



**Tax Recovery and Criminal Enforcement Task Force**  
**Los Angeles Regional Board Meeting**  
**12501 E Imperial Highway, Ste. 300, Norwalk, CA 90650**  
**January 11, 2017**

Meeting called to order at 10:06 a.m. by Anthony Orlando, Chairman, TRaCE Regional Board

**Members Present:**

Anthony Orlando, Acting Special Agent in Charge, IRS  
Jim Biscailuz, Special Agent in Charge, DOJ  
Vikram Mandla, Deputy Attorney General, DOJ  
Gema Gonzalez, Deputy Chief, FTB Investigations  
Frank Waldschmitt, Chief, EDD Investigations  
LJ Connolly, Assistant Chief, FBI  
Marzo Sacasa, Southern Administrator, BOE Investigations  
Jeremy D. Scott, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, DHS  
Vito Scattaglia, Deputy Chief, DMV Investigations  
Carlos Rojas, Chief of Police, Santa Ana Police Department

**Members Absent:**

N/A

**Discussion Items:**

- **November 09, 2016 Minutes**
  - Jim Biscailuz motioned to approve minutes. Motion was seconded by Marzo Sacasa.
  - Vote: 9 in favor, 0 opposed

**Resolved: Motion carried**
- **Agenda for Yearly meeting with Executive Board – February 2017 (handout)**
  - For the February 22, 2017 meeting, the TRaCE room block remains at the Delta King Hotel located in Sacramento, CA. The block remains in place until February 7, 2017. The federal government has a higher per diem allowance and therefore may try the Holiday Inn if preferable. The tentative agenda is for 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. This is to allow for arrivals. If transportation from the airport is an issue, let Gina Fong know.
  - Chairman Randy Silva will be the Keynote Speaker and will conduct a discussion of each agency's goals. The morning session will include presentations on the Impact of Medical Cannabis by the FBI, a presentation on Forensics, and a presentation by the AUSA's office for case referrals and trends in financial crimes. The afternoon session will include case studies (preferably multi-agency) presented by Rigo Garcia and Susan Gorsuch and networking session for the TRaCE Task Force Agents.

- Board Members will be meeting to have an open discussion on the uniformity and consistency between LA and Nor Cal TRaCE, the DOJ legislative proposal for the expansion of TRaCE into San Diego and the Bay Area Region's, the IPR Grant and updates to the MOU and Bylaws. Additional proposed agenda items may be submitted to Gina.
- **Status Reports**
  - Outreach
    - Gina Fong and Susan Gorsuch have been giving presentations to spread the word about the type of investigations that the TRaCE Task Force is handling and to obtain support for expanding TRaCE into the San Diego and the Bay Area Regions. TRaCE was lacking outreach posters and materials. As such, the BOE Outreach Department in conjunction with TRaCE designed poster boards and a new brochure to be used for TRaCE Outreach events. In addition, the brochure was updated to reflect changes, such as the Alcoholic Beverage Control agency temporary departure from the task force.
  - Accomplishments Report 4Q2016 (handout)
  - Balance of Cost of Investigation Account (handout)
    - The Report of Expenditure shows LA and Nor Cal debits and credit as all as overall balances. Commander Susan Gorsuch discussed a shadow box given to task force agents that have completed their rotation and are returning back to their respective departments. With no objections, the cost of investigation funds can be used to purchase these types of awards in appreciation of the agent's service to the task force during their tenure.
  - Approval to purchase portfolio's
    - Rigo Garcia suggested the issuance of portfolios. This was approved by the Executive Board and will be executed for all Task Force Agents and Regional and Executive Board Members.

Prior to close, Jeremy Scott to have former board member, JR Reynolds, attend the next meeting to receive his award. Chair Anthony Orlando introduced two new members of his staff, Al Childress-Acting ASAC and Darren Lian, SSA.

The Open Session meeting adjourned at 10:43 am by Anthony Orlando, Chairman, Los Angeles Regional TRaCE Executive Board.

The next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 08, 2017, 10:00 am at 12501 E. Imperial Highway, Ste. 300, Room 317, Norwalk, CA 90650.