

MINUTES OF THE 891st MEETING

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

TIME: 3:00 P.M. May 20, 2021

PLACE: 13001 Garden Grove Blvd., Garden Grove, CA 92843
MEETING TOOK PLACE BY TELECONFERENCE

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| PRESIDENT: | Mike Posey | Huntington Beach |
| VICE-PRESIDENT: | James Gomez | La Habra |
| SECRETARY: | Peggy Huang | Yorba Linda |

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

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| Aliso Viejo | Richard Hurt | Laguna Woods | Shari Horne |
| Anaheim | Lucille Kring | Los Alamitos | Tanya Doby |
| Brea | Cecilia Hupp | Mission Viejo | Bob Ruesch |
| Buena Park | Susan Sonne | Newport Beach | Joy Brenner |
| Costa Mesa | Bill Turpit | Orange | Michael Alvarez |
| Cypress | Jon Peat | Placentia | Craig Green |
| Dana Point | Rick Viczorek | Rancho Santa Margarita | April Josephson |
| Fountain Valley | Cheryl Brothers | San Clemente | Jim Dahl |
| Fullerton | Nicholas Dunlap | San Juan Capistrano | John Taylor |
| Garden Grove | Stephanie Klopfenstein | Santa Ana | Cecilia Aguinaga |
| Huntington Beach | Mike Posey | Seal Beach | Sandra Massa-Lavitt |
| Irvine | Tammy Kim | Stanton | Gary Taylor |
| La Habra | James Gomez | Tustin | Rebecca Gomez |
| La Palma | Nitesh Patel | Villa Park | Crystal Miles |
| Laguna Beach | Sue Kempf | Westminster | Chi Charlie Nguyen |
| Laguna Hills | Erica Pezold | Yorba Linda | Peggy Huang |
| Laguna Niguel | Rischi Paul Sharma | County of Orange | Liz Guillen-Merchant |

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

Lake Forest Vladimir Anderson

OTHERS PRESENT:

Rick Howard, District Manager
Amber Semrow, Director of Scientific Technical Services
Steve Shepherd, Director of Operations
Tawnia Pett, Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board
Heather Hyland, Public Information Officer
Alan Burns, District Counsel

A. Opening:

1. **Call the Business Meeting to Order:** President Posey called the meeting to order at 3:02 P.M.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** President Posey asked Trustee Aguinaga to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Roll Call:** Roll call indicated 34 Trustees were present out of the current Board membership of 35.
4. **Late/Other Communications:**
Late Communications: None

Other Communications: None

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

1. District staff gave a presentation entitled "Sterile Insect Techniques (SIT) from Medflies to Mosquitoes: An Update on Emerging Technologies/Strategies to Combat Invasive Aedes Mosquitoes"

D. OCMVCD Committee Reports to the Board of Trustees:

1. Policy and Personnel Committee Meeting: Committee Chair Aguinaga reported the committee was given a presentation by staff about the proposed staffing plan for the Scientific and Technical Services Department. The committee unanimously recommended that the item be forwarded to the full board as part of the FY 2021-22 Budget. The second item discussed was a closed session item that will be presented to the full board at item F.3.
2. Operations Committee: District Manager Howard reported for Committee Chair Alvarez. The committee was given a presentation on the Sterile Insect Technique (SIT) by District staff.
3. Budget and Finance Committee: Committee Chair Miles reported the committee reviewed the proposed budget and discussed Benefit Assessment 1 and 2, both items will be discussed in the board meeting today.

E. Consent Calendar: Items for Approval by General Consent

On motion from Trustee Kring, seconded by Trustee Miles, and passed by unanimous vote, the Board of Trustees approved Consent Calendar Items E.2 through E.5. Agenda Item E.1 was passed by majority vote due to absences at the previous Board Meeting (Abstained: Trustees Dunlap, Sharma, and Guillen-Merchant).

Ayes: Trustees Hurt, Kring, Hupp, Sonne, Turpit, Peat, Viczorek, Brothers, Dunlap, Klopfenstein, Posey, Kim, J. Gomez, Patel, Pezold, Sharma, Horne, Doby, Ruesch, Brenner, Alvarez, Green, Josephson, Dahl, J. Taylor, Aguinaga, Massa-Lavitt, G. Taylor, R. Gomez, Miles, Nguyen, Huang, and Guillen-Merchant.

Noes: None.

Abstained: None.

Absent: Trustees Kempf and Anderson.

1. **Approval of Minutes:** Approved, without reading, the Minutes of the 890th Meeting of the Board of Trustees held April 15, 2021.

- 2. **Approved Warrant Register for March 2021: (Exhibit A)** Received and filed.
- 3. **Approved Monthly Financial Report for March 2021: (Exhibit A)** Received and filed.
- 4. **Approved Annual Report of Expense Reimbursements for 2020: (Exhibit A)**
- 5. **Received and Filed Annual Health Benefit Broker Fees and Commission Disclosure**

F. **Business and Action Items:**

- 1. **Adopted Resolution No. 509 Approving the Operating, Capital, and Revenue Budgets for Fiscal Year 2021-22 (Exhibit A, B, C, D)** On motion from Trustee Miles, seconded by Trustee Aguinaga, and approved by unanimous vote, the Board of Trustees adopted Resolution No. 509 approving the Operating, Capital, and Revenue Budgets for Fiscal Year 2021-22.

Ayes: Trustees Hurt, Kring, Hupp, Sonne, Turpit, Peat, Viczorek, Brothers, Dunlap, Klopfenstein, Posey, Kim, J. Gomez, Patel, Pezold, Sharma, Horne, Doby, Ruesch, Brenner, Alvarez, Green, Josephson, Dahl, J. Taylor, Aguinaga, Massa-Lavitt, G. Taylor, R. Gomez, Miles, Nguyen, Huang, and Guillen-Merchant.

Noes: None.

Abstained: None.

Absent: Trustees Kempf and Anderson.

- 2. **Public Hearing to Consider the Ordering of a Program of Services and Levy for the Assessments for Fiscal Year 2021-22 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. 510 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:**

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| Public Hearing for District No. 1 Assessment | Opened: 3:57 Closed: 3:57 |
| Public Hearing for District No. 2 Assessment | Opened: 3:57 Closed: 3:58 |

There was a presentation by District Manager Howard on each District Assessment before the public hearings and board vote. On motion from Trustee Peat, seconded by Trustee Hupp, and approved by unanimous vote, the Board of Trustees approved the ordering of services and projects, and the levy assessment of assessment for fiscal year 2021-22 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 2021-22 in the amount of \$7.70 per Equivalent Dwelling Unit for the District’s No. 2 Assessment. The Board or Trustees adopted Resolution No. 510 entitled “Approving the Engineer’s Reports, Confirming the Assessment Diagram and Assessment and Ordering the Levy of Assessments for Fiscal Year 2021-22 for 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 Hurt, Kring, Hupp, Sonne, Turpit, Peat, Viczorek, Brothers, Klopfenstein, Posey, Kim, J. Gomez, Patel, Pezold, Sharma, Horne, Doby, Ruesch, Brenner, Alvarez, Green, Josephson, Dahl, J. Taylor, Aguinaga, Massa-Lavitt, G. Taylor, R. Gomez, Miles, Nguyen, Huang, and Guillen-Merchant.

Noes: None.

Abstained: None.

Absent: Trustees Dunlap, Kempf, and Anderson.

3. CLOSED SESSION: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – PENDING LITIGATION - Under paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9 of the Government Code: *Richard Arnold et al. v. Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District*, PERB charge No. LA-CE-1427-M, the board moved into closed session at 4:02 PM.
4. OPEN SESSION: Open session resumed at 4:36 PM. District Counsel Burns reported there was no reportable action to disclose.

G. **Informational Items Only (NO ACTION NECESSARY):**

1. **Staff Presentation:** Director of Scientific Technical Services Semrow gave an update on vector activity in Orange County.
2. **Staff Presentation:** Public Information Officer Hyland gave an update on outreach activity in Orange County.
3. **Staff Presentation:** Director of Operations Shepherd gave an update on operations activity in Orange County.
4. **Laboratory Reports- included in agenda packet:** Received and filed.

H. **President's Report and Trustee Comments:**

1. Trustees Miles and Aguinaga asked to be invited to the drone demonstration that would be done later in the month.

I. **District Manager's Report: None**

J. **District Legal Counsel Report:** District Counsel Burns reported:

1. The District's warrants for bad pools/entry into back yards, now have to go to court every 45 days for reapproval.
2. The District obtained a forced entry warrant for a bad pool that was breeding mosquitoes.

K. **Correspondence: None**

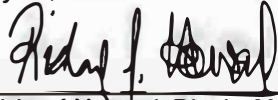
L. **Future Agenda Items:**

1. West Nile Virus Update

M. **Adjournment:**

1. Vice President Gomez adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m. to the next regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, June 17, 2021.

I certify that the above minutes substantially reflect the actions taken by the Board of Trustees at its meeting held May 20, 2021.



Richard Howard, District Manager

Approved as written and/or corrected by the Board of Trustees at its 892nd Meeting

Eight hundred and ninety-second meeting held June 17, 2021

ATTEST:



Peggy Huang, Secretary