

MINUTES OF THE 925th MEETING

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

TIME: 3:00 P.M. May 16, 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:

Anaheim	Carlos Leon	Laguna Woods	Shari Horne
Brea	Cecilia Hupp	Mission Viejo	Robert Ruesch
Buena Park	Joyce Ahn	Newport Beach	Erik Weigand
Cypress	Bonnie Peat	Orange	Jon Dumitru
Dana Point	John Gabbard	Placentia	Craig Green
Fountain Valley	Kim Constantine	Rancho Santa Margarita	April Josephson
Fullerton	Shana Charles	San Clemente	Steve Knoblock
Garden Grove	Stephanie Klopfenstein	San Juan Capistrano	John Taylor
Huntington Beach	Pat Burns	Seal Beach	Nathan Steele
La Habra	James Gomez	Stanton	Gary Taylor
La Palma	Debbie S. Baker	Tustin	Rebecca Gomez
Laguna Hills	Erica Pezold	Villa Park	Crystal Miles
Laguna Niguel	Gene Johns	Yorba Linda	Peggy Huang
		County of Orange	Lisa Fernandez

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

Aliso Viejo	Richard Hurt	Lake Forest	Robert Pequeño
Costa Mesa	Bill Turpit	Los Alamitos	Tanya Doby
Irvine	Tammy Kim	Santa Ana	Nelida Mendoza
Laguna Beach	Mark Orgill	Westminster	Amy Phan West

Trustees Turpit, Kim, Pequeño, and Mendoza had a notified absence.

OTHERS PRESENT:

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

A. Opening:

1. **Call the Business Meeting to Order:** President Green called the meeting to order at 3:02 P.M.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** President Green asked Trustee J. Gomez to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Roll Call:** Twenty-seven Trustees were present out of the current Board membership of 35.

B. Public Comments: None**C. Presentations: None****D. OCMVCD Committee Reports to the Board of Trustees:**

1. **Joint Committee: Budget & Finance and Building, Property, & Equipment Committees:** Board President Green reported the committee toured the current District property and asked staff to follow up on the following items: research if there an avenue to have cities loan the District money for construction; meet with the Board of Supervisors to find alternate funding options; provide an analysis on what is currently in need of immediate repair on the current site; research the installation of electronic billboards, cellular phone towers, and solar panels for additional revenue/cost savings; develop an RFP to investigate a tiered/phased construction of the current facility.
2. **Budget and Finance Committee:** Committee Member Miles reported that the committee recommends approving both financial items that are on the agenda.

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

On motion from Trustee Miles, seconded by Trustee J. Gomez, and approved by unanimous vote, the Board of Trustees approved Consent Calendar Items E.2 through E.6 Agenda Item E.1 was passed by majority vote due to absences at the previous Board Meeting (Abstained: Trustees Constantine, J. Gomez, Baker, Horne, Knoblock, J. Taylor, Steele, and Huang).

Ayes: Trustees Leon, Hupp, Peat, Gabbard, Constantine, Charles, Klopfenstein, Burns, J. Gomez, Baker, Pezold, Johns, Horne, Ruesch, Weigand, Dumitru, Green, Knoblock, J. Taylor, Steele, G. Taylor, R. Gomez, Miles, and Fernandez.

Noes: None.

Abstained: None.

Absent: Trustees Hurt, Ahn, Turpit, Kim, Orgill, Pequeño, Doby, Josephson, Mendoza, West, and Huang.

1. **Approval of Minutes:** Approved, without reading, the minutes of 924th Meeting of the Board of Trustees held April 18, 2024.
2. **Approved Warrant Register for March 2024: (Exhibit A)** Received and filed.
3. **Approved Monthly Financial Report for March 2024: (Exhibit A)** Received and filed.
4. **Adopted Resolution No. 577 Approving Changes to the Data Application Specialist Job Description: (Exhibit A, B, C)**
5. **Received and Filed Annual Health Benefit Broker Fees and Commission Disclosure:**
6. **Received and Filed Annual Report of Expense Reimbursements for 2023: (Exhibit A)**

F. Business Items:

1. **Adopted Resolution No. 578 Approving the Operating, Capital, and Revenue Budgets for Fiscal Year 2024-25: (Exhibit A, B, C, D)** On motion from Trustee Miles, seconded by trustee Klopfenstein, and approved by unanimous vote, the Board of Trustees adopted Resolution No. 578 approving the Operating, Capital, and Revenue Budgets for Fiscal Year 2024-25.

Ayes: Trustees Leon, Hupp, Peat, Gabbard, Constantine, Charles, Klopfenstein, Burns, J. Gomez, Baker, Pezold, Johns, Horne, Ruesch, Weigand, Dumitru, Green, Knoblock, J. Taylor, Steele, G. Taylor, R. Gomez, Miles, and Fernandez.

Noes: None.

Abstained: None.

Absent: Trustees Hurt, Ahn, Turpit, Kim, Orgill, Pequeño, Doby, Josephson, Mendoza, West, and Huang.

2. **Public Hearing to Consider the Ordering of a Program of Services and Levy for the Assessments for Fiscal Year 2024-25 in Connection with the District's Vector Surveillance and Control Assessment ("District No. 1 Assessment") and the District's Mosquito, Fire Ant and Disease Control Assessment ("District No. 2 Assessment"); adopted Resolution No. 579 Approving the Engineer's Report and Ordering Levy of District No. 1 Assessment, and Ordering Levy of District No. 2 Assessment: (Exhibit A, B, C)**

F.2.1 Public Hearings:

Public Hearing for District No. 1 Assessment

Opened: 3:08 PM

Closed: 3:11 PM

Public Hearing for District No. 2 Assessment

Opened: 3:11 PM

Closed: 3:12 PM

On motion from Trustee Weigand, seconded by Trustee Miles, and approved by unanimous vote, the Board of Trustees approved the ordering of services and projects, and the levy assessments for fiscal year 2024-25 in the amount of \$1.92 per Equivalent Swelling Unit for the District's District No. 1 Assessment, and the levy of the assessment for fiscal year 2024-25 in the amount of \$8.81 per Equivalent Dwelling Unit for the District's District No. 2 Assessment; the Board of Trustees adopted Resolution No. 579 entitled "Approving the Engineer's Reports, Confirming the Assessments for Fiscal Year 2024-25 in Connection with the District's Vector Surveillance and Control Assessment ("District No. 1 Assessment") and for the District's Mosquito, Fire Ant and Disease Control Assessment ("District No. 2 Assessment").

Ayes: Trustees Leon, Hupp, Peat, Gabbard, Constantine, Charles, Klopfenstein, Burns, J. Gomez, Baker, Pezold, Johns, Horne, Ruesch, Weigand, Dumitru, Green, Knoblock, J. Taylor, Steele, G. Taylor, R. Gomez, Miles, and Fernandez.

Noes: None.

Abstained: None.

Absent: Trustees Hurt, Ahn, Turpit, Kim, Orgill, Pequeño, Doby, Josephson, Mendoza, West, and Huang.

3. **Approved up to \$600,000 for the Construction of a Prefabricated Sterile Insect Technique (SIT) Rearing Facility: (Exhibit A)** On motion from Trustee Burns, seconded by Trustee Pezold, and approved by unanimous vote, the Board of Trustee approved using up to \$600,000 of District funds to build a prefabricated SIT mosquito rearing facility.

Ayes: Trustees Leon, Hupp, Ahn, Peat, Gabbard, Constantine, Charles, Klopfenstein, Burns, J. Gomez, Baker, Pezold, Johns, Horne, Ruesch, Weigand, Dumitru, Green, Knoblock, J. Taylor, Steele, G. Taylor, R. Gomez, Miles, and Fernandez.

Noes: None.

Abstained: None.

Absent: Trustees Hurt, Turpit, Kim, Orgill, Pequeño, Doby, Josephson, Mendoza, West, and Huang.

4. **Voted for Special District Representative to the Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission (OC LAFCO): (Exhibit A, B) Before discussion began, President Green announced that one of the candidates, Joe, Muller, removed himself as a candidate.** On motion from Trustee J. Gomez, seconded by Trustee Weigand, and approved by unanimous vote, the Board of Trustees voted for James Fisler to be a representative on the OC LAFCO board.

Ayes: Trustees Leon, Hupp, Ahn, Peat, Gabbard, Constantine, Charles, Klopfenstein, Burns, J. Gomez, Baker, Pezold, Johns, Horne, Ruesch, Weigand, Dumitru, Green, Knoblock, J. Taylor, Steele, G. Taylor, R. Gomez, Miles, and Fernandez.

Noes: None.

Abstained: None.

Absent: Trustees Hurt, Turpit, Kim, Orgill, Pequeño, Doby, Josephson, Mendoza, West, and Huang.

G. Informational Items Only (No Action Necessary):

1. **Staff Presentation:** Director of Scientific Technical Services Semrow gave an update on vector activity in Orange County.
2. **Staff Presentation:** Director of Operations Shepherd gave an update on operations activity in Orange County.
3. **Staff Presentation:** Director of Communications Jacobs gave an update on communications activity in Orange County.

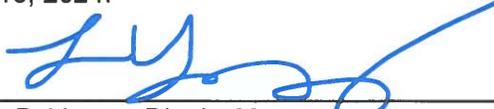
H. President's Report and Trustee Comments: None

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

1. She would be attending the CSDA Legislative Days in Sacramento, CA May 21-22, 2024
2. The CSDA Annual Conference is September 9-12, 2024, in Indian Wells, any Trustees interested in attending should contact the Clerk of the Board
3. Board President Green and District Manager Young have discussed if there are no Business Items for July, there will be an item on the June agenda to cancel the July 18, 2024, Board Meeting

- J. **District Counsel Report:** District Counsel Burns reported:
1. The Tax Payer Protection and Government Accountability Act was in front of the State Supreme Court to decide if it's constitutional but they decided to let it go to the voters in November
 2. The State of California vs. Epi case discussed the deliberative process privilege ruled that calendars are considered public records and therefore available for a public records request
 3. The State Attorney General has declared that events like City Town Halls or Mayor's Breakfasts are considered a meeting that is subject to the Brown Act and therefore must comply with Brown Act meeting postings, etc.
 4. There have been recent cases of Zoombombing at public meetings that used AI to create persons
- K. **Correspondence: None**
- L. **Future Agenda Items:**
1. Trustee Weigand asked for a subcommittee, or ad hoc committee to be made to meet with legislators to find funding opportunities for the District's building project.
- M. **Adjournment:**
1. President Green adjourned the meeting at 3:35 P.M. to a regular meeting on Thursday, June 20, 2024.

I certify that the above minutes substantially reflect the actions taken by the Board of Trustees at its meeting held May 16, 2024.



Lora B. Young, District Manager

Approved as written and/or corrected by the Board of Trustees at its 926th

Nine hundred and twenty-sixth meeting held June 20, 2024

ATTEST: 

Robert Ruesch, Secretary