

**MINUTES OF THE 944<sup>th</sup> MEETING**

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

TIME: 3:00 P.M. March 19, 2026

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

PRESIDENT:	Robert Ruesch	Mission Viejo
VICE PRESIDENT:	Tanya Doby	Los Alamitos
SECRETARY:	John Taylor	San Juan Capistrano

**TRUSTEES PRESENT:**

Aliso Viejo	Garrett Dwyer	Laguna Woods	Pearl Lee
Buena Park	Lamiya Hoque	Lake Forest	Robert Pequeño
Costa Mesa	Bill Turpit	Los Alamitos	Tanya Doby
Cypress	Kyle Chang	Mission Viejo	Bob Ruesch
Dana Point	John Gabbard	Newport Beach	Erik Weigand
Fountain Valley	Kim Constantine	Orange	Sean Chavarria
Garden Grove	Ariana Arestegui	Rancho Santa Margarita	April Josephson
Huntington Beach	Gracey Van Der Mark	San Juan Capistrano	John Taylor
Irvine	Melinda Liu	Seal Beach	Nathan Steele
La Habra	James Gomez	Stanton	Gary Taylor
La Palma	Vikesh Patel	Tustin	Rebecca Gomez
Laguna Beach	Mark Orgill	Villa Park	Kelly McBride
Laguna Hills	Erica Pezold	Yorba Linda	Peggy Huang
Laguna Niguel	Gene Johns	County of Orange	Lisa Fernandez

**TRUSTEES ABSENT:**

Anaheim	Carlos Leon	San Clemente	Zhen Wu
Brea	Cecilia Hupp	Santa Ana	Benjamin Vazquez
Fullerton	Shana Charles	Westminster	Carlos Manzo
Placentia	Thomas Hummer		

Trustees Leon, Hupp, Charles, Wu, and Manzo 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  
Alan Burns, District Counsel

**A. Opening:**

1. **Call the Business Meeting to Order:** President Ruesch called the meeting to order at 3:01 P.M.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** President Ruesch asked Secretary J. Taylor to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Roll Call:** Twenty-eight 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:** District Manager Young reported the joint committee reviewed the RFP and design process for the progressive design build contract with Snyder Langston/Gensler and recommends approval of the contract for phase 1 of the process.
2. **Budget Committee:** Committee chair Pequeño reported the committee had a briefing from financial municipal provider NHA on the facilities funding which will be brought to the Board in April for approval. The committee also had a presentation from Clayton Larson and Allan on the District audit.

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

On motion from Trustee J. Gomez, seconded by Vice President Doby, 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 Van Der Mark, J. Gomez, Orgill, Pequeño, Weigand, J. Taylor, and Fernandez).

Ayes: Trustees Chang, Gabbard, Constantine, Arestegui, Van Der Mark, J. Gomez, Patel, Orgill, Pezold, Johns, Pequeño, Doby, Ruesch, Weigand, Chavarria, J. Taylor, Steele, G. Taylor, R. Gomez, McBride, Huang and Fernandez

Noes: None.

Abstained: None.

Absent: Trustees Dwyer, Leon, Hupp, Hoque, Turpit, Charles, Liu, Lee, Hummer, Josephson, Wu, Vazquez, and Manzo

1. **Approval of Minutes:** Approved, without reading, the minutes of 943<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Board of Trustees held February 19, 2026.
2. **Approved Warrant Register for January 2026: (Exhibit A)** Received and filed.
3. **Approved Monthly Financial Report for January 2026: (Exhibit A)** Received and filed.
4. **Reviewed the FY 2024/25 Audited Financial Statements: (Exhibit A, B)** Received and filed.

**F. Business Items:**

1. **Approved Snyder Langston/Gensler for Phase 1 of the Progressive Design-Build Contract – District Campus Renovation Project (Exhibit A, B, C, D)** Snyder Langston/Gensler made a presentation to the board as part of the discussion. On motion from Trustee J. Gomez, seconded by Trustee Pequeño, and approved by majority vote, the Board of Trustees approved Snyder Langston/Gensler for Phase 1 of the Progressive Design-Build Contract – District Campus Renovation Project.

Ayes: Trustees Dwyer, Hoque, Turpit, Chang, Gabbard, Constantine, Arestegui, Van Der Mark, Liu, J. Gomez, Patel, Orgill, Pezold, Johns, Lee, Pequeño, Doby, Ruesch, Weigand, Chavarria, Josephson, J. Taylor, Steele, G. Taylor, R. Gomez, Huang and Fernandez

Noes: None.

Abstained: Trustee McBride

Absent: Trustees Leon, Hupp, Charles, Hummer, Wu, Vazquez, and Manzo

**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. Received and Filed Board President Ruesch creating an Ad hoc committee to advise on Phase 1 of the District facility project.
5. Received and Filed Fiscal Year 2026-27 Updated Budget Preparation Schedule.
6. Received and Filed Statement of Economic Interest 700 Form.

**H. President's Report and Trustee Comments: None****I. District Manager's Report:** District Manager Young reported:

1. Some Trustees and District staff will be at the AMCA conference March 23-27, 2026

**J. District Counsel Report: None****K. Correspondence:**

1. Multiple Trustees received mailed copies of the book "The Great Train Heist" by Michael Connino from an anonymous mailer.
2. Trustee and Staff conference reports from meetings attended in February.

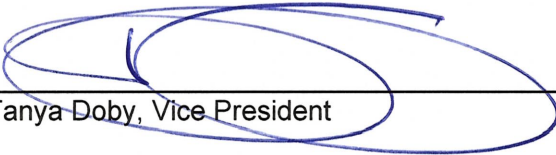
**L. Future Agenda Items: None****M. Adjournment:**

1. President Ruesch adjourned the meeting at 3:49 P.M. to a regular meeting on Thursday, April 16, 2026.

I certify that the above minutes substantially reflect the actions taken by the Board of Trustees at its meeting held March 19, 2026.

Lora Young  
Lora B. Young, District Manager

Approved as written and/or corrected by the Board of Trustees at its 945th  
Nine hundred forty-fifth meeting held April 16, 2026

ATTEST:   
Tanya Doby, Vice President