

**MINUTES OF THE 938<sup>th</sup> MEETING**

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

TIME: 3:00 P.M. September 18, 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	Los Alamitos	Tanya Doby
Brea	Cecilia Hupp	Mission Viejo	Bob Ruesch
Costa Mesa	Bill Turpit	Newport Beach	Erik Weigand
Cypress	Leo Medrano	Placentia	Chad Wanke
Fullerton	Shana Charles	Rancho Santa Margarita	April Josephson
Garden Grove	Ariana Arestegui	San Clemente	Steve Knoblock
Huntington Beach	Gracey Van Der Mark	San Juan Capistrano	John Taylor
La Palma	Debbie S. Baker	Santa Ana	Nelida Mendoza
Laguna Hills	Erica Pezold	Seal Beach	Nathan Steele
Laguna Niguel	Gene Johns	Stanton	Gary Taylor
Laguna Woods	Pearl Lee	Tustin	Rebecca Gomez
		Villa Park	Crystal Miles
		Westminster	Carlos Manzo
		Yorba Linda	Peggy Huang
		County of Orange	Lisa Fernandez

**TRUSTEES ABSENT:**

Aliso Viejo	Richard Hurt	Lake Forest	Robert Pequeño
Buena Park	Lamiya Hoque	Orange	Sean Chavarria
Dana Point	John Gabbard		
Fountain Valley	Kim Constantine		
Irvine	Tammy Kim		
La Habra	James Gomez		
Laguna Beach	Mark Orgill		

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Lora Young, District Manager  
Miquel Jacobs, Director of Communications  
Matt Eseltine, Vector Control Inspector III  
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 3:02 P.M.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** President Hupp 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:**

1. Staff gave a presentation entitled "Overview of the OCMVCD Red Imported Fire Ant Program"
2. Staff gave a presentation entitled "2025 Outreach Campaign"

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

1. **Budget & Finance Committee:** Trustee Hupp reported the committee reviewed the District's current investment portfolio, discussed the closure of the Orange County Investment Pool by the County and received a presentation by CA CLASS for additional investment opportunities. The Committee requested that staff provide additional information in order for the committee to review and provide a recommendation.

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

On motion from Trustee Miles, seconded by Trustee Ruesch, 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 Hurt, Hoque, Gabbard, Chavarria, Wanke, and Fernandez), approval of Agenda Item E.4 was passed with a request from Trustee Turpit to correct Section K of the Investment Policy to rename the CDIAC table as Figure 1.

Ayes: Trustees Leon, Hupp, Turpit, Medrano, Charles, Arestegui, Van Der Mark, Baker, Pezold, Johns, Lee, Doby, Ruesch, Weigand, Wanke, Josephson, Knoblock, J. Taylor, Mendoza, Steele, G. Taylor, R. Gomez, Miles, Manzo, Huang, and Fernandez.

Noes: None.

Abstained: None.

Absent: Trustees Hurt, Hoque, Gabbard, Constantine, Kim, J. Gomez, Orgill, Pequeño, and Chavarria.

1. **Approval of Minutes:** Approved, without reading, the minutes of 938<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Trustees held September 18, 2025.
2. **Approved Warrant Register for July 2025: (Exhibit A)** Received and filed.
3. **Approved Monthly Financial Report for July 2025: (Exhibit A)** Received and filed.
4. **Adopted Resolution No. 602 Amending Investment Policy No. 38 for Updated CDIAC Allowable Investments Instrument of the Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District (Exhibit B).**

**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 Scientific Technical Services Semrow 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. The MVCAC Annual Conference will be February 1-4, 2026 in Palm Springs if any Trustees want to attend.
2. Board of Trustee will be receiving an email regarding November Board meeting quorum. Trustees will need to respond to this email to establish quorum.

**J. District Counsel Report:** District Counsel Burns reported on Thacker v. City of Fairfield and the decision that pre- Prop 218 assessments can not be increased without voter approval.

**K. Correspondence:**

1. Staff conference reports for the month of August

**L. Future Agenda Items: None**

**M. Adjournment:**

1. President Hupp adjourned the meeting at 4:14 P.M. to a regular meeting on Thursday, October 16, 2025.

