

MINUTES OF THE 930th MEETING

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

TIME: 3:00 P.M. December 19, 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	Lake Forest	Robert Pequeño
Buena Park	Joyce Ahn	Los Alamitos	Tanya Doby
Costa Mesa	Bill Turpit	Mission Viejo	Bob Ruesch
Cypress	Bonnie Peat	Newport Beach	Erik Weigand
Dana Point	John Gabbard	Orange	Jon Dumitru
Fountain Valley	Kim Constantine	Placentia	Craig Green
Fullerton	Shana Charles	Rancho Santa Margarita	April Josephson
Garden Grove	Stephanie Klopfenstein	San Juan Capistrano	John Taylor
Huntington Beach	Gracey Van Der Mark	Seal Beach	Nathan Steele
Irvine	Tammy Kim	Stanton	Gary Taylor
La Habra	James Gomez	Tustin	Rebecca Gomez
La Palma	Debbie S. Baker	Villa Park	Crystal Miles
Laguna Beach	Mark Orgill	Yorba Linda	Peggy Huang
Laguna Niguel	Gene Johns		

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

Anaheim	Carlos Leon	San Clemente	Steve Knoblock
Brea	Cecilia Hupp	Santa Ana	Nelida Mendoza
Laguna Hills	Erica Pezold	Westminster	Amy Phan West
Laguna Woods	Shari Horne	County of Orange	Lisa Fernandez

Trustees Leon, Hupp, Pezold, Knoblock, Mendoza, and Fernandez, had a notified absence.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Lora Young, District Manager
Miquel Jacobs, Director of Communications
Jerry Sims, Director of Operations
Amber Semrow, Director of Scientific Technical Services
Tawnia Pett, Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board
Alexandra Halfman, District Counsel

A. Opening:

1. **Call the Business Meeting to Order:** President Green called the meeting to order at 3:08 P.M.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** President Green asked Trustee J. Taylor to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Roll Call:** Twenty-seven Trustees were present out of the current Board membership of 35.

President Green introduced the new Trustee from the city of Huntington Beach, Gracey Van Der Mark.

B. Public Comments: None

C. Presentations:

1. Staff from the California Special District's Association presented the District with a Certificate of Transparency
2. Trustee April Josephson was recognized for her ten years of service on the Board of Trustees.

D. OCMVCD Committee Reports to the Board of Trustees:

1. Policy & Personnel Committee: Trustee R. Gomez reported the committee met for labor negotiations with non-represented employees and needed additional information on some questions.

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

On motion from Trustee Kim, seconded by Trustee Weigand, and approved by unanimous vote, the Board of Trustees approved Consent Calendar Items E.2 through E.3. Agenda Item E.1 was passed by majority vote due to absences at the previous Board Meeting (Abstained: Trustees Hurt, Van Der Mark, and Pequeño).

Ayes: Trustees Hurt, Ahn, Turpit, Peat, Gabbard, Constantine, Charles, Klopfenstein, Van Der Mark, Kim, J. Gomez, Baker, Orgill, Johns, Pequeño, Doby, Ruesch, Weigand, Dumitru, Green, Josephson, J. Taylor, Steele, G. Taylor, R. Gomez, and Miles.

Noes: None.

Abstained: None.

Absent: Trustees Leon, Hupp, Pezold, Horne, Knoblock, Mendoza, West, Huang, and Fernandez.

1. **Approval of Minutes:** Approved, without reading, the minutes of 929th Meeting of the Board of Trustees held November 21, 2024.
2. **Approved Warrant Register for October 2024: (Exhibit A)** Received and filed.
3. **Approved Monthly Financial Report for October 2024: (Exhibit A)** Received and filed.

F. Business Items:

1. **Approved Employment Agreement (2025) Between the Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District and its District Manager: (Exhibit A, B)** On motion from Trustee J. Gomez, seconded by Trustee Kim, and approved by unanimous vote, the Board of Trustees approved the Employment Agreement (2025) between the Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District and its District Manager.

Ayes: Trustees Hurt, Ahn, Turpit, Peat, Gabbard, Constantine, Charles, Klopfenstein, Van Der Mark, Kim, J. Gomez, Baker, Orgill, Johns, Pequeño, Doby, Ruesch, Weigand, Dumitru, Green, Josephson, J. Taylor, Steele, G. Taylor, R. Gomez, Miles, and Huang.

Noes: None.

Abstained: None.

Absent: Trustees Leon, Hupp, Pezold, Horne, Knoblock, Mendoza, West, and Fernandez.

2. **Approved Side Letter Between the Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District and the Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District Employee Association Regarding Medical Contributions for 2025: (Exhibit A)** On motion from Trustee Peat, seconded by Trustee Doby, and approved by unanimous vote, the Board of Trustees approved the Side Letter between the Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District and the Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District Employee Association regarding medical contributions for 2025.

Ayes: Trustees Hurt, Ahn, Turpit, Peat, Gabbard, Constantine, Charles, Klopfenstein, Van Der Mark, Kim, J. Gomez, Baker, Orgill, Johns, Pequeño, Doby, Ruesch, Weigand, Dumitru, Green, Josephson, J. Taylor, Steele, G. Taylor, R. Gomez, Miles, and Huang.

Noes: None.

Abstained: None.

Absent: Trustees Leon, Hupp, Pezold, Horne, Knoblock, Mendoza, West, and Fernandez.

G. Informational Items Only (No Action Necessary):

1. **Staff Presentation:** Director of Scientific Technical Services Semrow gave an update on vector activity in the county.
2. **Staff Presentation:** Director of Operations Sims gave an update on operations activity in the county.
3. **Staff Presentation:** Director of Communications Jacobs gave an update on outreach activity in the county.
4. Trustee Terms of Office to Expire January 6, 2025 at 11:59 AM: Receive and filed.
5. Recognized Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control Employees' Years of Service: Received and filed.

H. President's Report and Trustee Comments: None

I. District Manager's Report: District Manager Young:

1. Announced the District would be closed December 24, 25, and January 1, 2025.
2. Presented the trustees with a holiday gift of a District logo'd backpack.

J. **District Counsel Report: None**

K. **Correspondence:**

1. Staff conference reports for November 2024.

L. **Future Agenda Items:**

1. Trustee J. Taylor asked for an update of the SIT project in Mission Viejo. District Manager Young said she would send an update email to the Board.

M. **Adjournment:**

1. President Green adjourned the meeting at 3:36 P.M. to a regular meeting on Thursday, January 16, 2025.

I certify that the above minutes substantially reflect the actions taken by the Board of Trustees at its meeting held December 19, 2024.

LBY
Lora B. Young, District Manager

Approved as written and/or corrected by the Board of Trustees at its 931

Nine hundred and thirty-first meeting held January 16, 2025

ATTEST: *Crystal Miles*
CRYSTAL MILES, Secretary