

**MINUTES of the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District
Board of Trustees Meeting
1145 N. Azusa Canyon Road, West Covina, CA 91790
February 14, 2020**

Trustees Attending

Stephen Sham (Alhambra)
Roger Chandler (Arcadia)
Joseph Rocha (Azusa)
Manuel Lozano (Baldwin Park)
Richard Barakat (Bradbury)
Corey Calaycay (Claremont)
Margaret Finlay (Duarte)
Jerry Velasco (El Monte)
Charles Myers (Glendora)
Catherine Marcucci (Industry)
Manuel Garcia (Irwindale)
Dan Holloway (La Puente)
Elyse Rasmussen (La Verne)
Becky Shevlin (Monrovia)
Joseph Leon (Monterey Park)
Rachel Janbek (Pasadena)
Tim Sandoval (Pomona)
Sandra Armenta (Rosemead)
Juli Costanzo (San Gabriel)
John Capoccia (Sierra Madre)
Marina Khubesrian (So. Pasadena)
Cynthia Sternquist (Temple City)
Allen Wu (Walnut)
Lloyd Johnson (West Covina)

Trustees Absent

Henry Morgan (Covina)
Jamie Bissner (Los Angeles County)
Emmett Badar (San Dimas)

Staff Attending

Rose Alba
Jason Farned
Melissa Doyle
Levy Sun
Marta Tanaka
Pablo Cabrera
Kriztian Luna

- 1. Call to Order**
Board President, Becky Shevlin, called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance and Silent Roll Call**
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Lloyd Johnson
- 3. Opportunity for Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**
None
- 4. Consent Calendar**
A motion made by Trustee Finlay and seconded by Trustee Sternquist to approve the Consent Calendar was unanimously passed.

5. Presentation: “An Evolving Service Model in the Age of Aedes”

Operations Manager Jason Farned reprised a presentation given at the Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California Annual Conference in January 2020.

Farned gave a brief background explaining how increasing populations of *Aedes albopictus* and *Aedes aegypti* caused an exponential increase in demand for service requests, absorbing staff time and resources to a point that became unsustainable and hindered the district goal of disease prevention.

Farned reviewed changes to the district website, which included a resident Tip Line and Property Consultation forms, a video illustrating response procedures, and additional educational materials all designed to re-shape residents’ expectations and reduce calls for misidentified insects.

Farned advised that the change in strategy resulted in reduced call volume, allowing the district to direct resources in a more effective and efficient way.

6. Assignment of Board of Trustees Committee Members for 2020

Board President Becky Shevlin stated that the Legislative Committee and Finance and Audit Committee have vacancies. Shevlin requested board members review the list of committees and consider volunteering to serve.

Trustee Lloyd Johnson volunteered to serve on the Finance and Audit committee, Trustee Marina Khubesrian volunteered to serve on the Legislative committee, and Trustee Catherine Marcucci volunteered to serve on any committee as needed. Trustee Manuel Lozano volunteered to serve on both Finance and Audit Committee and Legislative Committee.

Shevlin confirmed the addition of Trustees Johnson and Lozano to the Finance and Audit Committee and Trustees Khubesrian, Marcucci and Lozano to the Legislative Committee.

7. Ad Hoc Facilities Committee: Report

Board President Becky Shevlin reported that the Ad Hoc Facilities Committee met on February 10, 2020, took a tour of the district, discussed modifications to the Human Resource area of the administration office, evaluated proposed projects for use of the former Operations building, and considered several potential improvement projects.

Shevlin informed that one of the ideas under consideration is a facility for SIT, Sterile Insect Technique, a technology used to control *Aedes* mosquitoes. Shevlin instructed district staff to conduct research to determine success rate and cost of an SIT facility. Other options for use of the space included conversion to a board room, and upgrades to locker rooms to increase shower capacity.

Future district projects discussed were vehicle parking and lift systems, installation of solar panels, a garage pass-through, vehicle charging stations, and removal of the “beautification zone” on property to allow for additional parking.

8. CSDA Board of Directors Vacancy- Call For Nominations: Seat B Southern Network

Board President Becky Shevlin invited nominations to fill a vacancy on the CSDA Board of Directors. No nominations to serve on the Board were made.

9. Consider Candidates for Appointment as Special District Representative to the Los Angeles Local Agency Formation Commission

Board President Becky Shevlin requested recommendations for a candidate for a Special District Representative to the Los Angeles Local Agency Formation Commission.

A motion made by Trustee Marina Khubesrian and seconded by Trustee John Capoccia, to vote for candidate Sharon Raghavachary, was approved by a majority vote of board members.

10. Presentation of Trustee Service Recognition Pin

Board President Becky Shevlin presented Trustee Stephen Sham with a service pin and thanked him for 15 years of service.

11. Department Reports

Operations Manager Jason Farned had no report.

Scientific Programs Director Melissa Doyle thanked trustee Rachel Janbek for assisting with interviews for the Assistant Vector Ecologist position, and reported that surveillance department has been busy preparing for the season.

Communications Director Levy Sun reported on a joint collaboration between the district and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health in 2019, known as the 2019 Mosquito Prevention Challenge. Sun stated that South Pasadena was the champion of the program and recognized the cities of Arcadia, Bradbury, Baldwin Park and El Monte for their participation. Sun thanked all cities that participated.

Sun also advised that April 19-25, has been slated as 2020 California Mosquito Control Awareness week. Sun offered to assist any city interested in declaring this as a local mosquito control awareness week, and will be sending out information to all cities this month.

Sun announced "Tip, Toss and Protect" as the uniform message for the Spring into Summer advertising campaign that will be released in a wide variety of hard copy, digital advertising and social media formats, and advised that emails distributing advertising materials will be sent to board members and cities.

Trustee Reports

Trustee John Capoccia complemented Jason Farned and staff on his presentation.

Board President Becky Shevlin commended staff on sunshine reports on the conference attended, and recommended board members read these reports.

Trustee Marina Khubesrian reported attending presentations at the Mosquito and Vector Control conference, and informed that a great deal of cutting edge research is being conducted by industry professionals.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 a.m.