

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

**Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**October 12, 2007**  
**Minutes**

Trustees Attending

- 1 Stephen Sham (Alhambra)
- 2 Roger Chandler (Arcadia)
- 3 Joseph Rocha (Azusa)
- 4 Rick Barakat (Bradbury)
- 5 Jacquelin McHenry (Claremont)
- 6 Henry Morgan (Covina)
- 7 Margaret Finlay (Duarte)
- 8 Ernest Gutierrez (El Monte)
- 9 George Vangel (Glendora)
- 10 Jeff Parriott (Industry)
- 11 Robert Neher (La Verne)
- 12 David Barron (Monterey Park)
- 13 Elliott Rothman (Pomona)
- 14 Robert Bruesch (Rosemead)
- 15 Albert Huang (San Gabriel)
- 16 Janice Nelson (Sierra Madre)
- 17 Fernando L. Vizcarra (Temple City)
- 18 Tom Sykes (Walnut)
- 19 Roger Hernandez (West Covina)
- 20 Frank Hall (L.A. County)

Trustees Absent

- 1 Mark A. Breceda (Irwindale)
- 2 Louie Lujan (La Puente)
- 3 Dan Kirby (Monrovia)
- 4 Jeffrey Templeman (San Dimas)

Staff Attending

Steve West  
Kenn Fujioka  
Rose Alba  
Kelly Middleton  
Melvin Cook  
Ramona Deacon  
Carol Anne Hagele  
Esther Elliott

Staff Absent

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by President Hall at 7:06 AM

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Hall.

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

None

**4. Consent Calendar**

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

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

**5. A. Monthly Treasurer Report, July 2007 / District Working Balance for September 1, 2007**

A motion by Trustee Bruesch to accept the September Monthly Treasurer Report as presented was seconded and unanimously approved.

**B. Monthly Treasurer Report, August 2007 / District Working Balance for October 1, 2007**

A motion by Trustee Bruesch to accept the October Monthly Treasurer's Report as presented was seconded and unanimously approved.

**6. President's Call for the Nominations Committee Members (Calendar 2008 Officers)**

District Manager Steve West reported that the Nominations Committee will meet after the November Board of Trustees meeting. West acknowledged Trustee Barron's request for a one paragraph staff report explaining the selection process for the 2008 slate of officers.

Trustees Finlay, Bruesch, Morgan, and Sykes volunteered for the Nominations Committee.

**7. District Administration**

**A. MVCAC 76<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in Palm Springs, January 13-16, 2008**

District Manager Steve West reminded the Board that the MVCAC Annual Conference will be held in Palm Springs on January 13 – 16, 2008. Any Trustee wishing to attend needs to notify staff.

Trustees Nelson, Neher and Sykes indicated they would like to attend.

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

Assistant Manager Kenn Fujioka reported that with respect to bees and avian flu there were no increases or noteworthy outbreaks.

There were currently 333 cases of West Nile virus in California and he predicted that number

would increase. In Los Angeles County there were 5 new cases of WNV with 3 coming from our District. Kern County continued to have the highest number of cases in California this year. In the past their problem was associated with WNV in rural areas moving into the city. This year the virus began in the city and moved out into the rural areas. The Kern Co. Health Department speculates that the problem was a large number of foreclosures creating over 1,200 green swimming pools.

This year in Los Angeles County proper there are 35 cases of WNV which is the highest number since 2004. We had transmission in West Covina and Covina but so far we have been able to minimize human disease.

Problems with WNV illness continue in the United States and the rest of North America. Saskatchewan has over 1,400 cases and with a population of under a million; their incidence rate is 140 cases per 100,000.

Trustee Gutierrez asked why is WNV so lethal to the horse population? Kenn replied that it is the nature of beast. Western equine encephalomyelitis, Venezuelan equine, and West Nile viruses have a proclivity for causing severe encephalitis in horses and killing them.

Trustee Barakat shared that in Bradbury they have an ordinance that requires residents to vaccinate their horses. President Hall asked what happened to St Louis encephalitis. Kenn replied that although it is not known why, WNV has out competed St Louis encephalitis throughout the United States.

Trustees Vangel and Bruesch and staff discussed the potential of flood control channels to breed mosquitoes, and which agencies control them.

Trustees Hernandez, Barron, Nelson and staff discussed HIPAA and the ways it hinders public health agencies from providing information that could reduce the incidence of human disease.

## **9. Trustee Reports**

In response to Trustee Barron's inquiry, Public Information Officer Kelly Middleton reported that the current agenda and approved minutes will be available on the District's website and that all others are up to date.

Trustee Bruesch asked for an update on the San Gabriel River Plan. President Hall remarked that could be addressed on the next agenda.

President Hall announced that the Public Information Committee will meet immediately after the Board meeting adjourns.

## **10. New Business**

None.

## **11. Adjournment**

A motion by Trustee Rothman to adjourn the meeting was seconded and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 AM