

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

Board of Trustees Meeting

July 10, 2009

Minutes

Trustees Attending

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

Trustees Absent

- 1 Stephen Sham (Alhambra)
- 2 Roger Chandler (Arcadia)
- 3 Robert Neher (La Verne)
- 4 Albert Huang (San Gabriel)
- 5 Steve Herfert (West Covina)

Staff Attending

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

Staff Absent

Mel Cook

Minutes

1. Call to Order

In the absence of the Board President and Vice President, the meeting was called to order by Board Secretary Henry Morgan at 7:03 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Silent Roll Call

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board Secretary Henry Morgan

A. Introduction of Assembly Member, Norma Torres, 61st Assembly District.

Board Secretary Morgan welcomed guest Assembly Member Norma Torres for the 61st Assembly District. Assembly Member Torres thanked the Board for the invitation to attend the Board meeting and the opportunity to hear about the District's abatement efforts with West Nile virus, the foreclosures, and abandoned pools. Ms. Torres asked for an update of the problem with West Nile virus (WNV) in the Chino area.

3. Opportunity for Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

None

4. **Consent Calendar**

A motion by Trustee Templeman to approve Consent Calendar Items A. through E. as presented was seconded and unanimously approved.

At the request of Board Secretary Morgan, Public Information Officer (PIO) Kelly Middleton informed the Board that the link to the Cable News Network (CNN) and the report about the District's use of helicopter surveillance to find green pools was unavailable. Trustee Barron suggested that if the District is able to purchase the program it could put it on *Youtube*.

A motion by Secretary Morgan to approve Consent Calendar Item F, Education Program, was seconded by Trustee Templeman and unanimously approved.

- A. List of Claims for June, 2009
- B. Budget Status Report for June, 2009
- C. Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting June, 2009
- D. Surveillance and Vector Report
- E. Abatement Report
- F. Education Program

In response to Trustee Su's question, PIO Middleton described the District's multi-faceted educational program. She explained Education Specialist Carol Anne Hagele travels to many District schools giving classrooms presentations to students from pre-school to high school age; students come to the District for a more thorough presentation; loan boxes are checked out by local school teachers; and there is work in progress to convert the District's warehouse for classrooms, laboratories and displays for students making field trips to the District.

Aside from the education component, outreach programs to the cities include attending City Council meetings, providing and manning booths at city events and fairs, talks at service clubs as well as the District's annual participation at the L. A. County Fair. Outreach through the media includes radio ads in different languages which are running now. Ads in the local Tribune newspaper and brochures and pamphlets are additional "notices" to the public.

Staff will verify that Trustee Mary Su was given a Trustee Handbook and additional material from the Public Information Office.

5. **May Monthly Treasurer Report / District Working Balance Report for July, 2009 ***

A motion by Trustee Gutierrez to approve the May Monthly Treasurer Report / District Working Balance Report for July, 2009 was seconded and unanimously approved.

6. **Consider Two-Year Letter of Engagement Between Henry Eng, CPA and the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District for Fiscal Year 2009 and Fiscal Year 2010**

District Manager Steve West reported he received a Letter of Engagement with the contingency plan the Board requested. Mr. Eng's Letter of Confirmation states if he is unable to perform or complete his engagement for any medical or health reason, Mr. Donald L. Parker, CPA, of the firm of Lance, Soll and Lunghard located in Brea, California will perform services under the terms of the engagement.

A motion made by Trustee Templeman to approve the Letter of Engagement with Mr. Henry Eng, CPA and the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District for FY 2009 and 2010 was seconded and unanimously approved

7. District Administration

No report rendered.

8. Disease Surveillance

Assistant Manager Kenn Fujioka reported West Nile virus is present throughout Los Angeles County with 13 dead birds reported; five of those from Lancaster. There are no human cases in California which is similar to last year at this time. There is WNV activity in Arkansas, South Dakota, Ohio, and Idaho.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has reported 34,000 cases of H1N1 influenza nationwide which is more than usual for this time of year. The United States flu season is normally from October to March. In the Southern hemisphere, where it is winter, wide-spread influenza has been reported. This is a prominent strain for which no vaccine has been produced to date. Manufacturers are working hard to produce a vaccine, so hopefully when the flu season arrives here in the U.S.A., there will this medicine available for the public.

Trustee Nelson responded to Trustee Gutierrez's questions by stating that H1N1 seems to be affecting children and young adults the hardest so younger age groups may be vaccinated. She also mentioned that the best treatment is vaccine since there is variable response to antiviral medication.

In reference to Assembly Member Torres' request for an update of WNV in the Chino area, Kenn reported that in addition to the thirteen dead birds reported in California this week one dead bird was found in the Chino area. He explained that when dead birds are found in the San Gabriel Valley and in the Los Angeles Basin, it means that the WNV is actively being transmitted between mosquitoes and birds. Mosquito districts are intensifying their control efforts trapping more mosquitoes and testing them for WNV. If they are infected, more publicity is generated so residents are made aware of the risk.

District Manager Steve West stated that during the District's aerial surveillance program, 325 of the 410 green pools found in the District are new sites. These new water sources are very critical in terms of trying to curtail the spread of the virus.

9. Trustee Reports

Trustee Elderkin announced she will not be able to attend the August Board of Trustees meeting.

Board Secretary Morgan announced there will be a joint meeting of the Personnel and Finance Committees after the regular meeting concludes.

10. New Business

None.

11. **A Joint meeting of the Finance and Personnel Committees will convene immediately after the Board adjourns regarding Unrepresented Employee, District Manager**
Agenda notation only.

12. **Adjournment**

A motion by Trustee Finlay to adjourn the meeting was seconded and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 a.m.