

MINUTES OF THE 922nd MEETING

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

TIME: 3:00 P.M. February 15, 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:

Brea	Cecilia Hupp	Mission Viejo	Bob Ruesch
Buena Park	Joyce Ahn	Newport Beach	Erik Weigand
Costa Mesa	Bill Turpit	Orange	Jon Dumitru
Cypress	Bonnie Peat	Placentia	Craig Green
Dana Point	John Gabbard	Rancho Santa Margarita	April Josephson
Fountain Valley	Kim Constantine	San Clemente	Steve Knoblock
Garden Grove	Stephanie Klopfenstein	San Juan Capistrano	John Taylor
La Habra	James Gomez	Santa Ana	Nelida Mendoza
La Palma	Debbie S. Baker	Seal Beach	Nathan Steele
Laguna Beach	Mark Orgill	Stanton	Gary Taylor
Laguna Niguel	Gene Johns	Tustin	Rebecca Gomez
Laguna Woods	Shari Horne	Villa Park	Crystal Miles
Lake Forest	Robert Pequeño	Westminster	Amy Phan West
Los Alamitos	Tanya Doby	County of Orange	Lisa Fernandez

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

Aliso Viejo	Richard Hurt	Huntington Beach	Pat Burns
Anaheim	Carlos Leon	Irvine	Tammy Kim
Fullerton	Shana Charles	Laguna Hills	Erica Pezold
		Yorba Linda	Peggy Huang

Trustees Leon, Burns, Pezold, and Huang had an excused absence.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Lora Young, District Manager
Miquel Jacobs, Director of Communications
Steve Shepherd, Director of Operations
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 3:00 P.M.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** President Green asked Secretary Ruesch to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Roll Call:** Twenty-eight Trustees were present out of the current Board membership of 35.

After Roll Call President Green introduced the new Trustee: Lisa Fernandez from the County of Orange.

B. Public Comments: None**C. Presentations:**

1. Recognized Outgoing Trustees Jung and Guillen-Merchant (Trustee Jung was not present).
2. Staff gave a presentation entitled "A Look Back on 2023 at the District".
3. District Counsel gave a presentation entitled "Trustee Roles and Responsibilities".

D. OCMVCD Committee Reports to the Board of Trustees: None**E. Consent Calendar: Items for Approval by General Consent:**

On motion from Vice President Hupp, seconded by Trustee Weigand, and approved by unanimous vote, the Board of Trustees approved Consent Calendar Items E.2 through E.4 Agenda Item E.1 was passed by majority vote due to absences at the previous Board Meeting (Abstained: Trustees Gabbard, J. Taylor, West, and Fernandez). **Before the vote, Trustee Weigand noted that going forward, staff will provide additional information on the item "cardmember services" for Agenda Item E.2.**

Ayes: Trustees Hupp, Ahn, Turpit, Peat, Gabbard, Constantine, Klopfenstein, J. Gomez, Baker, Orgill, Johns, Horne, Pequeño, Doby, Ruesch, Weigand, Dumitru, Green, Josephson, Knoblock, J. Taylor, Mendoza, Steele, G. Taylor, R. Gomez, Miles, West, and Fernandez.

Noes: None.

Abstained: None.

Absent: Trustees Hurt, Leon, Charles, Burns, Kim, Pezold, and Huang.

1. **Approval of Minutes:** Approved, without reading, the minutes of 921st Meeting of the Board of Trustees held January 19, 2024.
2. **Approved Warrant Register for December 2023: (Exhibit A)** Received and filed.
3. **Approved Monthly Financial Report for December 2023: (Exhibit A)** Received and filed.
4. **Approved Board of Trustee Committee Assignments for 2024: (Exhibit A)**

F. Business Items:

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

Ayes: Trustees Hupp, Ahn, Turpit, Peat, Gabbard, Constantine, Klopfenstein, J. Gomez, Baker, Orgill, Johns, Horne, Pequeño, Doby, Ruesch, Weigand, Dumitru, Green, Josephson, Knoblock, J. Taylor, Mendoza, Steele, G. Taylor, R. Gomez, Miles, West, and Fernandez.

Noes: None.

Abstained: None.

Absent: Trustees Hurt, Leon, Charles, Burns, Kim, Pezold, and Huang.

G. Informational Items Only (No Action Necessary):

1. **Staff Presentation:** No Laboratory Report.
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 Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget Preparation Schedule.**
6. **Received and Filed Statement of Economic Interests 700 Forms for Filing.**
7. **Received and Filed Laboratory Reports – Included in agenda packet.**

H. President's Report and Trustee Comments:

1. Trustee West requested that the District walk in the 2025 Westminster Tet Parade.

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

1. The District will be closed February 19 in honor of the holiday.
2. District staff and Trustees will attend the AMCA Annual Conference in Dallas, TX March 4-8.
3. There is a joint committee meeting for the Budget & Finance Committee and the Building, Property, & Equipment Committees on February 28.
4. The District is currently running a recruitment for seasonal employees.
5. The District is looking for Trustees to sit on the Ad Hoc Committee for the District strategic plan.

J. District Counsel Report: None

K. Correspondence:

1. Trustee and staff reports from conferences attended in January 2024

L. Future Agenda Items: None

M. Adjournment:

1. President Green adjourned the meeting at 3:45 P.M. to a regular meeting on Thursday, March 21, 2024.

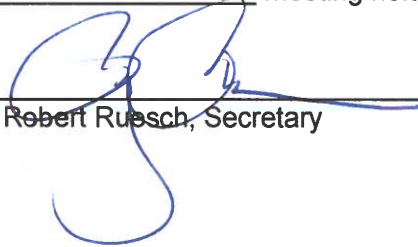
I certify that the above minutes substantially reflect the actions taken by the Board of Trustees at its meeting held February 15, 2024.



Lora B. Young, District Manager

Approved as written and/or corrected by the Board of Trustees at its 923rd

Nine hundred and twenty-third meeting held March 21, 2024

ATTEST: 

Robert Ruesch, Secretary