

MINUTES OF THE 932nd MEETING

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

TIME: 3:00 P.M. February 20, 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:

Aliso Viejo	Richard Hurt	Laguna Woods	Pearl Lee
Brea	Cecilia Hupp	Lake Forest	Robert Pequeño
Buena Park	Lamiya Hoque	Los Alamitos	Tanya Doby
Costa Mesa	Bill Turpit	Mission Viejo	Bob Ruesch
Cypress	Leo Medrano	Placentia	Craig Green
Dana Point	John Gabbard	Rancho Santa Margarita	April Josephson
Fountain Valley	Kim Constantine	San Clemente	Steve Knoblock
Fullerton	Shana Charles	Santa Ana	Nelida Mendoza
Garden Grove	Ariana Arestegui	Seal Beach	Nathan Steele
Irvine	Tammy Kim	Tustin	Rebecca Gomez
La Habra	James Gomez	Villa Park	Crystal Miles
Laguna Hills	Erica Pezold	Westminster	Carlos Manzo
Laguna Niguel	Gene Johns	Yorba Linda	Peggy Huang
		County of Orange	Lisa Fernandez

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

Anaheim	Carlos Leon	Newport Beach	Erik Weigand
Huntington Beach	Gracey Van Der Mark	Orange	VACANT
La Palma	Debbie S. Baker	San Juan Capistrano	John Taylor
Laguna Beach	Mark Orgill	Stanton	Gary Taylor

Trustees Van Der Mark, Baker, Orgill, Weigand, J. Taylor, and G. 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
Alexandra Halfman, District Counsel

A. Opening:

1. **Call the Business Meeting to Order:** President Hupp called the meeting to order at 3:01 P.M.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** President Hupp asked Trustee Doby to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Roll Call:** Twenty-seven Trustees were present out of the current Board membership of 34, (Orange is Vacant).

President Hupp introduced the new Trustee from the city of Westminster, Carlos Manzo

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

1. Recognized Outgoing Trustees: Peat and Klopfenstein, Trustee Ahn was not present.
2. Recognized Trustee Years of Service: 5 Years: Pezold, Doby, Miles; 20 Years: J. Gomez.
3. Staff gave a presentation entitled "2024 Year in Review".
- 2a. Recognized Trustee Years of Service: 10 Years: Huang (Trustee Huang arrived late).
- 1a. Recognized Outgoing Trustees: West (Outgoing Trustee West arrived late).
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 J. Gomez, seconded by Trustee Pezold, and approved by unanimous vote, the Board of Trustees approved Consent Calendar Items E.2 through E.7. Agenda Item E.1 was passed by majority vote due to absences at the previous Board Meeting (Abstained: Trustees Gabbard, Charles, Pezold, Johns, Pequeño, Ruesch, Mendoza, and Manzo).

Ayes: Trustees Hurt, Hupp, Hoque, Turpit, Medrano, Gabbard, Constantine, Charles, Arestegui, Kim, J. Gomez, Pezold, Johns, Lee, Pequeño, Doby, Ruesch, Green, Josephson, Knoblock, Mendoza, Steele, R. Gomez, Miles, Manzo, Huang, and Fernandez.

Noes: None.

Abstained: None.

Absent: Trustees Leon, Van Der Mark, Baker, Orgill, Weigand, J. Taylor, and G. Taylor.

1. **Approval of Minutes:** Approved, without reading, the minutes of 931st Meeting of the Board of Trustees held January 16, 2025.
2. **Approved Warrant Register for December 2024: (Exhibit A)** Received and filed.
3. **Approved Monthly Financial Report for December 2024: (Exhibit A)** Received and filed.
4. **Approved Board Committee Assignments for 2025: (Exhibit A)**
5. **Adopted Resolution No. 589 Amending the Mutual Assistance Agreement for Mosquito and Vector Control Services in Southern California Region: (Exhibit A, B)**
6. **Adopted Resolution No. 590 Approving Policy No. 57, the District's Artificial Intelligence (AI) Policy: (Exhibit A, B, C)**

7. **Adopted Resolution No. 591 Authorizing Staff to Complete Required Documents to Accept the Cal OES State and Local Cybersecurity Grants for Local and Tribal Governments State and Local (SL) Program in the Amount of \$85,000: (Exhibit A, B)**

F. **Business Items:**

1. **Authorized District Manager to Enter Into a Contract with Griffin Structures for Preconstruction Work: (Exhibit A, B, C)** On motion from Trustee Pezold, seconded by Trustee Miles, and approved by unanimous vote, the Board of Trustees authorized the District Manager to enter into a contract with Griffin Structures for preconstruction work.

Ayes: Trustees Hurt, Hupp, Hoque, Turpit, Medrano, Gabbard, Constantine, Charles, Arestegui, Kim, J. Gomez, Pezold, Johns, Lee, Pequeño, Doby, Ruesch, Green, Josephson, Knoblock, Mendoza, Steele, R. Gomez, Miles, Manzo, Huang, and Fernandez.

Noes: None.

Abstained: None.

Absent: Trustees Leon, Van Der Mark, Baker, Orgill, Weigand, J. Taylor, and G. 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.
4. Trustee Terms of Office to Expire January 6, 2025 at 11:59 AM: Receive and filed.
5. Received and filed Fiscal Year 2025-26 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:**

1. Trustee Pezold suggested the District put informational yard signs in city parks and other areas. Trustee Pezold suggested the District put interactive kiosks in community centers.

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

1. Budget preparation special meetings will be April 29 and May 6.
2. Ride alongs are available for Trustees with the Inspectors in their cities.
3. Review the 2025 Committee assignments.
4. Trustee Field Day will be April 2 from 8:30-12:30.

J. **District Counsel Report:** District Counsel Halfman reported:

1. Working on a warrant for dengue if needed.

K. **Correspondence:**

1. Staff reports from conferences attended in January.

L. **Future Agenda Items: None**

M. **Adjournment:**

1. President Hupp adjourned the meeting at 3:47 P.M. to a regular meeting on Thursday, March 20, 2025.

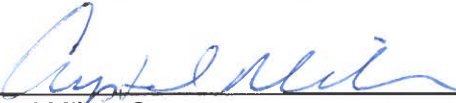
I certify that the above minutes substantially reflect the actions taken by the Board of Trustees at its meeting held February 20, 2025.



Lora B. Young, District Manager

Approved as written and/or corrected by the Board of Trustees at its 933rd

Nine hundred thirty-third meeting held March 20, 2025

ATTEST: 

Crystal Miles, Secretary