



**Tax Recovery and Criminal Enforcement
Task Force Executive Board Meeting
621 Capitol Mall, Room 2114, Sacramento, CA 95814
February 17, 2016**

Meeting called to order at 10:16 a.m. by Randy Silva, Chairman, TRaCE Executive Board

Members Present:

Randy Silva, Chairman, BOE
Peter Williams, Deputy Attorney General, DOJ
James Biscailuz, Special Agent in Charge, DOJ
Dan Gonzalez, Chief, FTB Investigations
Raymond Greenlee, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, DHS

Members Absent:

Lisa Schmith, Chief, EDD Investigations, Frank Waldschmitt, Assistant Chief, EDD Investigations, Proxy, Manual Alvarez, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, FBI, Eric Hirata, Deputy Division Chief, ABC, Greg Robins, Supervisory Special Agent, IRS

Discussion Items:

- December 16, 2015 Minutes
 - Chairman Silva motioned to approve the December 16, 2016 Minutes. Motion was seconded by Dan Gonzalez.
 - Vote: 5 in favor, 0 opposed
Resolved: Motion Carried
- Confirmation of Newly appointed Regional Board Chairman and Vice Chairman
 - Regional Chairman, Anthony Orlando, Internal Revenue Service
 - Regional Vice Chairman, James Biscailuz, Department of Justice
 - Peter Williams motioned to approve the Confirmation of Newly appointed Regional Board Chairman and Vice Chairman. Motion was seconded by Raymond Greenlee.
 - Vote: 5 in favor, 0 opposed
Resolved: Motion Carried
- Expansion of the TRaCE Task Force in the San Diego and Bay Area Regions
 - A meeting was held to discuss Budget Change Proposals (BCPs) and which agency would host the expansion of the task force into the San Diego and Bay Area Regions
 - Two agencies expressed interest in hosting
 - Department of Justice willing to host in San Diego or the Bay Area
 - Franchise Tax Board expressed interest in hosting in the Bay Area
 - TRaCE Task Force expansion into both geographical regions is likely

- DOJ has confirmed that they have space available to house the third TRaCE location at both DOJ and the OAG's Office in San Diego
 - Through BCPs, TRaCE will use a phase in approach towards expanding into the new regions
 - 2017/2018 expand into San Diego
 - 2018/2019 expand into Bay Area
 - Federal Partners on the task force should prepare to have task force members ready when offices are open
 - Discussion within each department should start now to be ready for anticipated launch dates in 2017 and 2018.
 - Chairman Silva motioned to approve TRaCE Task Force Expansion beginning with the San Diego region; followed by the Bay Area Region. Motion was seconded by James Biscailuz.
 - Vote: 5 in favor, 0 opposed
- Resolved: Motion Carried**

- **Status Report**

- Outreach

- Gina Fong, Susan Gorsuch and James Biscailuz met with Congresswoman Linda Sanchez.
 - 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
 - Investigative Consultants
 - Working with Kris Buckner for upcoming training in Sacramento
 - Law Enforcement Counterfeit Training Course will be held at Franchise Tax Board on April 19, 2016
 - No Cost training, with POST Credit
 - Multiple presenters will be at the training
 - Susan Gorsuch and Gina Fong will give TRaCE presentation
 - BOE Chairman Jerome Horton will be presented an award
 - Media coverage expected
- Local Law Enforcement Participation
 - Peter Williams has been in contact with the general counsel for FTB and EDD
 - EDD is looking into identifying mechanism to share with locals
 - Work in Progress; no timeline in place
 - It is a priority, but it is also complicated
 - Federal Tax Information is the major issue for the taxing agencies

- Why Exhibit D is in place with the MOU
 - Assess if there is a mechanism in which task force agents could be deputized/designated as FTB employees with respect to Federal Tax Information
 - Is FTB willing to deputize/designate?
 - Is it acceptable with IRS?
- Election of Task Force Executive Board Chairperson and Vice Chairperson
 - Randy Silva motioned to elect Raymond Greenlee as Chairman of the TRaCE Executive Board and Dan Gonzalez to be the Vice Chairman. Motion was seconded by James Biscailuz.
 - Vote: 6 in favor, 0 opposed
 - Resolved: Motion Carried**
- OAG Executive Board Representative
 - Peter Williams motioned to delegate new DAG, Richard Cutler, to represent the OAG's office on the TRaCE Executive Board. Motion was seconded by James Biscailuz.
 - Vote: 6 in favor, 0 opposed
 - Resolved: Motion Carried**
- **Acknowledgements**
 - Award presented to Peter Williams, OAG for his participation on the TRaCE Executive Board

Next Meeting is scheduled for April 20, 2016 at 10:00 a.m., at 621 Capitol, Mall Room 2114.

Open session meeting adjourned at 10:57 a.m. by Randy Silva, Chairman, TRaCE Executive Board.