



**Tax Recovery and Criminal Enforcement  
Task Force Executive Board Meeting  
621 Capitol Mall, Room 2160, Sacramento, CA 95814  
April 17, 2019**

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

**Members Present:**

Jim Biscailuz, Chairman, Special Agent in Charge, DOJ  
Mike Loretta, Vice Chairman, Acting Chief, CDTFI Investigations  
Dan Gonzalez, Chief, FTB Investigations  
Nicole Solander proxy for Sir Streeter, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, HSI  
Vikram Mandla proxy for Jim Root, Special Assistant Attorney General, DOJ  
Robert Tripp, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, FBI  
Rosa Martinez proxy for David A. Montoya, Chief, EDD Investigations (called in)  
Cindy Chen, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, IRS  
Thomas Edwards's proxy for Thomas Wilson, Deputy Chief, DMV

**Discussion Items:**

- February 14, 2019 Minutes
  - Cindy Chen motioned to approve minutes. The motion was seconded by Dan Gonzalez.  
**Vote: 9 in favor, 0 opposed**  
**Resolved: Motion carried**
- 2019/20 TRaCE Legislation
  - Chairman Biscailuz informed the Board Members, that Assemblywomen Lorena Gonzalez in partnership with Attorney General Xavier Becerra introduced the new legislation, AB1296, on February 22, 2019, during a press conference in San Diego, CA. He further explained that some language contained in the bill was tightened up compared to last year but reflectively the same language as last year. AB 1296, will rebrand TRaCE with the Tax Recovery in the Underground Economy Criminal Enforcement Program (TRUE). AB 1296 was read for the first time at the Assembly on February 25, 2019 and referred to the Public Safety Committee on March 11, 2019 and passed then was referred to Revenue and Tax Committee, to be read on Monday, April 22, 2019. Commander Gorsuch, Chairman Biscailuz and Mario DeBernardo (DOJ Legislative Office) have already had a preliminary meeting with some of the committee members from the Assembly Revenue and Tax Committee to explain the bill and answer any questions that they may have prior to the hearing.
  - BCP's for AB 1296 will be required within 10 days if the legislation passes. Law Enforcement Liaison, Gina Fong, informed the Executive Board Members that Mario DeBernardo, DOJ Office of Legislative Affairs, has requested costing estimates from each partner agency relating to resources and equipment needed on the 3 additional teams in San Diego, Fresno and the Bay Area. He has provided a due date to Chairman

Biscailuz. It is encouraged that each participating agency start working on a framework for their agency BCP, and it may be worthwhile to see a phased approach with respect to resources. A joint meeting is recommended for collaboration and for non-duplication with resources and equipment. The intent is to submit BCP proposals in package to the Department of Finance for approval.

- Senate Resolution Award
  - Senator Galgiani, the Author of SB 1272, presented the TRaCE Task Force with a Senate Resolution Award on the Senate floor of the State Capitol. In addition, Senator Galgiani, had nine additional Resolutions framed for the Chief of each participating agency (Federal and State). Unfortunately, Senator Galgiani was unable to attend the meeting in person, but each of the Executive Board Members were presented their Senate Resolutions for their participation on the TRaCE Task Force.
  
- DOJ Prop 56 Hiring Update
  - Chairman Biscailuz spoke on behalf of the hiring for DOJ; DLE has received their final Special Agent in Sacramento as of Monday, and the DOJ Agent will start the four month training program May 1, 2019.
  
  - DAG Mandla communicated to the Executive Board Members that OAG's Office has hired in LA is an Investigative Auditor (limited peace officer), a Legal Analyst and a contract Forensic Auditor, which are available resources for both LA and Sacramento TRaCE.
  
  - Vice Chairman Loretta informed the Executive Board Members that CDTFA is in the final stages of hiring and are currently working on a BCP to extend the funding for the limited term positions that were hired as permanent positions. CDTFA has one Investigator in LA and one Investigator in Sacramento. The positions are three year limited term positions (CDTFA received the approvals to hire permanent full-time) and will need another BCP to extend funding for the permanent positions.
  
- NW3C IPR Grant Update
  - Chairman Biscailuz informed the Executive Board that the IPR Grant has been extended. The US DOJ has extended the grant for six additional months. Beyond the six months extension, will require TRaCE to reapply for the new grant award. DOJ is currently working on reimbursing the time used on IPR Cases during the time of the unknown extension.
  
- Election for new Chairman and Vice Chairman
  - Nominations were taken at the last Executive Board Meeting on February 14, 2019 for Chairman and Vice Chairman.
  
  - Chairman Biscailuz nominated Dan Gonzalez for Chairman, that nomination was seconded by Robert Tripp.  
**Vote: 9 in favor, 0 opposed**  
**Resolved: Motion carried**  
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- Dan Gonzalez nominated Jim Biscailuz for Vice Chairman, that nomination was seconded by Mike Loretta.

**Vote: 9 in favor, 0 opposed**

**Resolved: Motion carried**

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- 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Accomplishment (handout)
  - Commander's Gorsuch and Collins discussed the accomplishments for the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter.

Open session meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m. by Dan Gonzalez, Chairman, TRaCE Executive Board.

Next meeting is scheduled for June 19, 2019 at 10:00 a.m., at 621 Capitol Mall, Room 2114.