



**Tax Recovery and Criminal Enforcement Task Force  
Los Angeles Regional Board Meeting  
12501 E Imperial Highway, Ste. 300, Norwalk, CA 90650  
January 13, 2016**

Meeting called to order at 10:02 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 type="checkbox"/>	N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Frank Waldschmitt, Chief, EDD Investigations	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>
LJ Connolly, Assistant Chief, FBI	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"/>
John R Reynolds, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, DHS	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>

**Members Absent:**

Gema Gonzalez, Deputy Chief, FTB Investigations

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

Frank Waldschmitt, Chief, EDD Investigations

**Discussion Items:**

- November 17, 2015 Minutes
  - Jim Biscailuz motioned to approve the November 17, 2015 Minutes. Motion was seconded by Vice Chairman, Anthony Orlando.
  - Vote: 7 in favor, 0 opposed
  - Resolved: Motion carried**-pending approval by Northern California Regional Board.
  
- Election of new L.A. Regional Board Chairman
  - Jim Biscailuz motioned to have Vice Chairman Anthony Orlando elected to replace Gonzalo as Chairman.
  - Motion was seconded by John R Reynolds.
  - Vote: 7 in favor, 0 opposed
  - Resolved: Motion carried**-pending approval by Northern California Regional Board.
  
- Election of new L.A. Regional Board Vice-Chairman
  - Anthony Orlando motioned to have Jim Biscailuz elected to replace him as Vice-Chairman.
  - Motion was seconded by Vikram Mandla.
  - Vote: 7 in favor, 0 opposed
  - Resolved: Motion carried**-pending approval by Northern California Regional Board.

- Status Report
  - John R. Reynolds election to the TRaCE Regional Board has been approved and confirmed by the TRaCE Executive Board.
  - Los Angeles TRaCE Task Force Update
    - All new equipment has been installed and is in working order.
    - Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) is interested in being a partner on the LA TRaCE Task Force. TRaCE Task Force Commander, Rigo Garcia, will meet with DMV personnel to pick a suitable candidate. Commander Garcia is hopeful that DMV will be fully committed to LA TRaCE by March 16, 2016. DMV has also expressed interest in the Nor Cal TRaCE Task Force and will be meeting with Commander Gorsuch in the near future.
    - Commander Garcia met with Department of Health Care Services (DHCS). They agreed to partner on pilot case to see if they are a good fit with TRaCE before joining full time. Laura Wilbur, DHCS Representative, indicated the Deputy Director is excited about their participation and is monitoring the progress.
    - Previously, Jim Biscailuz had indicated that Bureau of Medical Fraud (BMFCA) was interested in joining TRaCE as a partner agency. However, after further consideration BMFCA will partner on cases but cannot currently commit full time resources to TRaCE.
  - Washington, D.C. Debrief Report
    - TRaCE representative Kevin Ferreira, Technical Advisor/Outreach Coordinator (Board of Equalization), highlighted meetings on the Washington, D.C. Debrief Report handout. Follow-up meetings will need to be scheduled with Congressman Kevin McCarthy-House Majority Leader as he supports expanding the TRaCE model in California. In addition, a follow-up meeting with Congresswoman Linda Sanchez-House of Finance Committee would be helpful.
  - TRaCE is being recognized by Lieutenant Governor Gavin Newsom for their work in combatting the underground economy and their collaboration among State and Federal agencies. The Certificate will be placed on the TRaCE website for everyone to view.
  - Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) Legislative Report
    - The DIR Progress Report was submitted to the four Committees as requested by the Senate Revenue and Finance Committee back in May 2015. The report included TRaCE's performance metrics, prosecutions and recouped revenue. Chairman Silva would like to start discussions surrounding funding opportunities through the Budget Change Proposal (BCP) process.
  - Presentation of Awards
    - Gonzalo Hernandez was presented with an award for his service as the Regional Board Chairman from 2015-2016.
    - Task Force Agent, Paul Ramirez, was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for his willingness to oversee the task force prior to the hiring of Commander Garcia.

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 09, 2016, 10:00 am at 12501 E. Imperial Highway, Ste. 300, Room 317, Norwalk, CA 90650.

Open Session meeting adjourned at 10:31 am by Gonzalo Hernandez, Chairman, Los Angeles Regional TRaCE Executive Board.