

MINUTES of the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District

Board of Trustees Meeting

September 13, 2019

Trustees Attending

1. Stephen Sham (Alhambra)
2. Roger Chandler (Arcadia)
3. Joseph Rocha (Azusa)
4. Cruz Baca (Baldwin Park)
5. Richard Barakat (Bradbury)
6. Corey Calaycay (Claremont)
7. Jerry Velasco (El Monte)
8. Charles Myers (Glendora)
9. Catherine Marcucci (Industry)
10. Dan Holloway (La Puente)
11. Elyse Rasmussen (La Verne)
12. Jamie Bissner (L.A. County)
13. Becky Shevlin (Monrovia)
14. Joseph Leon (Monterey Park)
15. Rachel Janbek (Pasadena)
16. Sandra Armenta (Rosemead)
17. Tim Sandoval (Pomona)
18. Juli Costanzo (San Gabriel)
19. John Capoccia (Sierra Madre)
20. Marina Khubesrian (So. Pasadena)
21. Cynthia Sternquist (Temple City)
22. Allen L. Wu (Walnut)
23. Lloyd Johnson (West Covina)

Trustees Absent

1. Henry M. Morgan (Covina)
2. Margaret Finlay (Duarte)
3. Manuel Garcia (Irwindale)
4. Emmett Badar (San Dimas)

Staff Attending

Jared Dever
Rose Alba
Jason Farned
Melissa Doyle
Pablo Cabrera
Marta Tanaka
Kriztian Luna

Guests Attending

Representative from Lozano and Smith,
Legal Counsel
Representative from Nigro and Nigro,
Auditor

1. **Call to Order**

Board President Corey Calaycay called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m.

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

Trustee Cruz Baca led the Pledge of Allegiance

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

None

4. **Consent Calendar**

- A. **List of Claims for the month of July**
- B. **Budget Status Report for July**
- C. **Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting July**
- D. **Operations Report July**

E. Surveillance Report July

F. Communications Report July

G. June 2019 Monthly Treasurer Report / District Working Balance for August 2019

A motion made by Trustee Bissner to approve the Consent Calendar was seconded by Trustee Wu and unanimously approved.

5. Closed Session under Government Code

Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation. Initiation of Litigation Pursuant to Paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: one case

Report out from Legal counsel – no reportable action taken.

6. Consider Amending Resolution 2014-04 Articles and Bylaws Governing District Meetings, Article V, Committees and Chairpersons Their Functions and Duties Resolution

District Manager Jared Dever reported that he has received several requests to amend the language in Resolution 2014-04 Articles and Bylaws Governing District Meetings, Article V, Committees and Chairpersons Their Functions and Duties Resolution, to change the name from Finance Committee to Finance and Audit Committee, and better define and clarify the duties of the Finance and Audit Committee. Dever stated that the language has also been updated to reflect the change in committee members from 7 to 9.

Dever advised that the reasons behind current amendments to Resolution 2014-04 are updating the language to accurately reflect duties of the committee chairperson, changing the name from Finance Committee to Finance and Audit Committee, and enhancing statements regarding the committee's purview to convene annually, or as needed, to review audit or finances.

A motion made by Trustee Johnson and seconded by Trustee Wu to approve recommendation to amend Resolution 2014-04 Articles and Bylaws Governing District Meetings, to change the name of the Finance Committee to Finance and Audit Committee, and to update the duties of the Finance and Audit Committee, was unanimously approved.

7. District Administration

District Manager Jared Dever provided an update on the status of the onboarding process and priority of future projects and upgrades for district IT Services provided by Syntech Group, the districts newly contracted IT service provider.

District Manager Dever also reported on the continued spread of invasive *Aedes* mosquitoes and response efforts of Northern California districts.

8. Department Reports

Operations Manager Jason Farned informed the board that the Operations department strike teams have been performing enhanced investigations and control in areas where West Nile virus positive mosquitoes have been found. Farned provided an update on the swimming pool program, stating that all 1,360 pools detected by aerial surveillance have been resolved. Farned further reported on the new consultation program, which was created to respond to the increased demand for service requests received in late summer in an expedient way and provide enhanced one-on-one education. Farned advised that the program is working very well and will report more detailed information to the board at future meetings.

Scientific Programs Manager Melissa Doyle reported that two additional West Nile virus positive mosquito pools were detected, and that the surveillance department has been placing additional traps in areas of heightened risk. Doyle also advised that a new pesticide tested recently has produced good results, and will be integrated into the rotation of products used for larval control soon.

Communications Specialist Pablo Cabrera introduced Kriztian Luna, the district's new Education Specialist. Luna briefly cited her educational background and prior work experience. Cabrera reported on the successes of the new repellent booth and EcoHealth Program, invited trustees to view the new EcoHealth banner on display in the lobby, and encouraged trustees to share information with their cities and communities on this, and other educational outreach programs available. Cabrera stated that the communications department has been cross training with staff from Operations and Surveillance departments.

9. Board Bites

District Manager Dever stated that the monthly board bites provide information on positive mosquito pools detection and other mosquito activity. Dever reported that the district has been receiving an increased number of complaints of *aedes* mosquitoes and advised that a recent discussion with Congressman Portantino's staff resulted in the scheduling of a town-hall meeting. The town hall meeting will be organized in conjunction with Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District to address concerns of residents. Dever encouraged trustees to have cities and residents reach out to request district educational programs or town hall meetings.

10. Trustee Reports

Trustee Sandoval reported that a recent presentation given by District Manager Jared Dever in the city of Pomona received a very positive response from residents.

11. New Business

Board President Corey Calaycay requested to agenize discussion on Cyber Attacks at a future meeting.

12. Adjournment

Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:03 a.m.