

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

**Board of Trustees Meeting
February 8, 2019
7:00 AM
Agenda**

Trustees Attending

- 1 Stephen Sham (Alhambra)
- 2 Roger Chandler (Arcadia)
- 3 Joseph Rocha (Azusa)
- 4 Rick Barakat (Bradbury)
- 5 Corey Calaycay (Claremont)
- 6 Henry Morgan (Covina)
- 7 Margaret Finlay (Duarte)
- 8 Jerry Velasco (El Monte)
- 9 Charles Myers (Glendora)
- 10 Catherine Marcucci (Industry)
- 11 Manuel Garcia (Irwindale)
- 12 Dan Holloway (La Puente)
- 13 Elyse Rasmussen (La Verne)
- 14 Jamie Bissner (L. A. County)
- 15 Becky Shevlin (Monrovia)
- 16 Joseph Leon (Monterey Park)
- 17 Rachel Janbek (Pasadena)
- 18 Tim Sandoval (Pomona)
- 19 Sandra Armenta (Rosemead)
- 20 Emmett Badar (San Dimas)
- 21 Juli Costanzo (San Gabriel)
- 22 John Capoccia (Sierra Madre)
- 23 Cynthia Sternquist (Temple City)
- 24 Allen L. Wu (Walnut)
- 25 Mike Spence (West Covina)

Trustees Absent

1. Cruz Baca (Baldwin Park)
2. Marina Khubesrian (So. Pasadena)

Staff Attending

Jared Dever
Melissa Doyle
Levy Sun
Esther Elliott
Jason Farned
Rose Alba

1. **Call to Order**
Board President Corey Calaycay called the meeting to order at 7:00 AM.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance and Silent Roll Call**
Trustee Wu led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Opportunity for Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**
None
4. **Consent Calendar**

- A. List of Claims for January 2019
- B. Budget Status Report for January 2019
- C. Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting of January 11, 2019
- D. Operations Report 2019
- E. Surveillance Report 2019
- F. Communications Report 2019
- G. December 2018 Monthly Treasurer Report / District Working Balance for February 2019

A motion by Trustee Morgan to approve the Consent Calendar as submitted was seconded by Trustee Chandler and unanimously approved.

- 5. **Introduction of New Trustee**
President Calaycay welcomed new Trustee Councilmember Catherine Marcucci from the City of Industry.
- 6. **Review of Committee Assignments**
President Calaycay reported all committee slots are filled.
- 7. **Review Aerial Adulticide Application Authority**
(Discussion and Direction to District Manager for future policy)

District Manager Jared Dever reported that in recent years the increased distribution of invasive *Aedes* could accelerate the likelihood of epidemic vector-borne disease transmission. If there is significant threat to human health an aerial adulticide campaign may be deemed necessary.

Currently the District Manager has the exclusive right to conduct aerial applications in the San Gabriel Valley. An aerial application of adult mosquito control products would only be conducted if ground-based applications of mosquito control products failed to adequately reduce mosquito populations.

The Board reviewed a list of five authority structures used in the state of California to determine who has the authority to determine when an aerial application of adult mosquito control products is necessary.

A motion by Trustee Spence to consider authority structure number five (5), *Convene a Special Meeting of the full Board to make all application decisions*, was seconded by Trustee Chandler.

Extensive discussion followed listing the many factors to consider prior to making a decision to launch an aerial adulticide application. The Board requested the authority decision be tabled until a comprehensive emergency response plan is drafted and reviewed by the Board. The response plan would provide detailed epidemiological thresholds to aid in

the decision of whether an aerial application is necessary.

8. Proposal to Establish the Southern California Region Vector Control Political Action Committee

Legislative Committee Chair Trustee Sternquist reported that the Committee met on January 11, 2019 to discuss 2019 committee objectives and to review Legislative initiatives and current actionable legislation from California associations.

District Manager Jared Dever is the current MVCAC Southern Region representative and proposed to the committee the formation of a Southern Region Vector Control Political Action Committee representing vector control agencies in the Los Angeles, Orange, and San Bernardino counties.

The impetus for the creation of an action committee is to gain a voice amongst federal, state and local legislative advocacy groups, elected and appointed officials, city staff, and government associations.

The objectives being to identify vector control district deficiencies and opportunities that could potentially be improved through statewide legislative action, local measures and initiatives, and supplemental funding strategies.

A motion by Trustee Sandoval to establish the Southern California Regional Vector Control Political Action Committee, and adopt the presented Committee objectives was seconded by Trustee Shevlin and unanimously approved.

9. District's Administration

A. Board Agenda Packet Delivery Preference.

District Manager Dever asked Trustees to vote how they wish to receive the Board's agenda packet: electronically or by mail. Copies of the agenda packet would be available at the board meeting.

B. 2018-2019 Statement of Economic Interests: Due April 2, 2019

District Manager Dever reminded Board members of the April 2, 2019 Form 700 deadline.

C. 2019 Centers for Disease Prevention and Control (CDC) PacVec Annual Meeting

District Manager Dever attended the annual meeting of the Pacific Southwest Center of Excellence in Vector-Borne Diseases held at UC Davis. The CDC established centers of excellence in different

quadrants of the county to address the need for experienced scientist and trained researchers in the field of vector control, surveillance, genetics, epidemiology, and effective insecticide development in order to prevent the spread of vector-borne diseases. The CDC provides \$25,000 grants to researchers associated with universities. At this annual meeting, researchers provided updates on their research and an overview of where that money needs go in the future.

D. MVCAC Annual Conference, February 3-6, 2019 held in Burlingame, CA.

At the new MVCAC Administrations and Policy Symposium, Operations Manager Jason Farned gave back-to-back presentations on *Organizational Efficiencies* and the District's *Texting and Direct Mail Program* for swimming pools was well received by agency members throughout the State.

10. Department Reports

A. Operations

Operations Manager Jason Farned reported that testing of the first of two new approved programs is underway and plans for next season are being developed. The new program will fundamentally change how the District responds to service requests and allocates personnel time to control activities.

B. Surveillance

Scientific Programs Manager Melissa Doyle reported mosquito activity is down during the winter months. Jackie Cordova has recently been added to the Surveillance team. Melissa reported she will be attending a CSDA General Leadership Summit.

C. Communications

Public Information Officer Levy Sun distributed 2019 *Landscaping Lightly* Calendars in which the District purchased advertising to educate homeowners. Planning and booking of Spring education and outreach events is filling up the department calendar very quickly. Mosquito Control Awareness Week is in April.

There will be a Public Information Committee meeting after the Board adjourns.

11. Trustee Reports

Trustee Shevlin informed the Board that she and District Manager Dever had the opportunity to meet with Kathryn Barger, Los Angeles County 5th District Supervisor. Trustee Shevlin reported that District Manager Dever provided information on vector control challenges resulting from the

implementation of Measure W backed MS4 permit compliance projects in the San Gabriel Valley.

District Manager Dever stated that because jurisdictions of the Supervisors cross over the five vector control agencies in Los Angeles, one voice from the newly formed *Southern California Regional Vector Control Political Action Committee* would allow us to speak with one voice about Measure W.

12. New Business

President Calaycay reported there would be a new policy defining Trustee attendance at future education events.

13. Adjournment

No motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 am