

**San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District
1145 N. Azusa Canyon Road
West Covina, California 91790**

**Board of Trustees Meeting
September 12, 2008**

Minutes

Trustees Attending

- 1 Roger Chandler (Arcadia)
- 2 Joseph Rocha (Azusa)
- 3 Rick Barakat (Bradbury)
- 4 Linda Elderkin (Claremont)
- 5 Henry Morgan (Covina)
- 6 Ernest Gutierrez (El Monte)
- 7 Jeff Parriott (Industry)
- 8 Dan Holloway (La Puente)
- 9 Robert Neher (La Verne)
- 10 Frank Hall (County of Los Angeles)
- 11 Dave Barron (Monterey Park)
- 12 Elliott Rothman (Pomona)
- 13 Robert Bruesch (Rosemead)
- 14 Jeffrey Templeman (San Dimas)
- 15 Albert Huang (San Gabriel)
- 16 Janice Nelson (Sierra Madre)
- 17 Kenneth G. Gillanders (Temple City)
- 18 Tom Sykes (Walnut)
- 19 Roger Hernandez (West Covina)

Trustees Absent

- 1 Stephen Sham (Alhambra)
- 2 Margaret Finlay (Duarte)
- 3 Charles Myers (Glendora)
- 4 Mark Breceda (Irwindale)
- 5 Dan Kirby (Monrovia)

Staff Attending

- Steve West
- Kenn Fujioka
- Kelly Middleton
- Rose Alba
- Esther Elliott
- Ramona Deacon
- Carol Anne Hagele
- Mel Cook

Staff Absent

- Rose Alba

Guest

William Galvez, Public Works Director,
City of Baldwin Park

1. Call to Order

In the absence of the Board President, the meeting was called to order by the Board Secretary, Trustee Morgan, at 7:04 AM

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Silent Roll Call

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board Secretary Trustee Morgan.

3. Opportunity for Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

William Galvez, Public Works Director, City of Baldwin Park thanked District staff for their part in expediting the agreement between the City of Baldwin Park and the SGVMVCD for this next year. The city has begun to initiate the plan for a Prop 218 election ballot and will be seeking District Manager Steve West's input in the process and asking for the District's help with educational outreach and possible future financial support.

4. Consent Calendar

- A. List of Claims for August, 2008
- B. Budget Status Report for August, 2008
- C. Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting August, 2008
- D. Surveillance and Vector Report
- E. Abatement Report
- F. Education Program

A motion by Elliott Rothman to approve the Consent Calendar as presented was seconded and unanimously approved.

5. Monthly Treasurer Report / District Working Balance

President Chandler reported that Treasurer Trustee Margaret Finlay is currently out of the country and asked that this item be continued until next month's meeting.

A motion by Trustee Morgan to continue the item until the next Board of Trustees meeting in October was seconded and unanimously approved.

6. Agreement between San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District and the SCI Consulting Group to Provide Consulting Services

The District Manager began his presentation stating that District Counsel, Mike Jenkins, has advised that Trustee Hall as a retired employee of Los Angeles County and Trustee Nelson as currently employed by Los Angeles County are exempt from any conflict of interest issues which would require either one to be excused from discussion and action on this item.

District Manager Steve West stated that at the last Board meeting it was requested this item be continued since the proposed agreement with SCI, Inc. was not included in that agenda packet. He reported that the agreement is included with this item. Mr. West summarized the three-year agreement which will save the District \$50,000-\$60,000 over that period. He further indicated that SCI provides service to the County of Los Angeles, City of Santa Barbara, Orange County, San Diego County, and the West Valley VCD. Mr. West stated that District Counsel suggested minor changes to Item E. "proceeding months" to "for that month" and clarification of the payment procedure on cancellation of the agreement. The contract will take effect July, 2009.

Los Angeles County Auditor/Controller will be sent a letter informing them of the Board's decision to contract with SCI and cancel the District's contract with the County.

Trustee Gutierrez asked if the fees charged are comparable to the other Districts. District Manager West said he did not know but would check. Trustee Barron offered that the contract would be a matter of public record and easy to obtain. Trustee Templeman commented that the amount could be based on the size of the district.

Trustee Bruesch questioned the agreements savings as only amounting to \$500 a year.

District Manager West responded to this comment that his reading of the document indicates the savings are as the report estimates. Conversation on this subject was continued by Trustee Barakat and members of the Board.

A motion by Trustee Gutierrez to approve the contract with SCI Consulting Group and the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District was seconded. There were 15 votes to approve; one no vote by Trustee Bruesch, Trustees Hall and Nelson abstained. Six Trustees were absent.

7. District Administration

A. Status of Bee Program Report to the Board of Trustees

District Manager West stated that staff was unable to prepare the necessary material on the Bee Program for this meeting and seeks the Board's indulgence to place the issue on the October agenda.

B. MVCAC Fall Meeting on Oct. 29 – 31, 2008 in Lake Tahoe

District Manager West asked that any Trustee interested in attending the MVCAC Fall Conference at Lake Tahoe from Wednesday, October 29 to Friday, October 31st let staff know as soon as possible.

In response to Trustee Barron's requests for a calendar of events, District Manager West stated that a schedule of upcoming events will be published in the monthly *Board Briefs*.

C. Coachella Valley MVCD

District Manager West reported that as a result of ongoing investigations, the District Manager from Coachella Valley MVCD has resigned. No search for a new District Manager has been initiated to date.

8. Honey Bee, Avian Flu and West Nile Virus Update

Assistant Manager Kenn Fujioka reported that WNV is taking up almost all of the technicians' and ecologists' time. Los Angeles County leads the State in the number of reported cases. Of the 69 cases reported in Los Angeles County, 30 are in this District. Of those 30 cases 5 are asymptomatic blood donors and will not appear in the States' statistics.

The virus is widespread throughout the District with cases reported in the majority of the District's cities. Based on the number of dead birds reported by residents and the fact that we are not catching positive crows and mosquitoes to the extent we did in July and early August, we are hopeful that fewer cases will be reported from our District. Assistant Manager Fujioka informed the Board that the case of WNV which received extensive media attention in La Verne is not on any data base where confidential information is stored.

A press release today from Los Angeles County will report the first WNV death.

Trustee Barakat asked if a person can be bitten by a mosquito carrying WNV and not get sick, and whether a person with antibodies is less likely to become ill in the future.

Assistant Manager Fujioka responded that a person who is not infected does not develop antibodies or people who are infected can have no symptoms but develop antibodies that persist for the rest of their life.

Trustee Nelson explained that 80% of the cases are asymptomatic infections where

immunity develops eventually. In 20% of the cases there are flu-like symptoms with a rash, eye pain, headaches, and fever. Most people will recover although the recovery period is longer than originally thought. The 1-2 % who develop meningoencephalitis get residual problems. Often these people are at the ends of the age curve, are immunosuppressed, or have leukemia and lymphomas.

Assistant Manager Fujioka reported that there are sources of water where black flies breed that we can control, like small streams. He mentioned a current a problem in Azusa where the State will not allow pesticides in the water because the pesticide manufacturer will not disclose the proprietary inert ingredients of the formula to the Environmental Protection Agency or anyone.

Trustee Elderkin asked if the District is having a problem with foreclosed properties.

Assistant Manager Fujioka informed the Board that the District has a contract with a service called “Foreclosure Radar” that provides a list of foreclosures in our District which enables us to do inspections.

Trustee Templeman reported the City of San Dimas’ Public Works and Sheriffs’ Department get updated foreclosure lists. They communicate with nearby cities and with the District doing flyovers, pools get located faster than by the City’s Code Enforcement alone.

9. Trustee Reports

None

10. New Business

None

11. Adjournment

A motion by Trustee Rothman to adjourn the meeting was seconded and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 AM.