

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

**Board of Trustees Meeting**

**April 11, 2008**

**7:00 AM**

**Minutes**

**Trustees Attending**

- 1 Stephen Sham (Alhambra)
- 2 Roger Chandler (Arcadia)
- 3 Joseph Rocha (Azusa)
- 4 Rick Barakat (Bradbury)
- 5 Linda Elderkin (Claremont)
- 6 Henry Morgan (Covina)
- 7 Margaret Finlay (Duarte)
- 8 Ernest Gutierrez (El Monte)
- 9 Jeff Parriott (Industry)
- 10 Charles Myers (Glendora )
- 11 Dan Holloway (La Puente)
- 12 Robert Neher (La Verne)
- 13 Dan Kirby (Monrovia)
- 14 Dave Barron (Monterey Park)
- 15 Elliott Rothman (Pomona)
- 16 Robert Bruesch (Rosemead)
- 17 Jeffrey Templeman (San Dimas)
- 18 Albert Huang (San Gabriel)
- 19 Janice Nelson (Sierra Madre)
- 20 Kenneth G. Gillanders
- 21 Tom Sykes (Walnut)
- 22 Frank Hall (County of Los Angeles)

**Trustees Absent**

- 1 Roger Hernandez (West Covina)
- 2 Mark Breceda (Irwindale)

**Staff Attending**

- 1 Steve West
- 2 Kenn Fujioka
- 3 Kelly Middleton
- 4 Esther Elliott
- 5 Ramona Deacon
- 6 Carol Anne Hagele
- 7 Melvin Cook

**Staff Absent**

Rose Alba

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 am by President, Trustee Chandler.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by District Manager Steve West.

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

None

- A** Kenneth G. Gillanders, new Trustee for the city of Temple City was introduced and welcomed.

**4. Consent Calendar**

- A.** List of Claims for March 2008
- B.** Budget Status Report for March 2008
- C.** Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting March 2008
- D.** Surveillance and Vector Report
- E.** Abatement Report
- F.** Education Program

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

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

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

**6. Consider Staff Recommendation to Cease the District's Bee Control Program**

Assistant Manager Kenn Fujioka gave a brief history of the District's bee program ending with 2004 when almost all of staff's resources were used to address a WNV epidemic.

He then discussed the fact that public sentiment has shifted toward concern for the welfare of the bees. Kenn detailed that AHB are not a threat to public health; the District has not investigated any stinging incidents and no one in the San Gabriel Valley has been killed by AHB. He recommended that since the District is a public health agency, that mission would be better served if the District stops eradicating honey bees and redirected resources toward mosquito control and preventing any other mosquito borne disease that could show up.

Kenn summarized what staff currently is doing to address requests for service for bees, and expressed concern that because parasites and colony collapse disorder (CCD) have impacted the bee population we are damaging the local ecology by killing bees.

A lengthy discussion ensued; some points made by Trustees include:

The public education should be retained (Bruesch).

The public now has an expectation that their assessment pays for bee control and removing a service without recovering the cost would be perceived negatively (Templeman)

The District would protect bees by retaining its program (Neher and Barakat).

The bees will overcome CCD and recreating a program will be more difficult than retaining it (Myers)

District Manager Steve West proposed a 90 day period to conduct an extensive public education if the bee program is stopped.

Trustee Barakat moved to retain the current bee removal program and staff could provide another assessment in three months was seconded and approved with Trustees Bruesch and Rothman voting no.

**7. Consider Nominations for the Vector Control Joint Powers Agency (VCJPA) Board of Directors Position of Trustee Representative for the San Joaquin Valley/Southern California Regions and the Position of Alternate Trustee Representative on the VCJPA Board of Directors**

A motion by Trustee Templeman to nominate Trustee Morgan as a candidate for the position of Trustee on the VCJPA Board of Directors was seconded and unanimously approved.

A motion by Trustee Myers to nominate Trustee Finlay as a candidate for the position of Alternate Trustee on the VCJPA Board of Directors was seconded and unanimously approved.

**8. District Administration**

**A.** District Manager Steve West reported that the **MVCAC Spring Meeting** will be held in Monterey CA, on May 1, 2, 2008 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. He requested anyone interested to notify staff.

**B.** An updated **Trustee Committees** Membership list was provided.

**C. Coachella Valley**

District Manager Steve West reported that the effect of the Coachella Valley publicity attracted the attention of a State Legislator who in turn has proposed a draft bill based on information read in the newspaper. The draft proposes placing a 10% limit on special district's reserves. That would affect this District's cash flow which allows us to function pending the tax collection process. The ramifications are quite extensive, and we are opposed.

One of the things we may be asked to do is meet with Legislators in San Gabriel Valley to make them aware of what's happening so they will be informed when voting on the bill. Staff may ask the Board's help in that process.

**9. Honey Bee, Avian Flu and West Nile Virus (WNV) Update**

Kenn reported avian flu is at a low ebb. The regular influenza is still above the epidemic threshold and once again encourages everyone to take care of themselves. WNV activity in California is considerably lower compared to previous years. Night time temperatures are around the five year average and we hope for cooler temperature in April and May.

**10. Trustee Reports**

Trustee Templeman reported the San Dimas City Council approved a resolution on WNV Awareness Week. The Board wished Trustee Sykes well in his City Council race.

**11. New Business**

Trustee Barron commented on the publicity on special districts expenditures are receiving, particularly by Board members and suggested the Policy Committee review our policy and report back to the Board.

Vice President Sham announced that the Legislative and Public Information Committee will meet immediately after the Board adjourns.

**12. Adjournment**

A motion by Trustee Sham to adjourn the meeting was seconded and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 am.