

San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District

1145 N. Azusa Canyon Road, West Covina, California 91790

Board of Trustees Meeting

November 13, 2009

7:00 AM

Minutes

Trustees Attending

Trustees Absent

- 1 Roger Chandler (Arcadia)
- 2 Joseph Rocha (Azusa)
- 3 Rick Barakat (Bradbury)
- 4 Linda Elderkin (Claremont)
- 5 Henry Morgan (Covina)
- 6 Charles Myers (Glendora)
- 7 Jeff Parriott (Industry)
- 8 Manuel Garcia (Irwindale)
- 9 Robert Neher (La Verne)
- 10 Frank Hall (Co. of Los Angeles)
- 11 Dave Barron (Monterey Park)
- 12 Elliott Rothman (Pomona)
- 13 Robert Bruesch (Rosemead)
- 14 Jeffrey Templeman (San Dimas)
- 15 Janice Nelson (Sierra Madre)
- 16 Kenneth Gillanders (Temple City)
- 17 Mary Su (Walnut)

- 1 Stephen Sham (Alhambra)
- 2 Margaret Finlay (Duarte)
- 3 Ernest Gutierrez (El Monte)
- 4 Dan Holloway (La Puente)
- 5 Dan Kirby (Monrovia)
- 6 Albert Huang (San Gabriel)
- 7 Steve Herfert (West Covina)

Staff Attending

Staff Absent

- Steve West
- Kenn Fujioka
- Rose Alba
- Mel Cook
- Esther Elliott
- Ramona Deacon

- Kelly Middleton
- Carol Anne Hagele

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Chandler at 7:04 A.M.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Silent Roll Call

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Rothman.

3. Opportunity for Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

None

4. Consent Calendar

- A. List of Claims for October, 2009
- B. Budget Status Report for October, 2009
- C. Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting October, 2009
- D. Surveillance and Vector Report
- E. Abatement Report
- F. Education Program

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

5. September Monthly Treasurer Report / District Working Balance Report for October, 2009

No motion was made to approve the September Monthly Treasurer Report / District Working Balance Report for October, 2009.

6. Consider Cooperative Agreement Between the California Department of Public Health and the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District for Calendar Year 2010

Trustee Bruesch moved to approve the Cooperative Agreement Between the California Department of Public Health and the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District for Calendar Year 2010.

7. Consider Agreement with SCI Consulting Group to provide Prop 218 Services to the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District for the City of Baldwin Park Election

District Manager Steve West described for the Board the selection process of a company to manage the Prop 218 election in Baldwin Park.

A motion by Trustee Templeman to approve the agreement with SCI Consulting Group to conduct and administer the Prop 218 election in the City of Baldwin Park at a cost of \$77,150 for the election and \$37,000 for administration costs over the next four years was seconded. The roll call vote was taken, Trustees Barakat, Barron, Bruesch, Chandler, Elderkin, Garcia, Gillanders, Hall, Morgan, Myers, Neher, Nelson, Parriott, Rocha, and Templeman approved; Trustee Rothman and Su disapproved. Seven Trustees were absent. The motion was approved.

8. Best Management Practices (BMP) Storm Drain Update

Per a request by Trustee Bruesch, Assistant Manager Kenn Fujioka provided an updated report on the BMP issue. The major point of concern for vector control agencies is the 6th Circuit Court ruling which may severely restrict our ability to put pesticides into the waters of the United States. It would govern when and where we can put the pesticides and therefore restrict our ability to address vectors breeding in BMPs.

The biggest problem with BMPs is that we do not know where they are located.

Trustee Myers stated that it is against the State law to build BMPs that hold water and companies could be fined \$1,000 a day. In this State there has been no organized effort on the part of mosquito districts to enforce that law.

Trustee Templeman suggested the Board work with their cities Public Works departments so they understand the concept.

Trustee Myers commented that districts have used the existing law effectively, but the Board must back the District and initially it takes a lot of effort.

Trustee Bruesch stated he will revisit this issue periodically because we must eventually face this issue.

Trustee Barron suggested this issue be agendized and that the District Manager gather more information for discussion, so the Policy Committee could look at this issue.

9. District Administration

District Manager Steve West reported that the District’s Holiday schedule was provided in their packets.

A. Holiday Schedule

Thanksgiving	Thursday, November 26, 2009
	Friday, November 27, 2009
Christmas Eve	Thursday, December 24, 2009
Christmas Day	Friday, December 25, 2009
New Year’s Day	Friday, January 1, 2010

B. Local Agency Investment Fund Conference Report

District Manager West and Assistant Manager Kenn Fujioka attended the LAIF conference. Several presentations by economists expressed concern that will take a long time for the National and State economic picture to improve.

C. MVCAC Fall Meeting Report

District Manager West reported several staff and Trustees attended the MVCAC Fall meeting. The main topic of discussion was the 6th Circuit Court suspending the EPA’s rule that exempts vector control districts from Clean Water Act regulations. There are 18 months left of the 2 years the EPA has to develop a NPDES permit which will comply with the 6th Circuit Courts ruling.

The MVCAC is currently working with the State’s Water Regional Control Board and Department of Pesticide Regulation to develop a permit which will allow vector control districts to apply adulticides to control mosquitoes.

D. Ethics Training AB 1234

District Manager West stated that most of the Trustees get their training every two years thorough their respective cities. There is free online training at the www.localethics.fppc.ca.gov website through the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC). The District needs a copy of the certificate for the files. Trustee Bruesch asked that a reminder be sent to the Board.

10. Disease Surveillance

Assistant Manager Kenn Fujioka reported that we are almost at the end of West Nile virus season for 2009. Chickens will be tested every two weeks instead of every ten days and as temperatures gets cooler the mosquitoes take longer to develop and we get less activity.

13. Trustee Reports

Trustee Morgan reported he attended the MVCAC Fall Meeting in Lake Tahoe. The Trustee Advisory Council is developing training modules that will be meaningful to Trustees. These include handling audits, budgets, the media, the history of vector control and the basics of what the MVCAC does.

Trustee Myers reported he attended the 5th International Congress of Vector Ecology in Turkey with the theme “Vectors without Borders”. He presented the Board with a booklet of the proceedings and papers.

14. New Business

Trustee Barakat commented that the District’s facility in is need of paint and repairs. He asked if the District has a building fund.

District Manager West informed the Board that the District’s roof leaks, the building needs to be painted, the parking lot resurfaced, the floors carpeted, etc. He needs to bring to the Board a proposal to consider whether we finance the costs or use reserves to pay for it.

The Public Information area has applied for a grant for a classroom area in the back of the administration building and has included these capital improvements in the proposed budget.

15. Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee met immediately after the Board adjourns to discuss the Calendar Year 2010 Slate of Board Officers to be recommended to the Board of Trustees at the December meeting. Those attending included past presidents Trustees Barakat, Bruesch, Morgan, and Hall.

16. Adjournment

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