



**Tax Recovery and Criminal Enforcement Task Force
Los Angeles Regional Board Meeting**

12501 E. Imperial Highway, Ste. 100, Room 300, Norwalk, CA 90650

July 21, 2015

Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Gonzalo Hernandez, Chairman.

Members Present:

Gonzalo Hernandez, Area Administrator, BOE	Y	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vikram Mandla, Deputy Attorney General, DOJ	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"/>
Gema Gonzalez, Deputy Chief, FTB Investigations	Y	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N	<input type="checkbox"/>
Frank Waldschmitt, Assistant Chief, EDD Investigations	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	N	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
LJ Connolly, Supervising Special Agent, FBI	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	N	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Anthony Orlando, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, IRS	Y	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N	<input type="checkbox"/>
James Ink, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, DHS	Y	<input type="checkbox"/>	N	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Members Absent:

- Frank Waldschmitt, Assistant Chief, EDD Investigations**
- LJ Connolly, Supervising Special Agent, FBI**
- James Ink, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, DHS**

LA TRaCE Task Force Regional Board Member(s) present via teleconference:
None

Discussion Items:

- May 19, 2015 Minutes
 - o Vice Chairman, Anthony Orlando motioned to approve the May 19, 2015 Minutes. Motion was seconded by Jim Biscailuz.
 - Vote: 5 in favor No opposition.
 - Resolved: Motion carried**
- **Status Report**
 - o **Los Angeles TRaCE Task Force Update**
 - DOJ TRaCE Task Force Agent, Paul Ramirez, noted all TRaCE Task Force personnel now have Repository access. Various cases continue to be worked.
 - Chairman Hernandez announced there is a newly appointed Task Force Commander, Rigoberto Garcia from the Department of Justice.
 - MOU has been signed by the IRS which enables their participation on the TRaCE Task Force. . The Executive Board will review the MOU's and Addendum's and vote on formal approval.

- **Assembly Bill 160 – Asset Forfeiture**
 - No update available at this time
- **Counterfeit Amendment – Included in AB 160 as clean up language**
 - No information available at this time.
- **Central Intake Report Function**
 - Access into the Repository will be tested at the next task force meeting on Wednesday, July 22, 2015.
- **Outreach**
 - Vikram Mandla attended a meeting with the Alcohol Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau. It was at this meeting that a contact was made with the Customs Border Patrol (CBP) Agency working out of LAX Airport. CBP and TRaCE are currently working on a partnership strategy.
- **Draft Press Release Protocol**
 - Any feedback on Press Release Protocol should be submitted to Chairman Hernandez by August 11, 2015.
- **Evidence Protocol**
 - Information on existing evidence protocols should be submitted to Chairman Hernandez by August 11, 2015. Randy Silva indicated DOJ has already provided their protocol.
 - Information received may possibly be used to enhance existing protocols and security.

Next meeting scheduled for **September 15, 2015** at 10:00 am at 12501 E. Imperial Highway, Ste. 100, Room 300, Norwalk, CA 90650.

Open Session meeting adjourned at 10:09 am by Gonzalo Hernandez, Chairman, TRaCE Executive Board.