

**MINUTES of the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
1145 N. Azusa Canyon Road, West Covina, CA 91790  
March 12, 2021**

**TRUSTEES PRESENT**

Stephen Sham (Alhambra)  
Roger Chandler (Arcadia)  
Robert Gonzales (Azusa)  
Richard Barakat (Bradbury)  
Corey Calaycay (Claremont)  
Henry Morgan (Covina)  
Margaret Finlay (Duarte)  
Jerry Velasco (El Monte)  
Jackie Doornik (Glendora)  
Manuel Garcia (Irwindale)  
Charlie Klinakis (La Puente)  
Becky Shevlin (Monrovia)  
Joseph Leon (Monterey Park)  
Rachel Janbek (Pasadena)  
Tim Sandoval (Pomona)  
Sandra Armenta (Rosemead)  
Ryan Vienna (San Dimas)  
Denise Menchaca (San Gabriel)  
John Capoccia (Sierra Madre)  
Robert Joe (So. Pasadena)  
Cynthia Sternquist (Temple City)  
Allen Wu (Walnut)  
Lloyd Johnson (West Covina)

**TRUSTEES ABSENT**

Catherine Marcucci (Industry)  
Elyse Rasmussen (La Verne)  
Jamie Bissner (Los Angeles Co.)

**STAFF PRESENT**

Jared Dever  
Rose Alba  
Jason Farned  
Melissa Doyle  
Levy Sun  
Marta Tanaka  
Evelyn Gutierrez

**GUESTS PRESENT**

Representative, Lewis Brisbois  
Bisgaard & Smith, Legal Counsel

**1. Call to Order**

Board President Becky Shevlin called the meeting to order at 7:01, Trustee Allen Wu led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Clerk of the Board, Marta Tanaka, took Roll Call.

District Manager Jared Dever reported that in order to expedite the voting process and ensure transparency, the district will implement a vote-by-poll feature and live streaming to allow for public viewing and participation. Dever briefly instructed the board on the process.

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

None

**3. Consent Calendar**

Motion made by Trustee Sandra Armenta and seconded by Robert Gonzales, to approve the Consent Calendar passes.

**4. Presentation: Sterile Insect Technology Overview**

A pre-recorded presentation by Scientific Programs Manager Melissa Doyle provided background on *Aedes* mosquitoes found within the district, the diseases they can transmit, and current control methods available. Doyle followed by describing the various sterile insect technologies, including pros and cons and potential costs.

**5. Nomination of the Special District Representative (Voting Member) to the Los Angeles County Redevelopment Oversight Board No. 5**

Board President Becky Shevlin reported that Trustee Lloyd Johnson volunteered to run for the open seat during the February 12, 2021 Board of Trustees Meeting.

District Manager Jared Dever provided an overview of the two candidates on the ballot for consideration and stated he would submit the ballot on behalf of the Board of Trustees if a selection was made.

A Motion made by Trustee Sandra Armenta, seconded by Trustee Allen Wu, to recommend Lloyd Johnson as candidate for the Special District Representative to the Los Angeles County to the Redevelopment Oversight Board No. 5, passed by majority vote.

Ayes: S. Sham, R. Chandler, R. Gonzales, R. Barakat, C. Calaycay, H. Morgan, M. Finlay, J. Velasco, J. Doornik, M. Garcia, C. Klinakis, B. Shevlin, J. Leon, R. Janbek, T. Sandoval, S. Armenta R. Vienna, D. Menchaca, J. Capoccia, R. Joe, C. Sternquist, A. Wu, L. Johnson

Noes:

Absent: C. Marcucci, E. Rasmussen, J. Bissner

Abstain:

**6. Consider Contract Renewal with SCI Consulting Group to Provide Professional Engineering and Levy Administration Services**

Board President Becky Shevlin advised that the Board discussed this item at the February 12, 2021 meeting. Following discussion, the Board suspended consideration of the agenda item and asked that District Manager Dever pursue a contract amendment.

District Manager Jared Dever reported that SCI Consulting Group agreed to waive the originally proposed contract rate increase for the first two years, Fiscal Years 2021-22 and 2022-23, and a 3% annual increase the final two years, Fiscal Years 2023-24 and 2024-25.

A Motion made by Trustee Richard Barakat, seconded by Trustee Lloyd Johnson, to approve the proposed contract by SCI Consulting Group to serve as engineer of work and provide professional consulting and levy administration services, passed by majority vote.

Ayes: S. Sham, R. Chandler, R. Gonzales, R. Barakat, C. Calaycay, H. Morgan, M. Finlay, J. Velasco, J. Doornik, M. Garcia, C. Klinakis, B. Shevlin, J. Leon, R. Janbek, T. Sandoval, S. Armenta R. Vienna, D. Menchaca, J. Capoccia, R. Joe, C. Sternquist, A. Wu, L. Johnson

Noes:

Absent: C. Marcucci, E. Rasmussen, J. Bissner

Abstain:

## 7. District Administration

### 7.1 2021 American Mosquito Control Association Annual Meeting Report

District Manager Jared Dever provided a brief overview of the 2021 American Mosquito Control Association (AMCA) Annual Meeting, reporting that the district had three presenters. Dever shared that he, Communications Assistant Pablo Cabrera, Scientific Programs Manager Melissa Doyle presented at the conference, and Public Information Officer Levy Sun was awarded the AMCA Presidential Citation for his outstanding work and dedication to the association.

### 7.2 Announcement of District Personnel Changes

District Manager Jared Dever announced the following changes and additions to district staff:

- Gilbert Holguin – Operations Coordinator
- Marco Gaytan – Vector Control Specialist III
- Fred Ibarra – Vector Control Specialist II
- Dane Miletich – Vector Control Specialist II
- Manuel Lara – Vector Control Specialist I

### 7.3 Announcement of Joint Meeting of the Personnel and Policy Committee and Finance and Audit Committee

District Manager Jared Dever advised that the district would be conducting a joint meeting of the Personnel and Policy and Finance and Audit Committees. He requested that board members respond to a scheduling poll sent out by Board Clerk Marta Tanaka.

### 7.4 Bite Back Tour

Communications Director Levy Sun announced the Communications Department would be conducting a Bite Back Tour, consisting of 30-minute video profiles of mosquito control challenges in each member city. Sun reported the first Bite Back Tour stop will take place on March 25. The event social media broadcast format will allow staff to engage with residents and city leaders.

## 8. Committee Reports

### 8.1 Public Information Committee

Committee Chair Jerry Velasco stated that the committee met virtually on February 18, 2021. He summarized the public outreach efforts to inform residents, cities, and public officials that were discussed by committee members. Trustee Velasco requested Board Members participation in keeping elected officials engaged.

Communications Director Levy Sun reported that the committee description was also reviewed, and amendments proposed by members. Sun also gave an update on the Public Health Teachers of the Year Award. He played a video montage highlighting the

presentation ceremonies for award recipient educators Geri Varela, Danny Woo, and Giselle Arguello.

**9. Trustee Reports**

None

**10. New Business**

**11. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 a.m.