

MINUTES OF THE 943rd MEETING

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

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

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

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

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

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| Aliso Viejo | Garrett Dwyer | Laguna Niguel | Gene Johns |
| Anaheim | Carlos Leon | Laguna Woods | Pearl Lee |
| Brea | Cecilia Hupp | Los Alamitos | Tanya Doby |
| Buena Park | Lamiya Hoque | Mission Viejo | Bob Ruesch |
| Costa Mesa | Bill Turpit | Orange | Sean Chavarria |
| Cypress | Kyle Chang | Rancho Santa Margarita | April Josephson |
| Dana Point | John Gabbard | San Clemente | Zhen Wu |
| Fountain Valley | Kim Constantine | Seal Beach | Nathan Steele |
| Fullerton | Shana Charles | Stanton | Gary Taylor |
| Garden Grove | Ariana Arestegui | Tustin | Rebecca Gomez |
| Irvine | Melinda Liu | Villa Park | Kelly McBride |
| La Palma | Vikesh Patel | Westminster | Carlos Manzo |
| Laguna Hills | Erica Pezold | Yorba Linda | Peggy Huang |

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

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| Huntington Beach | Gracey Van Der Mark | Placentia | Thomas Hummer |
| La Habra | James Gomez | San Juan Capistrano | John Taylor |
| Laguna Beach | Mark Orgill | Santa Ana | Benjamin Vazquez |
| Lake Forest | Robert Pequeño | County of Orange | Lisa Fernandez |
| Newport Beach | Erik Weigand | | |

Trustees Van Der Mark, Weigand, J. Taylor, and Fernandez 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
Alex Severino, 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 Steel to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Roll Call:** Twenty-six Trustees were present out of the current Board membership of 35.

President Ruesch introduced the new Trustee from the cities of Irvine, Melinda Liu, and Villa Park, Kelly McBride.

4. **Election of Officers of the 2026 Executive Board:** Due to Vice President Mills no longer being on the District Board of Trustees, there was a vacancy for that position. Board President Ruesch nominated Secretary Doby for Vice President and to close nominations, Trustee Hupp seconded the nomination; Secretary Doby nominated Trustee J. Taylor for Secretary, Trustee Hupp seconded the nomination.

Vote for the slate as nominated:

Ayes: Trustees Dwyer, Leon, Hupp, Hoque, Turpit, Chang, Gabbard, Constantine, Charles, Arestegui, Liu, Patel, Pezold, Johns, Lee, Doby, Ruesch, Chavarria, Josephson, Wu, Steele, G. Taylor, R. Gomez, McBride, Manzo, and Huang.

Noes: None.

Abstained: None.

Absent: Trustees Van Der Mark, J. Gomez, Orgill, Pequeño, Weigand, Hummer, J. Taylor, Vazquez, and Fernandez

B. Public Comments: None

C. Presentations:

1. Recognized Outgoing Trustees Medrano, Kim, Wanke, Mendoza, and Miles. Trustees Kim and Wanke were not in attendance.
2. Recognized Trustee Years of Service: 5 Years: Trustees Turpit and R. Gomez
3. Staff gave a presentation entitled "2025 Year in Review"
4. District Counsel gave a presentation entitled "Trustee Roles and Responsibilities"

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

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

On motion from Trustee Pezold, seconded by Trustee Steele, 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 Turpit, Liu, Pezold, Johns, and Huang).

Ayes: Trustees Dwyer, Leon, Hupp, Hoque, Turpit, Chang, Gabbard, Constantine, Arestegui, Liu, Patel, Pezold, Johns, Lee, Doby, Ruesch, Chavarria, Josephson, Wu, Steele, G. Taylor, R. Gomez, McBride, Manzo, and Huang.

Noes: None.

Abstained: None.

Absent: Trustees Charles, Van Der Mark, J. Gomez, Orgill, Pequeño, Weigand, Hummer, J. Taylor, Vazquez, and Fernandez

1. **Approval of Minutes:** Approved, without reading, the minutes of 942nd Meeting of the Board of Trustees held January 15, 2025.
2. **Approved Warrant Register for December 2025: (Exhibit A)** Received and filed.
3. **Approved Monthly Financial Report for December 2025: (Exhibit A)** Received and filed.
4. **Approved Board Committee Assignments for 2026: (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.
4. **Trustee Terms of Office to Expire January 5, 2026 at 11:59 AM:** Receive and filed.
5. **Received and Filed Fiscal Year 2026-27 Budget Preparation Schedule:** Received and filed.
6. **Received and Filed Statement of Economic Interest 700 Form:** Received and filed.

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

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

1. Director of IT Ngo and Clerk of the Board Pett presented at the MVCAC Annual Conference
2. SB 827 Webinar is scheduled for March 4, 2026 for new and reappointed Trustees
3. Joint Committee Meeting of Budget & Finance and Building, Property, & Equipment Committees on March 4, 2026
4. Budget Workshops are scheduled for May 6 and 7, 2026 (Vice President Doby noted there is a conflict on those dates so other dates will be brought to the board at the next meeting)

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.

L. **Future Agenda Items: None**

M. **Adjournment:**

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

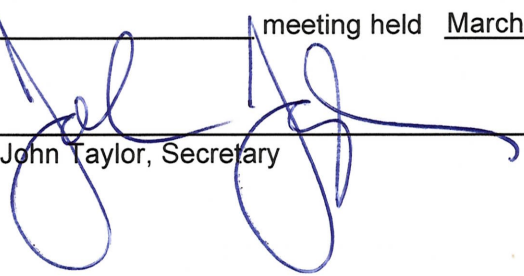
I certify that the above minutes substantially reflect the actions taken by the Board of Trustees at its meeting held February 19, 2026.



Lora B. Young, District Manager

Approved as written and/or corrected by the Board of Trustees at its 944th

Nine hundred forty-fourth meeting held March 19, 2026

ATTEST: 

John Taylor, Secretary