

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

**Board of Trustee Meeting
January 12, 2007**

Minutes

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 AM by President Frank Hall.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Silent Roll Call

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Frank Hall.

3. Opportunity for Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

President Frank Hall presented outgoing Trustee Mike Miller from the City of West Covina with an engraved plaque expressing the Board's gratitude for his "valuable service to the Board from January 2005 to December 2006."

Mike thanked everyone and remarked that it has been very interesting, and he wished he had been selected for four years instead of two.

President Hall announced that outgoing Trustee Joe Tapia from the City of Irwindale was unable to attend and who wrote a note expressing his desire to have the plaque mailed to him and his gratitude for everyone's thoughts and prayers.

President Hall welcomed returning Trustee Dan Kirby from the City of Monrovia. Trustee Kirby has been appointed for a four-year term.

He welcomed the new Trustee Councilman Roger Hernandez from the city of West Covina and Councilman Mark Brededa from the city of Irwindale.

4. Annual Election of Board of Trustee Officers for 2007

Nominations Committee Chairperson, Henry Morgan reported that at the December meeting the following slate of Officers for 2007 was presented for the Board's consideration: President, Trustee Frank Hall, Vice President, Trustee Roger Chandler, Secretary, Trustee Henry Morgan and Treasurer, Trustee Margaret Finlay.

A motion from Trustee Gutierrez to approve the slate of officers for 2007 was seconded and unanimously approved.

5. Consent Calendar

A. List of Claims

B. Budget Status Report: Due to the accounting software update, this report is still unproducibile, but it will be included with the February agenda.

C. Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting December 1, 2006

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

6. Monthly Treasurer Report / District Working Balance

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 discussed the warning issued from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association which stated that an El Niño will be present during winter and spring of 2007. He explained that the worldwide cyclic warming of the equatorial Pacific Ocean affects rainfall and temperature patterns. This in turn, affects the ecology of land area and how diseases appear or disappear.

The National Aeronautic and Space Administration have been using El Niño cycles to predict the risk of Rift Valley Fever. The system currently being used successfully predicted the last big epidemic in 1999. In September 2006 scientists saw the El Niño coming and warned the government of Kenya about the potential for an epidemic of Rift Valley Fever.

Staff is interested because this successful model also forecasts an elevated risk for WNV plague, and hantavirus in Southern California. Vector activity in the District is at its winter ebb. The first WNV bird this year was found on January 9th in Northridge.

8. Abatement Report

Operations Manager Mel Cook reported a total of 2593 mosquito inspections during the month of December with 153 sites found breeding. Over the last six years mosquito inspections and treatments have increased from 12,194 to 32,724.

Mel's presentation included the introduction of Mike Niffenegger whose responsibilities include maintaining the District's fleet of thirty-five vehicles and building maintenance. His talents extend to the installation of the new weather station, the repair of the sprinklers after the gardeners break them, roof leaks and plumbing. When it comes to repairs or fabricating, Mike would rather do it himself. Mike is another professional here at District.

9. Education Program

Public Information Officer Kelly Middleton announced there would be a meeting of the Public Information Committee immediately following the Board meeting.

The Committee will be reviewing the calendar of events and the current projects as well as future Outreach programs for the schools and community groups.

The California Resources Connections has been allowed access to a two acre piece of land that is part of the Azusa River Wilderness Park project. They will be working with that group to create educational programs for visitors. Currently they are waiting for grant money to start the beginning phases of construction.

Last year some Southern Region districts began working with cemeteries in the area trying to convey to them the importance of ensuring cemetery vases do not hold water. Awareness is such that most cemeteries dump water out of the flower vases, however, when a cemetery has 10,000 vases it becomes a huge drain on man power.

The Cemetery and Mortuary Association of California has asked our Public Information staff to give a presentation at their annual meeting in April. Additionally the American Cemetery Magazine has asked for help getting information out about the gel introduced last year and to provide material for a front page story in their Spring issue.

This last month staff has been looking at the California Science standards and incorporating those in with the environmental education initiative standards that are being developed and melding these in with our outreach programs to make them more attractive to the teachers.

10. Administrative Support

Office Manager, Rose Alba announced she had W2s for all the Trustees to be either picked up or mailed. New Trustees Hernandez and Breceda were asked to see Ramona after the meeting regarding their mailing addresses and phone numbers.

11. District Administration

Calendar for Board of Trustee Meetings in Calendar 2007

District Manager Steve West announced that staff has looked into the various association meetings for this upcoming year and does not foresee any conflict with the scheduled Board meeting dates such that a major change is necessary.

In answer to Trustee Barakat's question regarding the price of worker's compensation per employee in this District, Steve checked with the Vector Control Joint Powers Agency and found the price to be \$4.32 per person.

12. Consider Recommendation by the Finance Committee Regarding District Investment Policy (Resolution 94-02, Fiscal Policies, Article XIII) *

Treasurer Trustee Finlay reported that the District has a variety of places to invest money depending on return and maturity. In past, the District has invested in Los Angeles Investment Fund and other areas. The Treasurer's report that is signed every month indicates the credits and debits to those accounts. The Board needs to determine where money is used most effectively and what is most important for us, investment or security or in return or maturity. Last year the return was approximately 4.5 %.

District Manager reported that the actual deposits of the District's money are with Los Angeles County and the California Local Investment Fund.

A motion by Trustee Neher to endorse the recommendation of the Finance committee regarding the District's Investment Policies was seconded and unanimously approved.

13. Consider Nomination for Alternate Special District Representation on the Local Agency Formation Commission for Los Angeles County (LAFCO) Board *

No one was interested in being a candidate for alternate to the LAFCO Board.

14. Consider Nomination of a Trustee(s) for the Alternate Trustee Representative to the Vector Control Joint Powers Agency (VCJPA) Board of Directors

A motion by Trustee Barakat to nominate Trustee Hernandez as a candidate for the VCJPA Board of Directors was seconded and unanimously approved.

15. Trustee Reports

None

16. New Business

Trustee Barron mentioned that his situation has changed and wondered if it was possible at a future date to change the Board meeting time to a later time. He added that perhaps a time change would allow the public to attend the Board meetings.

District Manager Steve West will ask the Policy Committee to look into his request.

17. Adjournment

A motion by Trustee Arrighi to adjourn the meeting was seconded and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 am.