



**Tax Recovery and Criminal Enforcement
Task Force Executive Board Meeting
621 Capitol Mall, Room 2114, Sacramento, CA 95814
February 14, 2019**

Meeting called to order at 10:09 a.m. by Jim Biscailuz, Chairman, TRaCE Executive Board

Members Present:

Jim Biscailuz, Chairman, Special Agent in Charge, DOJ
Dan Gonzalez, Chief, FTB Investigations
Sir Streeter, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, HSI (joined via conference call)
Vikram Mandla proxy for Jim Root, Special Assistant Attorney General, DOJ
Robert Tripp, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, FBI
David A. Montoya, Chief, EDD Investigations
Cindy Chen, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, IRS (joined via conference call)
Mike Loretta, Vice Chairman, Acting Chief, CDTFA Investigations

Members Absent:

Thomas Wilson, Deputy Chief, DMV

Discussion Items:

- December 19, 2018 Minutes
 - David Montoya motioned to approve minutes. The motion was seconded by Dan Gonzalez.
Vote: 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent, 1 cannot vote
Resolved: Motion carried
- CDTFA Representation – Vote for approval
 - Vice Chair Randy Silva retired at the end of 2018 and did not designate a proxy. Mike Loretta has been appointed the Acting Chief for CDTFA Investigations. Motion by Jim Biscailuz to approve Mike Loretta as the representative for the CDTFA. Chairman Biscailuz clarified that since Randy Silva was the Vice Chair, and without any objections, Mike Loretta will fill that position on the Executive Board until the next voting session, June 2019.
Vote: 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent
Resolved: Motion carried
- Election for new Chairman and Vice Chairman
 - Chairman Biscailuz solicited nominations and volunteers for the 2019/2020 TRaCE Executive Board Chairman and Vice Chairman. Dan Gonzalez volunteered to be the Chairman of the Board. Chairman Biscailuz agreed to assist Dan Gonzalez as the Vice Chairman to aid in the transition. Voting and confirmation of the new Executive Board will take place at the next Executive Board Meeting, Wednesday, April 17, 2019.

- 2019/20 TRaCE Legislation
 - Chairman Biscailuz informed the Executive Board Members that Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez will be the author of the 2019 TRaCE Proposed Legislation. The bill will be introduced to the Assembly on Friday, February 22, 2019. Assemblywoman Gonzalez and Attorney General Becerra will be showcasing the benefits of the proposed bill during a press conference in San Diego, CA on February 22, 2019. The legislative bill is very similar to the prior bill, SB 1272, with the exception of a few minor changes. A draft of the proposed 2019 legislation will be provided to the Executive Board Members after the bill is introduced.

- Senate Resolution Award
 - Senator Galgiani, the Author of SB 1272 (vetoed in 2018 by Governor Brown), presented the TRaCE Task Force with a Senate Resolution Award on the Senate floor of the State Capitol.

- DOJ Prop 56 Hiring Update
 - Chairman Biscailuz spoke on behalf of the hiring for DOJ; there are two agents that have been hired for LA TRaCE and have been working with the task force for over six months. One DOJ Agent has been hired for Sacramento TRaCE and is currently in a DOJ Training Program, and there is one additional DOJ Agent that is still in the hiring process. DOJ has also hired one Investigative Auditor and one Legal Analyst that are assigned to the DOJ LA office, but will be assisting all of TRaCE.

 - Vice Chair Mike Loretta spoke on behalf of CDTFA, who has hired one Investigator to assist LA TRaCE and one Investigator to assist Sacramento TRaCE. The positions are three year limited term positions and will need another BCP to extend them.

- NW3C IPR Grant Update
 - Chairman Biscailuz informed the Executive Board that there is still no update on the extension of the IPR Grant. The government shutdown affected movement on the Grants, but as soon as there is an update it will be brought to the Executive Board.

- 4th Quarter Accomplishment (handout)
 - Commander's Gorsuch and Collins discussed the accomplishments for the 4th Quarter.

Open session meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m. by Jim Biscailuz, Chairman, and TRaCE Executive Board.

Next meeting is scheduled for April 17, 2019 at 10:00 a.m., at 621 Capitol Mall, Room 2160.