



**Tax Recovery and Criminal Enforcement Task Force
Los Angeles Regional Board Meeting
12501 E. Imperial Highway, Ste. 300, Room 317, Norwalk, CA 90650
May 19, 2015**

Agenda

Open Session: 10:00 a.m.

Discussion Items

1. Introduction of Los Angeles and Sacramento TRaCE Task Force Executive Board Members
2. April 15, 2015, Minutes
3. Election of Los Angeles TRaCE Task Force Executive Board Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson
4. Governance of the Los Angeles TRaCE Task Force
5. Status Report
 - Los Angeles TRaCE Task Force Update
 - Assembly Bill 160 — Asset Forfeiture
 - Counterfeit Amendment — Included in AB 160 as Clean up Language
 - Central Intake Report Function
 - Outreach

Closed Session: Immediately follows the conclusion of Open Session

*Conference Call into the meeting: Participants can call 888-204-5984 or 602-333-2014 and enter Participant Code: 1494185



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Meeting called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Gina Fong, Facilitator.

Members Present:

- Gonzalo Hernandez, Area Administrator, BOE Investigations
- Vikram Mandla, Deputy Attorney General, DOJ
- Jim Biscailuz, Special Agent in Charge, DOJ
- Gema Gonzalez, Deputy Chief, FTB Investigations
- Frank Waldschmitt, Chief, EDD Investigations
- LJ Connolly, Supervising Special Agent, FBI
- Anthony Orlando, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, IRS
- James Ink, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, DHS

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Members Absent:

- Jim Biscailuz, Special Agent in Charge, DOJ
- LJ Connolly, Supervising Special Agent, FBI

LA TRaCE Task Force Regional Board Member(s) present via teleconference:

- James Ink, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, DHS

Discussion Items:

- Election of LA TRaCE Task Force Regional Board Chairperson
 - Vikram Mandla motioned to elect Gonzalo Hernandez as Executive Board Chairperson. Motion was seconded by Frank Waldschmitt.
 - Vote: 6 in favor, 0 opposed
 - Resolved: Motion carried**

- Election of LA TRaCE Task Force Regional Board Vice-Chairperson
 - Vikram Mandla motioned to elect Anthony Orlando as Executive Board Co-Chairperson. Motion was seconded by Gema Gonzalez.
 - Vote: 6 in favor, 0 opposed
 - Resolved: Motion carried**

- April 15, 2015, Minutes
 - Vice Chairman Anthony Orlando motioned to approve the April 15, 2015 minutes. Motion was seconded by Chairman Gonzalo Hernandez.
 - No opposition
 - Resolved: Motion carried**

- Meeting Frequency
 - Motion by Anthony Orlando to meet on the third Tuesday of every other month. Motion was seconded by Vikram Mandla.
 - Vote: 6 in favor, 0 opposed
 - Resolved: Motion carried**

- Meeting Location
 - Motion by Vikram Mandla to continue LA TRaCE Task Force Regional Board meeting at the BOE Norwalk Office located at 12501 E. Imperial Highway, Ste. 100, Room 300, Norwalk, CA 90650. Motion was seconded by Anthony Orlando.
 - Vote: 6 in favor, 0 opposed
 - Resolved: Motion carried**

- **Status Report**
 - **Los Angeles TRaCE Task Force Update**
 - Currently staffed with investigator/agents from:
 - BOE, EDD, FTB, FBI, HSI, IRS, DOJ
 - All investigators/agents have been issued office equipment and received training on case management system

 - **Assembly Bill 160 – Asset Forfeiture**
 - California District Attorney Association is pushing the bill
 - Passed committee 6-0
 - ACLU withdrew opposition
 - If the bill passes, it will be an important tool for TRaCE to use in the fight against the underground economy and white collar crimes.

 - Central Intake Report Function
 - TRaCE's central intake report function is now live
 - The report function gives TRaCE the ability to pull up statistics in real time

 - Outreach
 - A handout was provided with a list of presentations/meetings that Kevin Ferreira attended along with upcoming meetings
 - Vikram Mandla went over outreach meetings he has attended in Los Angeles

Next meeting scheduled for July 21, 2015 at 10:00 am at 12501 E. Imperial Highway, Ste. 100, Room 300, Norwalk, CA 90650.

Open Session meeting adjourned at 10:34 am by Gonzalo Hernandez, Chairman, TRaCE Executive Board.