

**San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**January 8, 2016**  
**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 Manuel Garcia (Irwindale)
- 11 Dan Holloway (La Puente)
- 12 Robert Neher (La Verne)
- 13 Dan Kirby (Monrovia)
- 14 Joseph Leon (Monterey Park)
- 15 Elliott Rothman (Pomona)
- 16 Bill Alarcon (Rosemead)
- 17 Jeffrey Templeman (San Dimas)
- 18 Juli Costanzo (San Gabriel)
- 19 Janice Nelson (Sierra Madre)
- 20 Cynthia Sternquist (Temple City)
- 21 Mary Su (Walnut)
- 22 Mike Spence (West Covina)

**Trustees Absent**

- 1 Vacant (Glendora)
- 2 Vacant (Industry)

**Staff Attending**

Kenn Fujioka  
 Rose Alba  
 Wakoli Wekesa  
 Esther Elliott  
 Jason Farned  
 Carol Anne Hagele  
 Ramona Deacon  
 Marta Tanaka

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by President Dan Kirby at 7:00 AM

**2. Pledge of Allegiance and Silent Roll Call**

President Dan Kirby led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Election of 2016 Board of Trustee Officers**

Nominations Committee Chairperson Trustee Henry Morgan presented the slate of candidates and asked for nominations from the floor. There were none.

A motion by Trustee Chandler to accept the 2016 Slate of Officers: President, Jamie Bissner; Vice President, Corey Calaycay; Treasurer, Margaret Finlay; and Secretary, Henry Morgan was seconded and unanimously approved.

Chairman Morgan asked for the Board to vote for each candidate.

The vote was unanimous for Trustee Jamie Bissner for President; Trustee Corey Calaycay for Vice President; Trustee Margaret Finlay for Treasurer, and

Trustee Henry Morgan for Secretary.

Chairman Morgan turned control of the meeting over to the new Board President, Trustee Jamie Bissner.

President Bissner and the Board thanked Trustee Kirby for his leadership the last two years.

**4. Reappointed Trustees**

President Bissner welcomed back reappointed Trustees:

Richard Barakat	City of Bradbury
Corey Calaycay	City of Claremont
Henry Morgan	City of Covina
Andre Quintero	City of El Monte
William Alarcon	City of Rosemead
Mike Spence	City of West Covina

**5. Presentation of Trustee Service Pins**

President Bissner presented service pins to the following Trustees:

Cynthia Sternquist, City of Temple City	5 years of service
Roger Chandler, City of Arcadia	15 years of service

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

None

**7. Consent Calendar**

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

- A. List of Claims for December 2015**
- B. Budget Status Report for December 2015**
- C. Minutes of Board of Trustees’ Meeting on December 2015**
- D. The Surveillance Report**
- E. The Operations Report**
- F. Education Program**
- G. November 2015 Monthly Treasurer’s Report / District Working Balance Report for January 2016**

**8. Discussion Regarding Membership on the Board’s Abatement Hearing Committee**

District Manager Kenn Fujioka reported that the Board selected members of

the Abatement Hearing Committee at their December 12, 2014 meeting. Members include Trustees Kirby, Bissner, Calaycay, Finlay, and Morgan with Trustee Sternquist as alternate.

Trustee Kirby reported that the Committee met last November where Scientific Programs Manager Wakoli Wekesa presented an overview of their responsibilities, the process of determining which properties are a public nuisance, and the tools available to the Committee. Trustee Kirby felt the entire Board should participate. Abatement hearings are conducted on the second Monday of the month; to date there has been one meeting.

The Board asked staff to develop a draft policy that ensures participation by the entire Board and continuity of experienced Committee members. After some discussion the Board agreed to revisit the issue in six months.

The Board also asked staff to review how Trustees are compensated for expenses related to travel to and from meetings.

Kenn remarked that in January of 2006 the Board approved District Resolution 2006-01, Establishing a Reimbursement Policy in accordance with Government Code 53232.3 and 53232.3 in the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100) monthly expense reimbursement only if they attend the regular monthly Board meeting. This resolution is consistent with the current Health and Safety Code (2030)(b).

## **9. District Administration**

Kenn reported Assembly Bill 1362 (author Gordon San Mateo) proposes a different mechanism for some counties to appoint their mosquito control district's Board of Trustees. The Bill if passed allows districts that are entirely contained in one county and serve all incorporated cities to use that county's city selection committee to appoint their Trustees. The MVCAC currently opposes the bill and is working with the author. The Bill will be heard in committee on Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm. He will keep the Board apprised.

Kenn stated he had never seen a lack of transparency or inefficiency with regard to our Board, opposes the bill, and has submitted his comments to the Association. He was asked to place this on the agenda next month so the Board could discuss it further.

The new NPDES permit that regulates our application of pesticides into the Waters of US takes effective June 16, 2016. We are still hoping for clarification by Congress since our pesticides are needlessly regulated both by FIFRA and the Clean Water Act.

Kenn informed the Board that KP Public Affairs is the MVCAC's advocate for legislative and environmental matters. Brian White of KP Public Affairs has

been working with the State Water Resources Control Board and reported that they are developing Strategies to Optimize Resource Management of Stormwater (STORMS).

The program has twenty three projects and the Water Board acknowledged the MVCAC 's concerns and included a representative from the Public Health sector on the Board Implementation Committee. STORMS strategy also mentions that the MVCAC's CEQA white paper should be considered when implementing efforts to retain storm water.

Kenn says this means we are becoming more visible with the State Water Resource Control Board and also with the Office of Planning and Research.

He continued by informing the Trustees that the Water Board plans to implement the STORMS strategy and projects in three phases:

- 1) Projects that can be completed within 40 days
- 2) Projects are completed within eight years
- 3) Projects to be completed in 12 years

## 10. Disease Surveillance

Scientific Program Manager Wakoli Wekesa reported that at the end of 2015 there were 36 cases of West Nile virus (WNV) and two fatalities in our District. In the County of Los Angeles there were 265 cases of WNV with 18 fatalities reported.

We have found *Aedes albopictus* in 17 of our District's cities and no *Ae. aegypti* .

Wakoli anticipates *Ae. aegypti* will be found in our District in 2016 and that *Ae. albopictus* will spread throughout the District. There is a reasonable probability that chikungunya (CHIK) and dengue will be locally transmitted in California, more so in Los Angeles County. Also, because of the rains, the *Culex* mosquitoes will significantly amplify WNV in 2016. We may also see the return of St. Louis encephalitis (SLE) virus this year.

Wakoli informed the Board that we must approach 2016 with all these scenarios in mind and scale up our surveillance and control efforts. Surveillance and operations activities shall reflect these scenarios and the rest of the District will re-orient its activities accordingly.

The Abatement Hearing Committee went very well on December 14<sup>th</sup> for staff and committee members. Future abatement hearings will be held every second Monday of the month with the abatement packet mailed on or before the first Monday of the month. No hearing was scheduled for January, but he anticipated a hearing in February.

Wakoli responded to Trustee Neher's question by stating that in 2015 SLE

virus was found in Arizona and in mosquitoes and chickens in the Coachella Valley.

**11. Trustee Reports**

Trustee Nelson thanked staff for the information sheet found in the *Rose* magazine.

**12. New Business**

Education Specialist CarolAnne Hagele is researching rain barrel construction and found many had several openings which would allow mosquitoes to enter and lay eggs. She mentioned that no educational material accompanies the barrels and this will be a problem in the future for our vector control specialists.

President Bissner announced that the Personnel Committee will meet in Closed Session immediately after the Board adjourned.

**13. Adjournment**

A motion by Trustee Morgan to adjourn was seconded and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 AM.