



**Tax Recovery and Criminal Enforcement Task Force
Los Angeles Regional Board Meeting
12501 E Imperial Highway, Ste. 300, Norwalk, CA 90650
May 25, 2016**

Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Anthony Orlando, Chairman, TRaCE Regional Board

Members Present:

Anthony Orlando, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, IRS	Y	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jim Biscailuz, Special Agent in Charge, DOJ	Y	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vikram Mandla, Deputy Attorney General, DOJ	Y	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gema Gonzalez, Deputy Chief, FTB Investigations	Y	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N	<input type="checkbox"/>
Frank Waldschmitt, Chief, EDD Investigations	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	N	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
LJ Connolly, Assistant Chief, FBI	Y	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N	<input type="checkbox"/>
John R Reynolds, Acting Assistant Special Agent in Charge, DHS	Y	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N	<input type="checkbox"/>
Anthony Orlando, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, IRS	Y	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vito Scattaglia, Deputy Chief, DMV Investigations	Y	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N	<input type="checkbox"/>
Carlos Rojas, Chief of Police, Santa Ana Police Department	Y	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N	<input type="checkbox"/>

Members Absent:

Frank Waldschmitt, Chief, EDD Investigations

Introduction of TRaCE Board Members and attendees

A quorum was present

Discussion Items:

- March 9, 2016 Minutes
 - John Reynolds motioned to approve the March 9, 2016 Minutes. Motion was seconded by Gema Gonzalez.
 - Vote: 8 in favor, 0 opposed
 - Resolved: Motion carried**

- Confirmation of newly appointed Regional Board Member, Carlos Rojas, Chief of Police SAPD
 - Vikram Mandla motioned to approve the confirmation of Carlos Rojas onto the TRaCE Regional Board. Motion was seconded by Jim Biscailuz.
 - Vote: 8 in favor, 0 opposed

- Case Referral Process and Procedures from Partner Agencies
 - Cases being referred to the task force from participating agencies are not very common

- Informally task force agents are bringing cases and referring back to their supervision for direction
- When participating agencies identify a case as being multi-agency, it should then be pitched to TRaCE
 - An important component is to have supervision from the participating agencies invested in what TRaCE can do for them
 - Need to meet and inform the TFA's supervisors of participating agencies that TRaCE is an additional resource or tool in their tool box
- This will help with the diversification of the caseload
 - Gives all participating agencies return on investment
 - Gives participating agencies the ability to highlight cases
- Yearly Meeting with Executive Board
 - Proposed yearly meeting to discuss trends, best practices and operations
 - Alternate locations each year beginning with meeting in Sacramento in the spring of 2017
 - Vikram Mandla motioned to approved Yearly Meeting with Executive Board. Motion was seconded by John R. Reynolds.
 - Vote: 8 in favor, 0 opposed
 - Resolved: Motion carried**
- Local Law Enforcement Discussion
 - Discussed at the TRaCE Executive Board Meeting on April 20th, all task force agents will receive confidentiality/disclosure training from each of the taxing agencies on the task force.
 - A one day 8 hours training block will be given to all task force agents.
 - Will be held in Los Angeles or Sacramento depending on availability of trainers from each taxing agency
 - All taxing agencies should forward their confidentiality statement to Gina Fong, and she will distribute them to the Executive and Regional Boards.
- TRaCE Fiscal Year 2016/2017 Training Plan
 - A handout was provided with a list of recommended training for task force personnel by Task Force Commander Rigo Garcia.
- TRaCE Fiscal Year 2016/2017 Cost of Investigation Budget Plan
 - A handout was provided showing the account balance in the Cost of Investigation Wells Fargo Account. Also, the Cost of Investigation Budget Plan was distributed by Task Force Commander Rigo Garcia.
- **Status Report**
 - Quarterly Accomplishments Report
 - A handout was provided reflecting the TRaCE program activities completed and in progress for January through March 2016
 - Outreach
 - Gina Fong and Susan Gorsuch met with Congresswoman Linda Sanchez to provide information on TRaCE and to see if the Congresswoman was supportive of a legislative proposal similar to AB576 to expand the TRaCE enforcement model.
 - Committee representative on the Ways and Means Committee

- Open to carrying federal legislation
- Had a follow up meeting with her representative
 - Looking at AB 576 to use some language in the federal legislation
- International Anti-Counterfeiting Coalition
 - Met with Travis Johnson and gave a presentation
 - IACC represents many private brands
 - Showed interest in carrying legislation
 - IACC hold conferences each year
 - Would like a TRaCE presentation from the tax and law enforcement perspective
 - Following up on type of presentation IACC would like presented

Open Session meeting adjourned at 11:28 am by Anthony Orlando, Chairman, Los Angeles Regional TRaCE Executive Board.

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, July 13, 2016, 10:00 am at 12501 E. Imperial Highway, Ste. 300, Room 317, Norwalk, CA 90650.