



**Tax Recovery and Criminal Enforcement
Task Force Executive Board Meeting
621 Capitol Mall, Room 2114, Sacramento, CA 95814
October 17, 2018**

Meeting called to order at 10:11 a.m. by Jim Biscailuz, Chairman, TRaCE Executive Board

Members Present:

Jim Biscailuz, Chairman, Special Agent in Charge, DOJ
Randy Silva, Vice Chairman, Chief, CDTFa Investigations
Dan Gonzalez, Chief, FTB Investigations
Cindy Chen, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, IRS
Sir Streeter, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, HSI
Jim Root, Special Assistant Attorney General, DOJ
Robert Tripp, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, FBI
Thomas Edwards Proxy for Thomas Wilson, Deputy Chief, DMV
David A. Montoya, Chief, EDD Investigations

Discussion Items:

- August 15, 2018 Minutes
 - Cindy Chen motioned to approve minutes. Motion seconded by Dan Gonzalez.
Resolved: Motion carried
- Vote to add Robert Tripp, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, FBI to replace Susan Ferensic
 - Dan Gonzalez moved to nominate Robert Tripp. Nomination was seconded by Jim Biscailuz.
Resolved: Motion carried
- Status Reports and Updates
 - 3rd Quarter Accomplishments
 - Handout was provided with the 3rd Quarter accomplishments.
 - Shawn Collins discussed the LA TRaCE Tobacco Enforcement efforts; including the hiring of two special agents, training for Max (K9), and working with agricultural organizations and HSI.
 - Gina Fong discussed the Sacramento TRaCE efforts; including meetings with the Nevada City DA, work on Tobacco enforcement with HSI, and upcoming TRaCE Conferences/Training Opportunities.
 - Technical review with NWC3 on IPR Related Cases – December 7, 2018
 - NWC3 agreed to look into the extension of the IPR Grant. We are waiting for confirmation on the extension and if any unused money can roll over to the next year if the grant is extended.
 - CNOA - Status on agents attending and estimated cost
 - There are 13 agents attending from both Sacramento and LA TRaCE Task Forces.
 - DOJ Legislation Initiatives – SB 1272

- This discussion was deferred to close session by Chairman Jim Biscailuz.
- DOJ Prop 56 Positions and Status on Hiring
 - Two DOJ tobacco agents started to work on LA TRaCE in June 2018. DOJ has also hired two tobacco agents to work on Nor Cal TRaCE. The two agents that will be assigned to Nor Cal TRaCE are currently in the “background” phase of the hiring process within DOJ.

Open session meeting adjourned at 10:29 a.m. by Jim Biscailuz, Chairman, and TRaCE Executive Board.

Next meeting is scheduled for December 19, 2018 at 10:00 a.m., at 621 Capitol Mall, Room 2114.