported that service requests for mosquitoes were down but requests for rodent inspections were up because in colder weather rodents venture into people's homes for warmth.

At the MVCAC Annual meeting Kenn heard a presentation by the Department of Pesticide Regulations about pesticide use in the State of California. Unlicensed applicators use most of the pesticides that are going into the environment. Public Health agencies are applying very small percentages of pesticides used in California.

There is H5N1 (bird flu) activity throughout the world but it is in the same locations as last year. The World Health Organization and the CDC are not trying to contain it.

Trustee Bruesch requested a copy of Kenn's presentation to take to the City Council's meeting in the City of Rosemead.

## **9. Education Program**

Public Information Officer Kelly Middleton moderated the first public relations symposium at the MVCAC Annual meeting. Members of the Public Relations Committee gave talks about working with legislators, getting the WNV message out to the public, getting information into the schools and working with the media. An ex-reporter on the committee gave a presentation about the job of the reporter and how to work with them.

Kelly gave a condensed version of the presentation for the symposium about the aerial green pool surveillance done for the last two years in our District. The presentation showed the aerial photos, the GPS system on the helicopter, media participation and coverage and the cooperation from the public. The public got the message that if they did not take care of the problem, we would find them.

The District had an increase in service after the flyovers. It was estimated that about 2 billion mosquitoes were eliminated; among those were approximately 105 million female mosquitoes capable of transmitting WNV. The cost came to just over \$3,000.

## **10. District Administration**

### **A. Monthly Administrative Support Report**

Rose Alba, Office Manager announced that the Trustee's Form 700 packet includes new information and a self addressed stamped envelope for them to mail back their form to the District for review. The District will need to keep the original forms on file with a copy sent to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. Direct all questions to Esther Elliott or to Alice Madrigal of the Board of Supervisors.

Trustee Breceda and Trustee Hernandez were given a CD of the Districts Resolutions and a Trustees Manual.

All Trustees were given a SGVMVCD lapel pin.

For Trustees wishing to change their stipend from being applied to Federal and State taxes and thus receiving a zero check or to have a specific dollar amount withheld for Federal and State taxes for 2007, Trustees were advised to see Rose.

**B. MVCAC Legislative Day, Wednesday, April 18, 2007**

District Manager Steve West reported that MVCAC Legislative Day is on April 18<sup>th</sup>. Trustees and staff are encouraged to participate in the Capitol process and meet legislators. There will be a master schedule for attendees for Assemblyperson's and Senator's offices. Trustees are encouraged to let Steve know as soon as possible if they wish to attend so staff can make the arrangements.

**11. Consider District Vote for Alternate Trustee Representative on Vector Control Joint Powers Agency (VCJPA) Board of Directors**

A motion by Trustee Barakat to endorse Trustee Hernandez as candidate for the position of alternate Trustee representative on the VCJPA Board of Directors was seconded and unanimously approved.

**12. Trustee Reports**

**A. MVCAC Annual Meeting, February 4, 2007**

Trustee Morgan reported that at the MVCAC Annual Meeting he had the opportunity to hear from two guest speaker's about their WNV illness.

The Legislative Committee members went over up coming legislative action and the importance of Trustees attending Legislative Day.

Trustee Sykes agreed that the annual meeting offered new ideas, new leadership with vendors displaying new and more effective "tools". Kelly's and Kenn's sessions were very well done, and Gordon Peterson gave a report on the history of mosquitoes control in California.

**13. New Business**

None

**14. Adjournment**

A motion by Trustee McHenry to adjourn the meeting was seconded and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 a.m.

The Finance Committee met immediately after the Board adjourned.