

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

**Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**September 14, 2007**

**Minutes**

**Trustees Attending**

- 1 Stephen Sham (Alhambra)
- 2 Roger Chandler (Arcadia)
- 3 Joseph Rocha (Azusa)
- 4 Rick Barakat (Bradbury)
- 5 Henry Morgan (Covina)
- 6 Ernest Gutierrez (El Monte)
- 7 George Vangel (Glendora)
- 8 Jeff Parriott (Industry)
- 9 Mark A. Breceda (Irwindale)
- 10 Robert Neher (La Verne)
- 11 Dan Kirby (Monrovia)
- 12 Elliott Rothman (Pomona)
- 13 Robert Bruesch (Rosemead)
- 14 Jeffrey Templeman (San Dimas)
- 15 Albert Huang (San Gabriel)
- 16 Janice Nelson (Sierra Madre)
- 17 Tom Sykes (Walnut)
- 18 Frank Hall (L.A. County)

**Trustees Absent**

- 1 Jacquelin McHenry (Claremont)
- 2 Margaret Finlay (Duarte)
- 3 Louie Lujan (La Puente)
- 4 David Barron (Monterey Park)
- 5 Fernando L. Vizcarra (Temple City)
- 6 Roger Hernandez (West Covina)

**Staff Attending**

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

**Staff Absent**

Esther Elliott

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 am by President Hall.

**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 August, 2007
- B. Budget Status Report for August, 2007
- C. Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting August, 2007

- D. Surveillance and Vector Report
- E. Abatement Report
- F. Education Program

A motion by Trustee Templeman to approve the Consent Calendar was seconded and unanimously approved.

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

District Manager Steve West reported that Treasurer Finlay was unable to sign the Monthly Treasurer's report and requested the Board continue this item.

A motion by Trustee Bruesch to continue the item until the next meeting was seconded and unanimously approved.

**6. Consider Trustee Participation on One or More of the California Special District Association Committees**

District Manager Steve West reported the California Special Districts Association is asking for volunteers to serve on one or more Committees. Volunteers are asked to submit their preference by Wednesday, September 26, 2007.

**7. District Reports**

**A. Status of MVCAC Contractual Services**

District Manager Steve West reported there have been eight responses to the MVCAC Request for Proposal (RFP) mostly by companies in the Sacramento area. The current contract with Blanning and Baker ends December 31, 2007; the Board will attempt to make a decision by that date.

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

Assistant Manager Kenn Fujioka reported that nationwide West Nile virus (WNV) is very active. Colorado leads the nation with 360 cases, their highest number since 2003, followed by Montana and North Dakota. California currently has 212 reported cases.

Even though the numbers are high it is still not in the same league as in 2004 and 2005 when there were 800 and 900 cases in California

The hot spot in California is Bakersfield. In previous years reports noted that the disease was primarily detected in rural areas farmlands and mosquito populations spilled over into the suburbs. This year the problem is in the urban part of Bakersfield where over 1200 green pools have been reported. Staff maintains that green pools in urban areas are the primary cause for mosquito problems, which is why we have a helicopter surveillance program.

In our District we found infected mosquitoes in West Covina, Covina, and San Gabriel and infected birds in Covina, West Covina, Glendora, and Claremont. Kenn cautioned that the virus is lurking throughout the District so it behooves the residents of our cities to take precautionary measures when they are outdoors at dusk and dawn.

A WNV positive crow was found in the area of Northview High School in Covina. The school sent a letter home advising that children and adults outdoors on campus during dusk and dawn, e.g., cheerleading squads, athletes, marching bands, etc., should to wear repellent until the end of October when it starts getting cooler. Mosquitoes trapped on campus were

negative.

The Pasadena Sheriff's Dept. flew over the city of San Gabriel looking for green pools but did not find any.

Routine trapping in the District indicates mosquito population is low but during the Labor Day weekend the increase in nighttime temperatures slightly increased the number of mosquitoes. Within a week of these higher temperatures we saw a large increase in the number of dead birds reported from Covina and West Covina. The virus multiplies faster and transmits better at higher temperatures. To escape the heat, people with no electricity were reportedly spending the night in their back yards. If cases occur because of that exposure they will be reported near the end of September.

Kenn informed the Board that we are working with the staff at various cemeteries to dump out water from flower receptacles.

Trustee Gutierrez mentioned that after weekly visits to the cemetery he has yet to see a notice or a sign posted from the District regarding the importance of emptying flower receptacles. He asks what type of communication is going on between the District and cemeteries in the District.

Public Information Officer Kelly Middleton reported to the Board that District has spoken to cemetery staff on a number of occasions emphasizing the importance of emptying receptacles and offered advice such as using water absorbing gel as an alternative. We were advised that cemetery staff turn over flower receptacles when they remove old flowers but, to date they have yet to use the absorbing gel.

Trustee Gutierrez suggested a notice be handed to each cemetery visitor advising them to empty flower receptacles. District Manager Steve West said staff would look into his recommendations.

Trustee Gutierrez asked if aerial surveillance was pro bono; Steve informed the Board that we do pay for services.

Trustee Gutierrez reiterated his request for a breakdown of the number of green pools in the City of El Monte.

Trustee Bruesch inquired about a federal study at Whittier Narrows and asked if any results had been released. Kenn replied that it is a three-year grant that would be completed this year; reports will be published after that.

**8. Trustee Reports**

None.

**9. New Business**

None

**10. Adjournment**

President Hall announced the Policy Committee will be meeting immediately after the Board adjourns.

A motion by Trustee Sykes to adjourn the meeting was seconded and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 a.m.