

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

**Board of Trustees Meeting
Friday, October 9, 2009
Minutes**

Trustees Attending

- 1 Stephen Sham (Alhambra)
- 2 Roger Chandler (Arcadia)
- 3 Joseph Rocha (Azusa)
- 4 Rick Barakat (Bradbury)
- 5 Linda Elderkin (Claremont)
- 6 Frank Hall (Co. of Los Angeles)
- 7 Henry Morgan (Covina)
- 8 Ernest Gutierrez (El Monte)
- 9 Manuel Garcia (Irwindale)
- 10 Dan Holloway (La Puente)
- 11 Dan Kirby (Monrovia)
- 12 Dave Barron (Monterey Park)
- 13 Elliott Rothman (Pomona)
- 14 Robert Bruesch (Rosemead)
- 15 Albert Huang (San Gabriel)
- 16 Janice Nelson (Sierra Madre)
- 17 Kenneth Gillanders (Temple City)
- 18 Mary Su (Walnut)

Trustees Absent

- 1 Margaret Finlay (Duarte)
- 2 Charles Myers (Glendora)
- 3 Jeff Parriott (Industry)
- 4 Robert Neher (La Verne)
- 5 Steve Herfert (West Covina)
- 6 Jeffrey Templeman (San Dimas)

Staff Attending

Steve West
Kenn Fujioka
Rose Alba
Mel Cook
Kelly Middleton
Carol Anne Hagele
Esther Elliott

Staff Absent

Ramona Deacon

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Roger Chandler at 7:05 AM

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Silent Roll Call

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Nelson.

3. Opportunity for Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

None

4. Consent Calendar

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

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

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

In the absence of the Board Treasurer District Manager Steve West reported that the Monthly Treasurer Report has been signed and the District Working Balance Report is included with her report with no corrections, additions or deletions.

A motion by Trustee Gutierrez to approve the Monthly Treasurer Report / District Working Balance Report seconded and unanimously approved.

6. Consider an Agreement between the City of Baldwin Park and the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District for the period of October 9, 2009 to June 30, 2010

District Manager Steve West reported that the Baldwin Park City Council has approved and signed the attached time and materials contract and pending Board approval is effective October 9, 2009.

His recommendation is based on several factors including the City of Baldwin Park paying the District \$20,000 to partially offset the cost of a Prop 218 election reducing our cost to about \$60,000. Further, since the District cannot actively campaign for the Prop 218 election, it is important that the Baldwin Park City Council and the administration do so in the interest of the assessment's passage.

A pre-election survey will be conducted by our consultant, particularly on large property owners, to determine their support or not for the fee. This is critical since the election will be a mail ballot and high value property owners can greatly influence this election.

District Manager West explained that a Prop 218 is an election of the city's property owners and not a popular vote. A ballot is mailed to each Baldwin Park land owner.

Trustee Barron added that the voters do not have to be citizens; they just have to own the property and could very well be living in another country which may require special dispensation.

District Manager West stated approximately \$20,000 would be first expended to determine how likely the Prop 218 election will pass. If after the survey the consultants do not believe the election will succeed they will advise the District not to continue with the election. If that does occur, the District will need to reconsider its position. The consultant in past years has generally advised the client to wait for a more suitable time frame.

Trustee Barakat suggested that perhaps bordering cities could post signs in support of passing the Prop 218 election. Trustee Gutierrez added that the District should provide statistical vector data to the City Council and the City's administration to be redistributed to the residents of Baldwin Park. Trustee Bruesch suggested we put an article in the Tribune.

President Chandler closed the discussion suggesting the Board first approve the proposed consultant contract and then wait for their recommendations.

A motion by Trustee Gutierrez to approve the time and materials contract between the City of Baldwin Park and the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District for the period of October 9, 2009 to June 30, 2010 was seconded and unanimously approved.

7. District Administration

A. MVCAC Fall Meeting, Oct. 28 – 30, 2009, Embassy Suites, So. Lake Tahoe

District Manager Steve West announced that any Trustee who wishes to attend the MVCAC Fall Meeting must inform staff today.

B. NPDES Status

District Manager Steve West informed the Board that the Environmental Protection Agency sponsored a Webinar regarding the 6th Circuit Court's decision providing a two year window to solve issues about pesticide spraying and public health.

8. Disease Surveillance

Assistant Manager Kenn Fujioka reported there are currently 74 cases of West Nile virus (WNV) in California. Of the fourteen cases in Los Angeles County, one is in Pomona and one is in Altadena. There has been one fatality in Fresno and one in Merced. Last year at this time there were 295 cases. However, there was a lag of 3 to 6 weeks between when persons got sick and when they were reported, so we can anticipate a few more cases this year.

There have been no cases of WNV in horses in the District. Horse owners are interested in the welfare of their animals so they have them vaccinated. Almost all horse properties in our District are in our database. Technicians go to these sites regularly to check for breeding. Mosquitofish are placed in horse troughs.

In response to Trustee questions, Kenn explained that in 2008 the virus was widespread in our area and many finches and sparrows died. This year we didn't have as many finches and sparrows to amplify the virus so it did not get the head start it needed. When the weather got hot there wasn't enough of the virus circulating. When there is a drought people tend to over water their lawns and if there isn't enough rain to flush the storm drain system it gets plugged which leads to pooling of water and more mosquitoes.

We rarely have Lyme disease in the San Gabriel Valley and then only in the foothills. The tick is active from November to February because it needs moisture and humidity.

9. Trustee Reports

Trustee Su invited the Board and staff to share the Walnut Festival activities on the weekend.

Trustee Nelson announced that everyone should get the seasonal flu shot and the H1N1 vaccine as well.

10. President's Call for the Nominations' Committee Members (Calendar 2010 Officers)

President Chandler called for volunteers for the Nominations Committee. Trustee Barron suggested that although past presidents have traditionally been members of the Nominations Committee we should allow newer Trustees to get acclimated to the whole process by sitting on the Committee.

A motion by President Chandler to nominate Trustee Morgan as Chairperson of the Nominations' Committee was seconded and unanimously approved.

District Manager West reported that the Committee meets in November to discuss and nominate a slate of Officers for Calendar 2010; with the Committees slate of officers presented at the December meeting and finally in January 2010 the Board votes for the new officers.

Committee Chairperson Morgan stated that the Committee will meet next month.

11. New Business

Trustee Bruesch asked for an update on BMP collectors of storm water. District Manager West stated that staff would provide a written report at the next Board meeting.

Trustee Barron asked if the District's legal counsel could attend a Board meeting in the near future to brief the Board of any changes in the laws affecting this Board and to be introduced to new Board Trustees.

12. A meeting of the Public Information Committee will convene immediately following the Board's adjournment.

13. Adjournment

A motion by Trustee Gutierrez was seconded and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 AM.