

MINUTES OF THE 921st MEETING

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District**

TIME: 3:00 P.M. January 18, 2024

PLACE: 13001 Garden Grove Blvd., Garden Grove, CA 92843

PRESIDENT:	Craig Green	Placentia
VICE PRESIDENT:	Cecilia Hupp	Brea
SECRETARY:	Robert Ruesch	Mission Viejo

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Aliso Viejo	Richard Hurt	Laguna Woods	Shari Horne
Anaheim	Carlos Leon	Lake Forest	Robert Pequeño
Brea	Cecilia Hupp	Los Alamitos	Tanya Doby
Buena Park	Joyce Ahn	Mission Viejo	Bob Ruesch
Costa Mesa	Bill Turpit	Newport Beach	Erik Weigand
Cypress	Bonnie Peat	Orange	Jon Dumitru
Fountain Valley	Kim Constantine	Placentia	Craig Green
Fullerton	Shana Charles	Rancho Santa Margarita	April Josephson
Garden Grove	Stephanie Klopfenstein	San Clemente	Steve Knoblock
Huntington Beach	Pat Burns	Santa Ana	Nelida Mendoza
Irvine	Tammy Kim	Seal Beach	Nathan Steele
La Habra	James Gomez	Stanton	Gary Taylor
La Palma	Debbie S. Baker	Tustin	Rebecca Gomez
Laguna Beach	Mark Orgill	Villa Park	Crystal Miles
Laguna Hills	Erica Pezold	Yorba Linda	Peggy Huang
Laguna Niguel	Gene Johns	County of Orange	Liz Guillen-Merchant

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

Dana Point	John Gabbard	Westminster	Amy Phan West
San Juan Capistrano	John Taylor		

OTHERS PRESENT:

Lora Young, District Manager
Miquel Jacobs, Director of Communications
Amber Semrow, Director of Scientific Technical Services
Steve Shepherd, Director of Operations
Tawnia Pett, Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board
Alan Burns, District Counsel

A. Opening:

1. **Call the Business Meeting to Order:** President Huang called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** President Huang asked Vice President Green to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Roll Call:** Thirty-two Trustees were present out of the current Board membership of 35.

After Roll Call President Huang introduced the new Trustees: Carlos Leon from Anaheim, Shana Charles from Fullerton, and Pat Burns from Huntington Beach.

4. **Election of Officers of the 2024 Executive Board:** President Huang presented a slate for nominations: Vice President Green for President, Secretary Hupp for Vice President, and Trustee Ruesch for Secretary and to close nominations for those offices. Trustee Miles seconded the motion.

Vote to close Nominations:

Ayes: Trustees Hurt, Leon, Hupp, Ahn, Turpit, Peat, Constantine, Charles, Klopfenstein, Burns, Kim, J. Gomez, Baker, Orgill, Johns, Horne, Pequeño, Doby, Ruesch, Weigand, Dumitru, Green, Josephson, Knoblock, Mendoza, Steele, G. Taylor, R. Gomez, Miles, and Huang.

Noes: None.

Abstained: None.

Absent: Trustees Gabbard, Pezold, J. Taylor, West, and Guillen-Merchant.

Vote for the slate as nominated by President Huang:

Ayes: Trustees Hurt, Leon, Hupp, Ahn, Turpit, Peat, Constantine, Charles, Klopfenstein, Burns, Kim, J. Gomez, Baker, Orgill, Johns, Horne, Pequeño, Doby, Ruesch, Weigand, Dumitru, Green, Josephson, Knoblock, Mendoza, Steele, G. Taylor, R. Gomez, Miles, and Huang.

Noes: None.

Abstained: None.

Absent: Trustees Gabbard, Pezold, J. Taylor, West, and Guillen-Merchant.

The Board of Trustees elected Craig Green as President, Cecilia Hupp as Vice President, and Robert Ruesch as Secretary.

B. Public Comments: None

C. Presentations:

1. Recognized Outgoing President Huang.
2. Recognized Outgoing Trustees Kring and Posey (Trustee Posey was not present).

D. OCMVCD Committee Reports to the Board of Trustees:

1. Executive Committee: Past President Huang reported that the committee met [in closed session] to discuss the District Manager's evaluation, the goals she has accomplished, the goals she has set for the District for the upcoming year, and compensation package which will be discussed in closed session.
2. Budget and Finance Committee: Committee Chair G. Taylor reported that PARS staff gave a presentation that all of the District funds are well funded and the District has a balanced budget.

E. Closed Session/Open Session:

1. Closed Session: President Green called for closed session at 3:12 PM
 - a. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957, (Performance Evaluation),
 - b. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.8 (Conference with labor negotiator)
2. Open Session: Open Session resumed at 3:49 PM. District Counsel Burns reported that there was no reportable action except the Board gave authority to the President to negotiate.

F. Consent Calendar: Items for Approval by General Consent:

On motion from Trustee Kim, seconded by Trustee Horne, and approved by unanimous vote, the Board of Trustees approved Consent Calendar Items F.2 through F.4 Agenda Item F.1 was passed by majority vote due to absences at the previous Board Meeting (Abstained: Trustees Leon, Hupp, Charles, Klopfenstein, Burns, J. Gomez, Pezold, and Guillen-Merchant).

Ayes: Trustees Hurt, Leon, Hupp, Ahn, Turpit, Peat, Constantine, Charles, Klopfenstein, Burns, Kim, J. Gomez, Baker, Orgill, Johns, Horne, Pequeño, Doby, Ruesch, Weigand, Dumitru, Green, Josephson, Knoblock, Mendoza, Steele, G. Taylor, R. Gomez, Miles, and Huang.

Noes: None.

Abstained: None.

Absent: Trustees Gabbard, Baker, J. Taylor, and West.

1. **Approval of Minutes:** Approved, without reading, the minutes of 920th Meeting of the Board of Trustees held December 21, 2023.
2. **Approved Warrant Register for November 2023: (Exhibit A)** Received and filed.
3. **Approved Monthly Financial Report for November 2023: (Exhibit A)** Received and filed.
4. **Adopted Resolution No. 569 Authorizing the Deployment of Vector Personnel and Resources for Natural Disaster Relief Works: (Exhibit A)**

G. Business Items: None**H. Informational Items Only (No Action Necessary):**

1. **Staff Presentation:** Director of Scientific Technical Services Semrow gave an update of vector activity in Orange County.
2. **Staff Presentation:** Director of Operations Shepherd gave an update of operations activity in Orange County.
3. **Staff Presentation:** Director of Communications Jacobs gave an update of outreach activity in Orange County.
4. **Received and Filed Trustee Terms of Office to Expire on January 1, 2024 at 11:59 AM**
5. **Received and Filed Board of Trustee Committee Assignments for 2024: (Exhibit A, B)**
6. **Received and Filed 2023 Trustee Attendance Report: (Exhibit A)**
7. **Received and Filed Laboratory Reports – Included in agenda packet.**

I. **President's Report and Trustee Comments:**

1. Trustee Josephson suggested the Director of Scientific Technical Services Semrow present to the HR [High Risk] 9 cities before mosquito season starts

J. **District Manager's Report:** District Manager Young reported:

1. Any Trustee that wants a presentation for Council Meetings should contact the District
2. Miquel Jacobs, the Director of Communications, was introduced to the Board
3. Trustees and District staff will attend the MVCAC Annual Conference January 21-24 in Monterey, CA.
4. Committee selections need to be in to Clerk of the Board Pett by January 25.
5. The February Board Meeting is the annual Open House before the Board Meeting
6. The annual Employee Recognition breakfast was January 8. [Photos of the event were shown in the agenda presentation]

K. **District Counsel Report: None**

L. **Correspondence: None**

M. **Future Agenda Items: None**

N. **Adjournment:**

1. President Green adjourned the meeting at 4:08 P.M. to a regular meeting on Thursday, February 15, 2024.

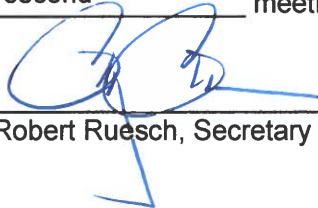
I certify that the above minutes substantially reflect the actions taken by the Board of Trustees at its meeting held January 18, 2024.



Lora B. Young, District Manager

Approved as written and/or corrected by the Board of Trustees at its 922 _____

Nine hundred and twenty-second meeting held February 15, 2024

ATTEST: 

Robert Ruesch, Secretary