

San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District
Board of Trustees Meeting

April 8, 2016

7:00 AM

MINUTES

Trustees Attending

- 1 Stephen Sham (Alhambra)
- 2 Roger Chandler (Arcadia)
- 3 Joe Rocha (Azusa)
- 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 Charles Myers (Glendora)
- 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 Juli Costanzo (San Gabriel)
- 20 Janice Nelson (Sierra Madre)
- 21 Cynthia Sternquist (Temple City)
- 22 Mary Su (Walnut)
- 23 Mike Spence (West Covina)

Trustees Absent

- 1 Vacant (Industry)

Staff Attending

- Kenn Fujioka
- Mel Cook
- Rose Alba
- Wakoli Wekesa
- Esther Elliott
- Kim Nelson
- Carol Anne Hagele
- Ramona Deacon
- Marta Tanaka

1. Call to Order

President Jamie Bissner called the meeting to order at 7:00 AM

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

- A. List of Claims for March 2016
- B. Budget Status Report for March 2016
- C. Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting March 2016

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

5. Legislative Report

District Manager Kenn Fujioka was directed by the Board in March to place SB 1246 (Nguyen) on the April agenda for discussion.

The bill requires at least seven days' notice to affected residents, Government agencies, school districts and other similar entities before applying pesticides by aerial or unmanned aerial vehicle or face criminal charges.

Kenn stated that the bill was forwarded to the Senate's Environmental Quality Committee and reported that the MVCAC had already sent a letter to the Chair's committee strongly opposing it.

Kenn cited several examples of the adverse effects of a seven day delay of the application of pesticides including unpredictable environmental conditions such as the weather; increased mosquito development since it only takes five days for a mosquito to develop from egg to adults; and a wider disbursement of the pathogens vectors transmit which would increase the amount of pesticides needed to be applied.

AB 1362 (Changing the composition of vector control district's board) was referred to the Assembly but is not scheduled to be heard until June 2016.

AB 2596 (Bloom) seeks a ban statewide of anticoagulants as pesticides. Trustees Myers and Nelson questioned the accuracy of the information used to justify the bill.

The MVCAC's legislative advocates initiated a dialogue with Assembly member Bloom's staff and the bill will either be amended to include a public health exemption or be pulled.

6. District Administration

7. Disease Surveillance

Scientific Program Manager Wakoli Wekesa reported they (surveillance team) are preparing for increased *Aedes albopictus* this year which are already biting people. They believe *Ae. aegypti* is in this District but have yet to identify it. They anticipate *Ae. albopictus* will cover the entire District and staff will focus surveillance on the diseases they transmit such as chikungunya, dengue, and Zika virus.

Wakoli cautioned we must also remember just how bad West Nile virus (WNV) was in 2015, a continuing pattern since 2012. In 2015 there were

39 cases of WNV in this District with three fatalities; Los Angeles County reported 300 WNV cases with 24 deaths; and statewide 860 WNV cases were reported with 53 fatalities.

We will be paying close attention to WNV. This year we anticipate activity to remain high and will keep the Board informed accordingly.

District Manager Kenn Fujioka mentioned that indoor bites from mosquitoes were reported in the city of Baldwin Park; the call was received by West Valley MVCD and shared with us. The question was whether this was an indication of *Ae. aegypti*?

Trustee Finlay asked about the risk of Zika in returning travelers.

Wakoli stated that this is a possibility since we have *Ae. albopictus* and *Ae. aegypti* in our County. We have had one or two cases of Zika among returning travelers and we are paying attention not to miss any. Since Zika could be sexually transmitted is a concern we need to note.

In response to Trustee Myers' question, Wakoli reported that we are not seeing the high number of cases of chikungunya in the Americas as in 2013 and 2014 which got into the thousands in a very short period of time. We are seeing a very small fraction of that number in 2015 and 2016.

8. Trustee Reports

Kenn reported that Trustees Bissner and Kirby joined him, Jason, and Wakoli at the MVCAC Legislative Day in March. They visited six legislative offices with idea of spreading the word on SB 1246. Jamie commented that the contacts over the years have paid off.

Kenn gave kudos to MVCAC's staff for the excellent preparation for this event.

Trustee Costanzo thanked District's staff for the excellent vector control workshop offered to cities of the District. The workshop was well attended and received by the participants.

9. New Business

President Bissner announced that the Personnel Committee would meet immediately after the Board adjourns.

10. Adjournment

A motion by Trustee Calaycay to adjourn the meeting was seconded and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 am.