

San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District
Board of Trustees Meeting
March 11, 2016
7:00 AM

Minutes

Trustees Attending

- 1 Stephen Sham (Alhambra)
- 2 Joseph Rocha (Azusa)
- 3 Roger Chandler (Arcadia)
- 4 Rick Barakat (Bradbury)
- 5 Henry Morgan (Covina)
- 6 Corey Calaycay (Claremont)
- 7 Harold Bissner (Co. of LA)
- 8 Margaret Finlay (Duarte)
- 9 Andre Quintero (El Monte)
- 10 Charles Myers (Glendora)
- 11 Manuel Garcia (Irwindale)
- 12 Dan Holloway (La Puente)
- 13 Robert Neher (La Verne)
- 14 Dan Kirby (Monrovia)
- 15 Joseph Leon (Monterey Park)
- 16 Elliott Rothman (Pomona)
- 17 Bill Alarcon (Rosemead)
- 18 Jeffrey Templeman (San Dimas)
- 19 Janice Nelson (Sierra Madre)
- 20 Cynthia Sternquist (Temple City)
- 21 Mary Su (Walnut)

Trustees Absent

1. Vacant (Industry)
2. Juli Costanzo (San Gabriel)
3. Mike Spence (West Covina)

Staff Attending

- Kenn Fujioka
- Rose Alba
- Esther Elliott
- Jason Farned
- Carol Anne Hagele
- Ramona Deacon
- Wakoli Wekesa
- Mel Cook

1. Call to Order

President Jamie Bissner called the meeting to order at 7:00 A.M.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Silent Roll Call

President Bissner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Opportunity for Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

None

4. Consent Calendar

A. List of Claims for February 2016

B. Budget Status Report for February 2016

C. Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting February 2016

- 1.) Trustee Nelson indicated that Item 8 on page 3 of the minutes should be amended to read that Trustees Calaycay and Nelson, not Trustee Sternquist, would meet to discuss legislation.

- 2.) The Assembly Bill number (1362) was corrected.

- D. Surveillance and Vector Report
- E. Operations Report
- F. Education Program
- G. January 2016 Monthly Treasurer Report / District Working Balance Report for March 2016

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

5. Legislative Report

District Manager Kenn Fujioka reported that the MVCAC has met several times with bill sponsor Assembly Member Rich Gordon to discuss Assembly Bill 1362. It will not be heard in committee until June as Kenn understands the focus of the bill is narrowing to just San Mateo County Mosquito and Vector Control District

Senate Bill 1246 was introduced by Janet Nguyen (34th District, Orange County) in February and it would require at least seven days advance notification to various government agencies prior to any spraying by aircraft or unmanned aerial vehicle. This bill had not been heard by any Senate committee and the MVCAC already sent letters strongly opposing it. Kenn's report listed major reasons for opposing this bill and includes our District's Cooperative Agreement with the California Department of Health Services that allows for reasonable applications of pesticides to control vectors and protect public health.

Kenn reported that he would agendize the bill for Board discussion at its next meeting.

6. District Administration

Kenn reported that the District is currently having the Administration building carpeted, offices redesigned, and new office modules installed in the Operations Building.

Six members of the District staff gave excellent presentations at the MVCAC Annual Meeting on February 28 to March 2, 2016.

Kenn has been invited to attend the South Pasadena City Council meeting on March 18, 2016. South Pasadena's Public Works Director informed Kenn that he was asked to place the topic of annexing to the District on their agenda.

7. Disease Surveillance

Scientific Program Manager Wakoli Wekesa commented that to date El Niño has diminished but we are anticipating adult *Aedes* and the risk of their associated diseases to appear soon. He reported that staff will be trapping and testing all mosquito species and the viruses associated with both *Aedes* and *Culex*.

Wakoli attended a number of meetings in March including the MVCAC Annual Meeting in Sacramento, VCJPA Annual Workshop in Oakland, the Vertebrate Pest Conference in Newport Beach, and the Animal Care Conference in Long Beach where typhus in Los Angeles County was a major topic.

Wakoli mentioned that LA County has the highest number of typhus cases in the State and anticipates more will be identified this year. There are some years where there have been more cases of typhus than WNV in our District.

Responding to Trustee Su's inquiry, Wakoli explained that Zika is a virus transmitted by *Aedes* and possibly *Culex*. Also, males infected with Zika can sexually transmit the virus to their partners. Last year there were thousands of cases reported in the western hemisphere. Wakoli commented that in adults it is a mild disease with the exception of those exhibiting Guillain-Barré Syndrome. It causes microcephaly in children born to infected mothers. Officials think the virus most likely will be introduced here by those traveling from infected areas.

Kenn compared infections with Zika virus to the rubella epidemic that started in Europe in the Spring of 1963 and spread to the US in 1963-1964.

Trustee Nelson shared a report regarding a family member with possible travel-related Zika virus exposure. She stated for the case of her relative the test was not performed. The Centers for Disease Control has specific criteria for which samples will be tested. She will continue to contact people to help improve the availability of commercial tests.

8. Trustee Reports

Trustee Calaycay thanked Kenn and Mel for his ride-along with Antonio and Darrin to the San Gabriel River in the Azusa Canyon where they found blackfly larvae. They visited the city of El Monte where the vector control specialists explained the underground storm drain program. He appreciated the expertise and skill of our staff and encouraged all Trustees to go on a ride-along.

Trustee Morgan reported that he attended the MVCAC's Annual meeting and commented about the training he received.

Trustee Bissner commented that he was very impressed by the District's employees' excellent presentations at the MVCAC Annual meeting.

9. New Business

No new business. He reminded Trustees that there are two committee vacancies.

10. Adjournment.

A motion by Trustee Bissner to adjourn was seconded and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 a.m.