

San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District
1145 N. Azusa Canyon Road, West Covina, California 91790
Board of Trustees Meeting
April 10, 2009
Minutes

Trustees Attending

- 1 Roger Chandler (Arcadia)
- 2 Joseph Rocha (Azusa)
- 3 Rick Barakat (Bradbury)
- 4 Henry Morgan (Covina)
- 5 Linda Elderkin (Claremont)
- 6 Margaret Finlay (Duarte)
- 7 Charles Myers (Glendora)
- 8 Jeff Parriott (Industry)
- 9 Manuel Garcia (Irwindale)
- 10 Dan Holloway (La Puente)
- 11 Robert Neher (La Verne)
- 12 Frank Hall (Co. of Los Angeles)
- 13 Dan Kirby (Monrovia)
- 14 Dave Barron (Monterey Park)
- 15 Elliott Rothman (Pomona)
- 16 Robert Bruesch (Rosemead)
- 17 Albert Huang (San Gabriel)
- 18 Janice Nelson (Sierra Madre)
- 19 Kenneth Gillanders (Temple City)
- 20 Mary Su (Walnut)

Trustees Absent

- 1 Stephen Sham (Alhambra)
- 2 Ernest Gutierrez (El Monte)
- 3 Jeffrey Templeman (San Dimas)
- 4 Steve Herfert (West Covina)

Staff Attending

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

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Chandler at 7:04 AM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Silent Roll Call

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Finlay.

3. Opportunity for Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

None

4. Consent Calendar

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

A motion by Trustee Bruesch to approve the Consent Calendar was seconded and unanimously approved.

soon as possible. The State Water Quality Control Board staff stated that in spite of the May 20th deadline, the existing State permit will stay in effect lacking any action by the State Water Quality Control Board to cancel it. The District Manager explained that in order to receive a permit the District must comply with current NPDES requirements. Also, if this District decides adulticiding is necessary, we will have to consider whether the residue will reach the Waters of the United States.

In answer to Trustee questions, the District Manager reported that to date no Southern California District has received a Notice of Intent letter. It is not apparent from the letters sent to the Northern Districts who is funding the lawsuit.

Trustee Myers informed the Board that he heard at the American Mosquito Control Association Annual Meeting in New Orleans that there were thirteen Districts in California who had been "served". He continued to say that theoretically vector control operations has always conflicted with the Clean Water Act, and adulticiding, as one method, could be completely curtailed unless the issue was concluded with either legal or congressional action.

8. Disease Surveillance

Assistant Manager Kenn Fujioka reported that to date there has been no West Nile virus (WNV) activity in the District, but as night time temperatures increase we will probably identify the virus. Since the March Board meeting there has been a positive mosquito pool in Contra Costa County, one of the districts served with a 60 day Notice of Intent. Infected wild birds were found in Orange, San Diego and Fresno counties, and infected chickens were found in Los Angeles County.

The Front office staff has received hundreds of calls about crane flies. Residents think they are giant mosquitoes. KABC News will interview staff today to help dispel some of the public's fears about crane flies, which are also called daddy longlegs, mosquito eaters, and mosquito hawks. They have very small mouth parts and do not bite. They are not predators and do not eat mosquitoes; some do not even feed, they just mate and die.

There are several species of crane flies which are in the same order as mosquitoes. The larvae can live in the soil and in the water. Due to the combination of moist soil and the right temperatures they are emerging everywhere.

9. Trustee Reports

Trustee Myers reported he attended the April 5-9th American Mosquito Control Association (AMCA) meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana. Approximately 900 people registered, and almost 300 scientific papers were presented. The central overall topic was concern about aerial spraying and public relations. AMCA wanted everyone to be on the "same page" with the issue. Sacramento/Yolo MVCD District Manager Dave Brown gave a presentation about his experience with aerial spraying, the politics, and the thousands of telephone calls to the district he has received, noting however that the number declined significantly last year.

Norbet Becker, who manages the control program for Germany, was recently appointed to head the World Mosquito Association. The American Mosquito Control Association had served as the world mosquito control organization, but since there were some world-wide political concerns a few years ago the Europeans have established their own and are now talking about organizing six worldwide regional sub-organizations.