



**Tax Recovery and Criminal Enforcement
Task Force Executive Board Meeting
621 Capitol Mall, Room 2114, Sacramento, CA 95814
October 18, 2017**

Meeting called to order at 10:03 a.m. by Jim Biscailuz, Chairman TRaCE Executive Board

Members Present:

Jim Biscailuz, Chairman, Special Agent in Charge, DOJ
Randy Silva, Vice Chairman, CDTFA Investigations
Dan Gonzalez, Chief, FTB Criminal Investigations Bureau
Greg Robins, Proxy for Tyrone Blanchette, Supervisory Special Agent, IRS
Tom Edwards, Proxy for Thomas Wilson, Deputy Chief, DMV
Sir Streeter, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, DHS
Dan Bryant Proxy for Susan Ferensic, Assistant. Special Agent in Charge, FBI
David Montoya, Chief, EDD Investigations
Jim Root, Special Assistant Attorney General, DOJ

Members Absent:

Discussion Items:

- August 16, 2017 Minutes
 - Dan Gonzalez motioned to approve minutes. Motion seconded by Sir Streeter.
 - Vote: 9 in favor; 0 opposed.

Resolved: Motion carried

- Status Reports & Updates
 - TRaCE LA Regional Board
 - New LA TRaCE Task Force Commander
 - Shawn Collins, Special Agent Supervisor, DOJ
 - LA TRaCE Regional Board Election
 - There are few members on the Regional Board that feel they have the time to commit to being the Chairman or Vice Chairman of the Regional Board
 - Two suggestions were made regarding this status:
 - Keep deferring the election until a Chairman and Vice Chairman are elected
 - Move to amend the requirement in the TRaCE Bylaws for the formation of the Regional Board and have the members act as a committee.
 - Discussed hosting the Executive Board Meeting in both Sacramento and Los Angeles.

- Changing or alternating the Executive Board Meeting to Los Angeles could be a problem for our federal partners.
- A decision will be made at the next Executive Board Meeting on December 20, 2017.
- LA TRaCE HSI Slot Agreement
 - The agreement is with the LA HSI Legal Department
- RRaCE Final Report
 - The final RRaCE report will be ready for submission to the Legislature by November 15, 2017
- TRaCE Funding/Expansion Legislation
 - Meeting with Attorney General Office looking to expand TRaCE to San Diego, Fresno, and Bay Area
 - DOJ Office of Legislative Affairs will be highlighting TRaCE accomplishments and sponsors
 - Meeting with Xavier Becerra's Staffer, Eleanor Bloom, next Monday to draft a legislative proposal for the 2018/2019 Session
- TRaCE Federal BJA IPR Grant – Interagency Agreements
 - EDD has requested some revisions to the Interagency Agreement
- Prop 56 Positions & Status on Hiring
 - Randy Silva stated California Department of Tax and Fee Administration will be filling one position soon in Northern California and two positions in Southern California.
 - Jim Biscailuz stated DOJ is looking to fill two positions for Southern and Northern California hopefully soon.
- Pact Act International Mail Center
 - The Pact Act International Mail Center is a special project assigned to the Tobacco Civil Litigation Section at the at the Attorney General's office.
 - Shipments of contraband cigarettes and tobacco are coming through the International Mail Centers. The AG's project lead would like to seize the contraband and then destroy the illicit product.
 - Randy Silva stated that if CDTFA seizes the property they send the taxpayer a letter that gives them 20 days to petition. After the 20 days have passed they are required to destroy the seized items.
- Upcoming Outreach
 - Investigative Consultants (IC) – Kris Buckner
 - Gina Fong and Susan Gorsuch are meeting next week regarding Prop 56 with LA Police Department, and LA Sheriffs.
 - South Bay Piping Industry – Labor
 - Gina Fong and Susan Gorsuch will be presenting the TRaCE Operational Enforcement Model and how to refer cases to the task force for investigation. The conference is scheduled on October 25, 2017 in San Jose.

- UL
 - Gina Fong and Susan Gorsuch are meeting on November 18, 2017 for conference training at the UL Lab in Fremont.
- Pharma
 - Gina Fong and Susan Gorsuch will be meeting with Pharma in Fresno on November 8, 2017.
- 3QTR17 Accomplishments
 - Handout was provided listing the 3rd Quarter Accomplishments

Next meeting is scheduled for December 20, 2017 at 10:00 a.m., at 621 Capitol Mall, Room 2114.

Open session meeting adjourned at 10:49 a.m. by Jim Biscailuz, Chairman, TRaCE Executive Board.