

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

Board of Trustees Meeting

May 15, 2009

Minutes

Trustees Attending

- 1 Stephen Sham (Alhambra)
- 2 Roger Chandler (Arcadia)
- 3 Joseph Rocha (Azusa)
- 4 Rick Barakat (Bradbury)
- 5 Henry Morgan (Covina)
- 6 Linda Elderkin (Claremont)
- 7 Margaret Finlay (Duarte)
- 8 Ernest Gutierrez (El Monte)
- 9 Charles Myers (Glendora)
- 10 Jeff Parriott (Industry)
- 11 Manuel Garcia (Irwindale)
- 12 Robert Neher (La Verne)
- 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 Mary Su (Walnut)
- 20 Steve Herfert (West Covina)

Trustees Absent

- 1 Frank Hall (Co. of Los Angeles)
- 2 Dan Holloway (La Puente)
- 3 Jeffrey Templeman (San Dimas)
- 4 Kenneth Gillanders (Temple City)

Staff Attending

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

Staff Absent

Ramona Deacon

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

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

President Chandler informed the Board that District Manager Steve West received an email from the Director of Public Works for the City of South Pasadena asking if the District would be open to providing mosquito abatement services to the City of South Pasadena during “high risk months” instead of a year-round contract. The email was received after the agenda packet was mailed to the Board so District Manager Steve West requested Board approval to add the issue to the agenda for discussion.

A motion to add the City of South Pasadena’s request to the end of the agenda was seconded and unanimously approved.

5. March 2009 Monthly Treasurer Report / District Working Balance Report for May 2009

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

6. District Administration

A. Bee Program Summary

District Manager Steve West reported that a communication regarding the District’s Bee Program was sent to District cities and it has raised some questions. He suggested that the issue be placed on a future agenda if Trustees determined to revisit the matter.

Trustee Barakat asked what has changed within the District that is affecting bee removal services which cities received in the past.

District Manager West replied that several years ago the District eliminated two positions in Operations that had previously been budgeted by the Board to staff the bee program.

Trustee Garcia reported that the City of Irwindale at times needs someone to deal with bees on an emergency basis and asked if the District Manager had the name of an organization who could take over these services.

District Manager West commented that it would be difficult to use District personnel on a 24/7 basis and in an emergency the City Fire Department would be the best alternative. The District Office does have a list of certified private pest control agencies and many can be found on the internet. Trustee Gutierrez asked if there is special a rate for private parties and how do they determine the cost?

District Manager West advised that it depended on the location of the bees and what the individual company charges. As a private business, their prices are likely demand based.

B. Response to President Chandler’s Request for Information on a Trustee “Stipend”

District Manager West reported on his research to President Chandler's question regarding stipends for Trustees attending additional events and meetings other than Board meetings; according to District Counsel and based on the Health and Safety Code, Trustees receive a \$100 month payment for service as a Board member and attending a monthly Board meeting. There is no compensation for attending additional meetings.

7. Disease Surveillance

Assistant Manager Kenn Fujioka reported that WNV is quiet in this District. Average night temperature was at 58 degrees Fahrenheit, after which the virus replicates in birds and mosquitoes.

Since April 21st when a bulletin from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) reported two cases of a new strain of H1N1 influenza in the Imperial and San Diego Counties, there have been 3,000 confirmed cases in 45 states and twenty-one countries world-wide. The World Health Organization's (WHO) international committee is concerned about the virus mutating or combining with avian flu. He cautioned the Board to use data from the CDC and WHO for information on H1N1 influenza virus.

Kenn explained that it is winter and flu season in the southern hemisphere so most of the attention in the medical communities is focused on how the virus will behave. It could be nothing or it could be very bad when our flu season hits in late Autumn. They are working now on the flu vaccine for the upcoming season.

Trustee Nelson added that the danger is sometimes not the influenza, per se, but a secondary bacterial infection. In the winter months, people tend to crowd together, coughing and sneezing, provoking the epidemic. Kenn added that in a normal influenza season there are about 36,000 deaths nation wide; typically in the elderly, the young, and pregnant women.

Trustee Gutierrez asked why we outsource our vaccine to Europe. Trustee Nelson explained that many companies are multi-national and produce vaccines in their most efficient factories.

8. Trustee Reports

Trustee Myers informed the Board that Dr. Weirauch of UC Riverside are interested in doing a general survey involving the assassin bug, subfamily *Triatomanae* or "kissing bug" and Chagas disease. He explained that the "kissing" bug lives mostly in nests of wood rats, but are attracted to light and therefore human habitations at night and, much like the bed bug, bites during the night around the face. The bite of *triatomids* is perceived as a problem in Southwestern California due to the hypersensitive reaction of 7% of humans.

Trustee Nelson bought a book entitled "Mosquito Crusades" by Gordon Patterson which she is contributing to District.

Trustee Su asked about mosquito control in West Valley. Kenn will talk to District Manager Min-Lee Cheng and report back to Trustee Su.

9. New Business

City of South Pasadena

Trustee Rothman commented that a motion and four-fifths vote is needed by the Board to add the City of South Pasadena item to the agenda.

President Chandler stated that the Board unanimously voted earlier with no objections to putting this item on the agenda. However, with respect to the Trustees' request, President Chandler received a motion and second and unanimous vote to place the item on the agenda.

President Chandler continued with the topic of the email received by District Manager Steve West from the Director of Public Works' for the City of South Pasadena requesting the District provide mosquito abatement services to the City of South Pasadena during high risk months instead of year-round mosquito abatement.

District Manager West suggested that the District should try to make arrangements with South Pasadena in order to eventually bring them into the District. He requested the Board's discussion of the subject and reminded the Board of our experience with Baldwin Park which started with a time and materials contract. This ultimately led to this year's contract with Baldwin Park at the rate the city would produce if they were part of this District. We are now in the process of selecting a consultant to conduct that Prop 218 election in Baldwin Park.

District Manager West asked the Board for authorization to talk to the City of South Pasadena, explore options with them, and possibly convince them to join the District thru a city funded election. More than likely a reduced cost over a period of time might help them to raise the money to conduct an election. He would not suggest nor accept a request for the District to pay for the election.

Recognizing that South Pasadena's request for our services during the "season" is unacceptable, the best likely option is to offer a time and materials contract for a period to be determined with a disclaimer that ultimately the City Council must decide to join the District.

Trustee Morgan suggested we treat any cities wishing to join the District the same way.

Trustee Barakat stated "what makes us successful is prevention". We used band-aids to help Baldwin Park, taking resources from the cities that are paying fully every day of every year. We were too soft on Baldwin Park and we may be going to do the same thing to South Pasadena for another three or four years.

President Chandler stated that we should outwardly reject their notion that we just provide services for a portion of the year. He stated we should offer them a plan that will lead to an election held by the city and that we have nothing to lose.

District Manager West agreed that it is important to have a reasonable time frame to discuss with the City of South Pasadena. He will draft a contract depending on the city's interest with as short a term as possible and return to the Board for approval. Ultimately it will be the responsibility of the Board as to a short or long term contract.

President Chandler proposed giving District Manager West authorization to contact the City of South Pasadena, rejecting their proposal of an on-call basis contract, and to bring to the Board his recommendation. This motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Trustee Neher's Invitation to Visit Montana Field Station

Trustee Neher announced that every year he manages a field station in Montana associated with the University of La Verne. He invited any Board member to visit the ranch during the months of June, July, or August. Maps showing the location of the field station in the Rocky Mountains near Missoula were made available to the Board. Board members can contact Trustee Neher at (406) 288-3121.

Trustee Neher asked that Board Briefs and the agenda packet be sent to his summer address.

Trustee Steve Herfert requested the agenda and Board Briefs be sent to his email address.

President Chandler announced that the Finance Committee will meet in open session immediately after the Board meeting adjourns to discuss the FY 2009 – 2010 Draft Budget. The Finance Committee will then convene in Closed Session following the open session regarding Unrepresented Employee, District Manager.

A motion by Trustee Rothman to adjourn the meeting was seconded and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 a.m.