

MINUTES OF THE 942nd MEETING

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

TIME: 3:00 P.M. January 15, 2026

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

PRESIDENT:	Robert Ruesch	Mission Viejo
VICE PRESIDENT:	Crystal Miles	Villa Park
SECRETARY:	Tanya Doby	Los Alamitos

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Aliso Viejo	Garrett Dwyer	Los Alamitos	Tanya Doby
Anaheim	Carlos Leon	Mission Viejo	Bob Ruesch
Brea	Cecilia Hupp	Newport Beach	Erik Weigand
Buena Park	Lamiya Hoque	Orange	Sean Chavarria
Cypress	Kyle Chang	Rancho Santa Margarita	April Josephson
Dana Point	John Gabbard	San Clemente	Zhen Wu
Fountain Valley	Kim Constantine	San Juan Capistrano	John Taylor
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 Habra	James Gomez	Tustin	Rebecca Gomez
La Palma	Vikesh Patel	Villa Park	Crystal Miles
Laguna Woods	Pearl Lee	Westminster	Carlos Manzo
Lake Forest	Robert Pequeño	County of Orange	Lisa Fernandez

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

Costa Mesa	Bill Turpit	Laguna Niguel	Gene Johns
Irvine	Melinda Liu	Placentia	Thomas Hummer
Laguna Beach	Mark Orgill	Yorba Linda	Peggy Huang
Laguna Hills	Erica Pezold		

Trustees Johns and Huang 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 Hupp called the meeting to order at 3:05 P.M.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** President Hupp asked Trustee Kim to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Hupp read a letter to the board from outgoing Trustee Wanke.

3. **Roll Call:** Twenty-eight Trustees were present out of the current Board membership of 35.

President Hupp introduced the new Trustee from the cities of Cypress, Kyle Chang, La Palma, Vikesh Patel, San Clemente, Zhen Wu, and Santa Ana, Benjamin Vazquez

4. **Election of Officers of the 2026 Executive Board:** Trustee Pequeño nominated Vice President Ruesch for President, Trustee Steele seconded the nomination; Trustee J. Gomez nominated Secretary Miles for Vice President, Trustee Doby seconded the nomination; Secretary Miles nominated Trustee Doby for Secretary, Vice President Ruesch seconded the nomination; Trustee J. Gomez proposed closing nominations and cast a vote for the slate presented, Trustee Charles seconded the motion.

Vote to close Nominations:

Ayes: Trustees Leon, Hupp, Hoque, Chang, Gabbard, Constantine, Charles, Van Der Mark, J. Gomez, Patel, Lee, Pequeño, Doby, Ruesch, Weigand, Chavarria, Wu, Vazquez, Steele, G. Taylor, R. Gomez, Miles, Manzo, and Fernandez

Noes: None.

Abstained: None.

Absent: Trustees Dwyer, Turpit, Arestegui, Liu, Orgill, Pezold, Johns, Hummer, Josephson, J. Taylor, and Huang

Vote for the slate as nominated:

Ayes: Trustees Leon, Hupp, Hoque, Chang, Gabbard, Constantine, Charles, Van Der Mark, J. Gomez, Patel, Lee, Pequeño, Doby, Ruesch, Weigand, Chavarria, Wu, Vazquez, Steele, G. Taylor, R. Gomez, Miles, Manzo, and Fernandez

Noes: None.

Abstained: None.

Absent: Trustees Dwyer, Turpit, Arestegui, Liu, Orgill, Pezold, Johns, Hummer, Josephson, J. Taylor, and Huang

B. Public Comments: None

C. Presentations:

1. Recognized Outgoing President Hupp
2. Recognized Outgoing Trustee Knoblock. Outgoing Trustee Knoblock was not in attendance

D. OCMVCD Committee Reports to the Board of Trustees: None

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

On motion from Vice President Miles, seconded by Trustee Josephson, 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 Hoque, Chang, Gabbard, Lee, Wu, J. Taylor, Vazquez, and Manzo).

Ayes: Trustees Leon, Hupp, Hoque, Chang, Gabbard, Constantine, Charles, Arestegui, Van Der Mark, J. Gomez, Patel, Lee, Pequeño, Doby, Ruesch, Weigand, Chavarria, Josephson, Wu, Vazquez, Steele, G. Taylor, R. Gomez, Miles, Manzo, and Fernandez

Noes: None.

Abstained: None.

Absent: Trustees Dwyer, Turpit, Liu, Orgill, Pezold, Johns, Hummer, J. Taylor, and Huang

1. **Approval of Minutes:** Approved, without reading, the minutes of 941st Meeting of the Board of Trustees held December 18, 2025.
2. **Approved Warrant Register for November 2025: (Exhibit A)** Received and filed.
3. **Approved Monthly Financial Report for November 2025: (Exhibit A)** Received and filed.
4. **Adopted Resolution No. 605 Authorizing the Deployment of Vector Personnel and Resources for Natural Disaster Relief Works: (Exhibit A)**

F. Business Items:

1. **Approved District Manager to enter into an agreement with Best Contracting Services, Inc. for roofing repairs on Haster Building: (Exhibit A, B)** On motion from Trustee J. Gomez, seconded by Trustee Josephson, and approved by unanimous vote, the Board of Trustees approved the District Manager to enter into an agreement with Best Contracting Services., Inc for roofing repairs on Haster Building

Ayes: Trustees Leon, Hupp, Hoque, Chang, Gabbard, Constantine, Charles, Arestegui, Van Der Mark, J. Gomez, Patel, Lee, Pequeño, Doby, Ruesch, Weigand, Chavarria, Josephson, Wu, J. Taylor, Vazquez, Steele, G. Taylor, R. Gomez, Miles, Manzo, and Fernandez

Noes: None.

Abstained: None.

Absent: Trustees Dwyer, Turpit, Liu, Orgill, Pezold, Johns, Hummer, 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 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. Trustee Terms of Office to Expire January 5, 2026 at 11:59 AM: Receive and filed.
5. Board of Trustees Committee Assignments for 2026: Received and filed.
6. 2025 Trustee Attendance Report: Received and filed.

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

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

1. Trustee Open House will be February 19 before the board meeting.
2. There will be some off board day committee meetings for Policy and Personnel Committee and Budget & Finance/Building, Property, & Equipment Joint Committees because of the Open House on February board day.
3. AMCA Annual Conference is March 23-27, 2026. Interested Trustees need to email District Manager Young and Clerk Pett by February 12.
4. 1099 Forms are being mailed January 19, 2026.
5. The District had its annual employee appreciation breakfast on January 13.

J. **District Counsel Report: None**

K. **Correspondence:**

1. Staff report from conference attended in December 2025

L. **Future Agenda Items: None**

M. **Adjournment:**

1. President Ruesch adjourned the meeting at 3:55 P.M. to a regular meeting on Thursday, February 19, 2026.

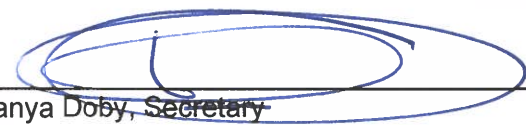
I certify that the above minutes substantially reflect the actions taken by the Board of Trustees at its meeting held January 15, 2026.



Lora B. Young, District Manager

Approved as written and/or corrected by the Board of Trustees at its 943rd

Nine hundred forty-third meeting held February 19, 2026

ATTEST: 

Tanya Doby, Secretary
VICE PRESIDENT