

**MINUTES OF THE 939<sup>th</sup> MEETING**

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

TIME: 3:00 P.M. October 16, 2025

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

PRESIDENT:	Cecilia Hupp	Brea
VICE PRESIDENT:	Robert Ruesch	Mission Viejo
SECRETARY:	Crystal Miles	Villa Park

**TRUSTEES PRESENT:**

Anaheim	Carlos Leon	Lake Forest	Robert Pequeño
Brea	Cecilia Hupp	Los Alamitos	Tanya Doby
Buena Park	Lamiya Hoque	Mission Viejo	Bob Ruesch
Costa Mesa	Bill Turpit	Newport Beach	Erik Weigand
Dana Point	John Gabbard	Orange	Sean Chavarria
Fountain Valley	Kim Constantine	Placentia	Chad Wanke
Fullerton	Shana Charles	Rancho Santa Margarita	April Josephson
Garden Grove	Ariana Arestegui	San Clemente	Steve Knoblock
Irvine	Tammy Kim	San Juan Capistrano	John Taylor
La Habra	James Gomez	Seal Beach	Nathan Steele
La Palma	Debbie S. Baker	Stanton	Gary Taylor
Laguna Hills	Erica Pezold	Tustin	Rebecca Gomez
Laguna Niguel	Gene Johns	Yorba Linda	Peggy Huang
Laguna Woods	Pearl Lee	County of Orange	Lisa Fernandez

**TRUSTEES ABSENT:**

Aliso Viejo	VACANT	Santa Ana	Nelida Mendoza
Cypress	Leo Medrano	Villa Park	Crystal Miles
Huntington Beach	Gracey Van Der Mark	Westminster	Carlos Manzo
Laguna Beach	Mark Orgill		

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Lora Young, District Manager  
Luan Ngo, Director of Information Technology  
Sandra Vera, Director of Human Resources  
Alan Burns, District Counsel

**A. Opening:**

1. **Call the Business Meeting to Order:** President Hupp called the meeting to order at 3:08 P.M.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** President Hupp asked Trustee Ruesch 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:**

1. Staff gave a presentation entitled "The State of AI in Cybersecurity"

**D. OCMVCD Committee Reports to the Board of Trustees:**

1. Public Relations Committee: Trustee Leon reported the committee reviewed three proposals regarding public outreach strategy for the Phase 1 of a Prop 218 process. The committee recommended the staff move forward with the Triepi Smith proposal, which will be on the November Board of Trustees Agenda.
2. Policy and Personnel Committee: Trustee Doby reported the committee reviewed the District's amended purchasing policy and recommended changes be approved by the Board of Trustees. The Committee met in closed session to review negotiation list provided by the District's Employee Association and no action was taken.

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

On motion from Trustee Gomez, seconded by Trustee Leon, and approved by unanimous vote, the Board of Trustees approved Consent Calendar Items E.2 through E.4; approval for Agenda Item E.1 was passed by majority vote due to absences at the previous Board Meeting (Abstained: Trustees Hoque, Gabbard, Constantine, Kim, Gomez, Pequeno, and Chavarria).

Ayes: Trustees Leon, Hupp, Hoque, Turpit, Gabbard, Constatine, Charles, Arestegui, Kim, Gomez, Baker, Pezold, Johns, Lee, Pequeño, Doby, Ruesch, Weigand, Wanke, Chavarria, Josephson, Knoblock, J. Taylor, Steele, G. Taylor, R. Gomez, Huang, and Fernandez.

Noes: None.

Abstained: None.

Absent: Trustees Medrano, Van Der Mark, Orgill, Mendoza, Miles and Manzo.

1. **Approval of Minutes:** Approved, without reading, the minutes of 939<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Trustees held October 16, 2025.
2. **Approved Warrant Register for August 2025: (Exhibit A)** Received and filed.
3. **Approved Monthly Financial Report for August 2025: (Exhibit A)** Received and filed.
4. **Adopted Resolution No. 603 Amending Purchasing Policy No. 36 to Address Contract Awards Related to Conflict of Interest for Design-Build Projects (Exhibit A).**

**F. Business Items: NONE**

**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.

**H. President's Report and Trustee Comments: NONE**

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

1. Trustee Field Day will be November 6 from 9 AM to NOON.
2. District Manager Performance Review is due October 22, 2025

**J. District Counsel Report:** District Counsel Burns reported on Berkeley People's Alliance v. City of Berkeley, the Court of Appeal has clarified the authority to clear a room under the Brown Act when order needs to be restored.

**K. Correspondence:**

1. Staff conference reports for the month of September

**L. Future Agenda Items: None**

**M. Adjournment:**

1. President Hupp adjourned the meeting at 4:12 P.M. to a regular meeting on Thursday, November 20, 2025.

I certify that the above minutes substantially reflect the actions taken by the Board of Trustees at its meeting held October 16, 2025.

  
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Lora B. Young, District Manager

Approved as written and/or corrected by the Board of Trustees at its 940th \_\_\_\_\_

Nine hundred fortieth \_\_\_\_\_ meeting held November 20, 2025 \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:   
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Crystal Miles, Secretary