

MINUTES OF THE 946th MEETING

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

TIME: 3:00 P.M. May 21, 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	Mission Viejo	Bob Ruesch
Brea	Cecilia Hupp	Newport Beach	Erik Weigand
Costa Mesa	Bill Turpit	Orange	Sean Chavarria
Cypress	Kyle Chang	Placentia	Thomas Hummer
Fountain Valley	Kim Constantine	Rancho Santa Margarita	April Josephson
Fullerton	Shana Charles	Santa Ana	Benjamin Vazquez
Garden Grove	Ariana Arestegui	Seal Beach	Nathan Steele
Huntington Beach	Gracey Van Der Mark	Stanton	Gary Taylor
La Palma	Vikesh Patel	Tustin	Rebecca Gomez
Laguna Hills	Erica Pezold	Villa Park	Kelly McBride
Laguna Niguel	Gene Johns	Westminster	Carlos Manzo
Laguna Woods	Pearl Lee	Yorba Linda	Peggy Huang
Los Alamitos	Tanya Doby	County of Orange	Lisa Fernandez

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

Anaheim	Carlos Leon	La Habra	James Gomez
Buena Park	Lamiya Hoque	Laguna Beach	Mark Orgill
Dana Point	John Gabbard	Lake Forest	Robert Pequeño
Irvine	Melinda Liu	San Clemente	Zhen Wu
		San Juan Capistrano	John Taylor

Trustees Leon, Liu, Pequeño, Wu, and J. Taylor 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 3:00 P.M.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** President Ruesch asked Trustee Weigand to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Roll Call:** Twenty-six 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. **Policy & Personnel Committee:** Committee chair Chavarria reported the committee had a closed session discussing the EA negotiation process, the committee recommended the full Board approve the side letter [Agenda Item F.3], The committee heard an update on the Class and Comp process. An outside employment policy, and tardy policy were also presented as future agenda items.
2. **Budget and Finance Committee:** District Manager Young reported the committee recommended approving the District budget and benefit assessments [Agenda Item F.1 and F.2 respectively], also the District is going to diversify funds by putting \$5 million into California CLASS following the District's investment policy. The investment will be reassessed in 6 months to 1 year to decide whether to keep the funds in California CLASS or return them to LAIF.

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

On motion from Trustee Hupp, 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 Derk Mark, Vazquez and Manzo).

Ayes: Trustees Hupp, Turpit, Chang, Constantine, Charles, Arestegui, Van Der Mark, Patel, Pezold, Johns, Doby, Ruesch, Weigand, Chavarria, Hummer, Josephson, Vazquez, Steele, G. Taylor, R. Gomez, McBride, Manzo, Huang and Fernandez

Noes: None.

Abstained: None.

Absent: Trustees Dwyer, Leon, Hoque, Gabbard, Liu, J. Gomez, Orgill, Lee, Pequeño, Wu, and J. Taylor

1. **Approval of Minutes:** Approved, without reading, the minutes of 945th Meeting of the Board of Trustees held April 16, 2026.
2. **Approved Warrant Register for March 2026: (Exhibit A)** Received and filed.
3. **Approved Monthly Financial Report for March 2026: (Exhibit A)** Received and filed.
4. **Annual Health Broker Fees and Commission Disclosure:** Received and filed.

F. Business Items:

1. **Adopted Resolution No. 607 Approving the Operating, Capital, and Revenue Budgets for Fiscal Year 2026-27: (Exhibit A, B, C, D)** On motion from Trustee Constantine, seconded by Trustee Josephson, and approved by unanimous vote, the Board of Trustees approved Resolution No. 607 approving the operations, capital, and revenue budgets for Fiscal Year 2026-27.

Ayes: Trustees Hupp, Turpit, Chang, Constantine, Charles, Arestegui, Van Der Mark, Patel, Pezold, Johns, Doby, Ruesch, Weigand, Chavarria, Hummer, Josephson, Vazquez, Steele, G. Taylor, R. Gomez, McBride, Manzo, Huang and Fernandez

Noes: None.

Abstained: None.

Absent: Trustees Dwyer, Leon, Hoque, Gabbard, Liu, J. Gomez, Orgill, Lee, Pequeño, Wu, and J. Taylor

2. **Public Hearing to Consider the Ordering of a Program of Services and Levy of the Assessments for Fiscal Year 2026-27 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. 608 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: 3:09 PM

Public Hearing for District No. 2 Assessment

Opened: 3:09 PM

Closed: 3:09 PM

On motion from Trustee Hupp, seconded by Trustee Johns and approved by unanimous roll call vote, the Board of Trustees approved the ordering of services and projects, and the levy assessments for fiscal year 2026-27 in the amount of \$1.92 per Equivalent Dwelling Unit for the District’s District No. 1 Assessment, and the levy of the assessment for fiscal year 2026-27 in the amount of \$9.34 per Equivalent Dwelling Unit for the District’s District No. 2 Assessment; the Board of Trustees adopted Resolution No. 608 entitled “Approving the Engineer’s Reports; Confirming the Assessments for Fiscal Year 2026-27 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 Hupp, Turpit, Chang, Constantine, Charles, Arestegui, Van Der Mark, Patel, Pezold, Johns, Lee, Doby, Ruesch, Weigand, Chavarria, Hummer, Josephson, Vazquez, Steele, G. Taylor, R. Gomez, McBride, Manzo, Huang and Fernandez

Noes: None.

Abstained: None.

Absent: Trustees Dwyer, Leon, Hoque, Gabbard, Liu, J. Gomez, Orgill, Pequeño, Wu, and J. Taylor

3. **Authorized Side Letter Between the Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District and the Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District Employee Association Regarding One-Year Extension of MOU and Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA): (Exhibit A)** On motion from Trustee Chavarria, seconded by Trustee Charles, and approved by unanimous vote, the Board of Trustees approved authorizing a side letter between the Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District and the Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District Employee Association regarding a one-year extension of MOU and cost of living adjustment (COLA).

Ayes: Trustees Hupp, Turpit, Chang, Constantine, Charles, Arestegui, Van Der Mark, Patel, Pezold, Johns, Lee, Doby, Ruesch, Weigand, Chavarria, Hummer, Josephson, Vazquez, Steele, G. Taylor, R. Gomez, McBride, Manzo, Huang and Fernandez

Noes: None.

Abstained: None.

Absent: Trustees Dwyer, Leon, Hoque, Gabbard, Liu, J. Gomez, Orgill, Pequeño, Wu, and J. Taylor

4. **Approved the Rate Increase for District Counsel's Firm: (Exhibit A, B)** On motion from Trustee Hupp, seconded by Trustee Chavarria, and approved by unanimous vote, the Board of Trustees approved the rate increase for District Counsel's firm.

Ayes: Trustees Dwyer, Hupp, Turpit, Chang, Constantine, Charles, Arestegui, Van Der Mark, Patel, Pezold, Johns, Lee, Doby, Ruesch, Weigand, Chavarria, Hummer, Josephson, Vazquez, Steele, G. Taylor, R. Gomez, McBride, Manzo, Huang and Fernandez

Noes: None.

Abstained: None.

Absent: Trustees Leon, Hoque, Gabbard, Liu, J. Gomez, Orgill, Pequeño, Wu, and J. Taylor

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:**

1. Trustees asked for typhus updates for all activity, not just the first incident in each city.
2. Trustee Arestegui asked if the District would be having an open house since the one in February was cancelled due to rain.

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

1. The District will be closed for Memorial Day

J. **District Counsel Report: None**

K. **Correspondence:**

1. Staff conference reports from meetings attended in April

L. **Future Agenda Items: None**

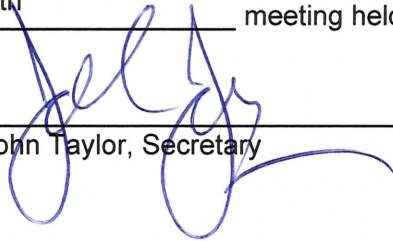
M. **Adjournment:**

1. President Ruesch adjourned the meeting at 3:41 P.M. to a regular meeting on Thursday, June 18, 2026.

I certify that the above minutes substantially reflect the actions taken by the Board of Trustees at its meeting held May 21, 2026.

Lora Young
Lora B. Young, District Manager

Approved as written and/or corrected by the Board of Trustees at its 947th
Nine hundred forty-seventh meeting held June 18, 2026

ATTEST: 
John Taylor, Secretary