

**San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**July 8, 2016**

**Minutes**

**Trustees Attending**

- 1 Stephen Sham (Alhambra)
- 2 Joe Rocha (Azusa)
- 3 Rick Barakat (Bradbury)
- 4 Henry Morgan (Covina)
- 5 Corey Calaycay (Claremont)
- 6 Harold Bissner (Co. of LA)
- 7 Margaret Finlay (Duarte)
- 8 Andre Quintero (El Monte)
- 9 Manuel Garcia (Irwindale)
- 10 Abraham Cruz (Industry)
11. Charles Myers (Glendora)
- 12 Dan Holloway (La Puente)
- 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)

**Trustees Absent**

1. Roger Chandler (Arcadia)
2. Robert Neher (La Verne)
3. Mary Su (Walnut)
4. Mike Spence (West Covina)

**Staff Attending**

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

**1. Call to Order**

President Jamie Bissner called the meeting to order at 7:00 A.M.

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

District Manager Kenn Fujioka led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

President Bissner introduced and welcomed Councilmember Abraham Cruz, new Trustee from the City of Industry.

President Bissner named Trustees whose terms were due for reappointment on December 31, 2016. He emphasized the importance of their participation on the Board and their role in providing valuable information for their respective communities. He encouraged them seek reappointment.

President Bissner announced that there would be an Abatement Committee Hearing on Monday, July 11, 2016 at 7:00 PM. Trustee Dan Kirby would chair the meeting.

**4. The Board met in Closed Session: Anticipation of Litigation: Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2) and (e)(5)**

At 7:06 AM President Bissner announced that the Board would meet in closed session with the District's General Counsel Mike Jenkins presiding. District staff were asked to leave the room.

At 7:28 AM the Board of Trustees meeting reconvened. District staff returned to the Board meeting. There were no announcements.

**5. Consent Calendar**

**Request to add item to Consent Calendar:**

President Bissner stated that District Manager Fujioka requested an item requiring Board approval be added to the Consent Calendar.

Kenn announced that Operations Manager Mel Cook was on administrative leave. To conduct business as usual the official signature card on the District's bank account needed to be amended. He proposed adding Scientific Programs Manager Wakoli Wekesa's signature for business purposes.

A motion by Trustee Finlay to add Scientific Programs Manager Wakoli Wekesa's name to the District's bank account signature card to conduct district business was seconded and unanimously approved.

Trustee Kirby suggested the Abatement Hearing Committee report be listed as a separate item in the Consent Calendar.

A motion by Trustee Quintero to add the Abatement Hearing Committee Report on the Consent Calendar was seconded and unanimously approved.

- A. List of Claims for June 2016**
- B. Budget Status Report for June 2016**
- C. Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting June 2016**
- D. Surveillance Report**
- E. Operations Report**
- F. Education Program**
- G. May 2015 Monthly Treasurer Report / District Working Balance for July, 2016**

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

**6. Consider Leasing Four Vehicles from Enterprise Fleet Management**

A motion by Trustee Quintero to lease four vehicles from the Enterprise Fleet Management was seconded and unanimously approved.

**7. Consider Voting for a Candidate on the California Special District Association's (CSDA) Board of Directors, Southern Network, Seat B**

A motion by Trustee Barakat to vote for Bill Nelson as Southern Network Seat B Board Member for the California Special District Association's (CSDA) Board of Directors was seconded and unanimously approved.

**8. Consider Changing the Date of the November 11, 2016 Board of Trustees' Meeting**

A motion by Trustee Nelson to move the November 11, 2016 Board of Trustee's meeting to November 18, 2016 was seconded and unanimously approved.

**9. District Administration**

Kenn reported that at the June meeting of the Baldwin Park City Council discussion regarding the city's annexation to the District was continued to the July 20, 2016 City Council meeting agenda which he plans to attend.

Kenn Announced he would attend the MVCAC Summer meeting on July 21, 2016 in Santa Ana.

**10. Disease Surveillance – All Three Invasive *Aedes* Mosquitoes Now Present in the District**

Scientific Programs Manager Wakoli Wekesa reported that the first West Nile virus-positive bird in our District was found in the city of Altadena.

Wakoli summarized the recent history of invasive *Aedes* in the District: *Aedes notoscriptus* was discovered in June 2014 in the City of Monterey Park and recently in Alhambra. In late 2015 *Aedes albopictus* was discovered in the city of Alhambra. For the first time in this District *Aedes aegypti* was found in the city of Alhambra making Alhambra the first city in this district to have all three species of invasive *Aedes*.

Wakoli stated that to date 18 cities in this District are infested with *Ae. albopictus*. All three invasive *Aedes* are vectors of chikungunya, dengue, and Zika viruses and one or all of these viruses may be locally transmitted in the District.

He informed the Board that we are working to develop new strategies to manage these invasive species and improve our current methods. Wakoli urged residents take personal precautions to minimize mosquito bites and not allow mosquitoes to proliferate on their properties. He also stated it was important that residents travelling to endemic areas of these diseases report to their doctor or the L.A. County Dept. of Public Health if they become ill. He

mentioned that the District will provide courtesy inspections and follow ups for residents that have potentially been exposed.

Wakoli also informed the Board of the ongoing outbreak of yellow fever in Angola and the Democratic Republic of Congo and the potential for an imported case into Los Angeles County. He will keep the Board apprised.

He mentioned that we anticipate purchasing equipment for testing for these viruses and will begin tests in November.

## **11. Trustee Reports**

Trustees Nelson and Sham thanked Public Information Officer Jason Farned for his presentations at the Sierra Madre and Alhambra City Council meetings respectively.

Trustee Sternquist commented on the importance of the District's efforts to alert parents and children about what is being done here at the District through social media.

Trustee Kirby complimented Trustee Finlay for her response to the media regarding the recent fire in Duarte.

Trustee Sternquist requested a moment of silence for the policemen who died in Dallas.

Trustee Spence would not be able to attend Board meetings until he has recovered from injuries in a car accident. No further information was available. The Board will be apprised accordingly.

## **12. New Business**

None

President Bissner announced that the Finance Committee would meet immediately after the Board adjourned.

## **13. Adjournment Motion:**

No motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 AM.