MINUTES OF THE 949th MEETING

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District

TIME: 3:00 P.M. September 17, 2026

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

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

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Aliso Viejo	Garrett Dwyer	Lake Forest	Robert Pequeño
Anaheim	Carlos Leon	Los Alamitos	Tanya Doby
Brea	Cecilia Hupp	Newport Beach	Erik Weigand
Costa Mesa	Bill Turpit	Orange	Sean Chavarria
Cypress	Kyle Chang	Placentia	Thomas Hummer
Dana Point	John Gabbard	Rancho Santa Margarita	April Josephson
Fountain Valley	Kim Constantine	San Clemente	Zhen Wu
Garden Grove	Ariana Arestegui	San Juan Capistrano	John Taylor
Huntington Beach	Gracey Van Der Mark	Santa Ana	Benjamin Vazquez
Irvine	Melinda Liu	Stanton	Gary Taylor
La Habra	James Gomez	Tustin	Rebecca Gomez
Laguna Beach	Joanne McMahon	Villa Park	Kelly McBride
Laguna Hills	Erica Pezold	Westminster	Carlos Manzo
Laguna Niguel	Gene Johns	County of Orange	Liza Fernandez
Laguna Woods	Pearl Lee		

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

Buena Park	Lamiya Hoque	Mission Viejo	Bob Ruesch
Fullerton	Shana Charles	Seal Beach	Nathan Steele
La Palma	Vikesh Patel	Yorba Linda	Peggy Huang

Trustees Charles, Patel, Ruesch, Steele, 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:** Vice President Doby called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Vice President Doby asked Trustee Johns to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

B. **Public Comments: None**

C. **Presentations:**

1. Staff gave a presentation on the District's cyber penetration test results

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

1. Joint Committee Meeting: Budget & Finance and Building, Property, & Equipment Committees: District Manager Young reported the committee recommended approving the move management services agreement [Agenda item F.1]. The committee also recommended approving the bond and disclosure counsel for the Campus redevelopment project [Agenda Item F.2].
2. Policy and Personnel Committee: Committee Chair Chavarria reported the committee recommended approving the Operations Manager job [Agenda Item F.4] and the First Amendment Policy [Agenda Item F.3].

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

On motion from Trustee J. Gomez, seconded by Trustee Van Der Mark, and approved by unanimous vote, the Board of Trustees approved Consent Calendar Items E.2 through E.3. Agenda Item E.1 was passed by majority vote due to absences at the previous Board Meeting (Abstained: Trustees Dwyer, Leon, Gabbard, Van Der Mark, Pequeño, Hummer, Vazquez, and Fernandez.

Ayes: Trustees Dwyer, Leon, Hupp, Turpit, Chang, Gabbard, Constantine, Arestegui, Van Der Mark, J. Gomez, McMahon, Pezold, Johns, Lee, Pequeño, Doby, Weigand, Chavarria, Josephson, Wu, Vazquez, J. Taylor, G. Taylor, R. Gomez, McBride, Manzo, and Fernandez.

Noes: None.

Abstained: None.

Absent: Trustees Hoque, Charles, Liu, Patel, Ruesch, Hummer, Steele, and Huang.

1. **Approval of Minutes:** Approved, without reading, the minutes of 948th Meeting of the Board of Trustees held August 20, 2026.

2. **Approved Warrant Register for June and July 2026: (Exhibit A)** Received and filed.

3. **Approved Monthly Financial Report for June and July 2026: (Exhibit A)** Received and filed.

F. **Business Items:**

1. **Approved John Barry & Associates, Inc. Professional Services Agreement for Phase 1 Move Management Services for the District's Campus Renovation Project: (Exhibit A)** On motion from Trustee Pezold, seconded by Trustee Hupp, and approved by unanimous vote, the Board of Trustees approved John Barry & Associates, Inc. professional services agreement for phase 1 move management services for the District's campus renovation project.

   Ayes: Trustees Dwyer, Leon, Hupp, Turpit, Chang, Gabbard, Constantine, Arestegui, Van Der Mark, Liu, J. Gomez, McMahon, Pezold, Johns, Lee, Pequeño, Doby, Weigand, Chavarria, Josephson, Wu, Vazquez, J. Taylor, G. Taylor, R. Gomez, McBride, Manzo, and Fernandez.

   Noes: None.

   Abstained: None.

   Absent: Trustees Hoque, Charles, Patel, Ruesch, Hummer, Steele, and Huang.

2. **Approved Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth LLP for Bond and Disclosure Counsel Services for the District's Campus Redevelopment Project: (Exhibit A)** On motion from Trustee Chavarria, seconded by Trustee Gabbard, and approved by unanimous vote, the Board of Trustees approved Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth LLP for bond and disclosure counsel services for the District's campus redevelopment project.

   Ayes: Trustees Dwyer, Leon, Hupp, Turpit, Chang, Gabbard, Constantine, Arestegui, Van Der Mark, Liu, J. Gomez, McMahon, Pezold, Johns, Lee, Pequeño, Doby, Weigand, Chavarria, Josephson, Wu, Vazquez, J. Taylor, G. Taylor, R. Gomez, McBride, Manzo, and Fernandez.

   Noes: None.

   Abstained: None.

   Absent: Trustees Hoque, Charles, Patel, Ruesch, Hummer, Steele, and Huang.

3. **Adopted Resolution No. 612 Approving Policy No. 60, the First Amendment Activities and Access to District Property Policy (Exhibit A, B)** On motion from Trustee J. Gomez, seconded by Trustee Pezold, and approved by unanimous vote, the Board of Trustees adopted Resolution No. 612 approving Policy No. 60, the First Amendment Activities and Access to District Property Policy.

   Ayes: Trustees Dwyer, Leon, Hupp, Turpit, Chang, Gabbard, Constantine, Arestegui, Van Der Mark, Liu, J. Gomez, McMahon, Pezold, Johns, Lee, Pequeño, Doby, Weigand, Chavarria, Josephson, Wu, Vazquez, J. Taylor, G. Taylor, R. Gomez, McBride, Manzo, and Fernandez.

   Noes: None.

   Abstained: None.

   Absent: Trustees Hoque, Charles, Patel, Ruesch, Hummer, Steele, and Huang.

4. **Adopted Resolution No. 613 Approving the Creation of the Operations Manager Job Description: (Exhibit A, B)** On motion from Trustee Josephson, seconded by Trustee Van Der Mark, and approved by unanimous vote, the Board of Trustees adopted Resolution No. 613 approving the creation of the Operations Manager job description.

   Ayes: Trustees Dwyer, Leon, Hupp, Turpit, Chang, Gabbard, Constantine, Arestegui, Van Der Mark, Liu, J. Gomez, McMahon, Pezold, Johns, Lee, Pequeño, Doby, Weigand, Chavarria, Josephson, Wu, Vazquez, J. Taylor, G. Taylor, R. Gomez, McBride, Manzo, and Fernandez.

   Noes: None.

   Abstained: None.

   Absent: Trustees Hoque, Charles, Patel, Ruesch, Hummer, Steele, 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.

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

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

J. **District Counsel Report:** District Counsel Burns reported:
1. Sanctions are being imposed on attorneys that are using AI for court documents when AI creates cases and authority that do not exist.

K. **Correspondence:**
1. Trustee and Staff conference reports from meetings attended in August.

L. **Future Agenda Items: None**

M. **Adjournment:**
1. Vice President Doby adjourned the meeting at 3:54 P.M. to a regular meeting on Thursday, October 15, 2026.

I certify that the above minutes substantially reflect the actions taken by the Board of Trustees at its meeting held September 17, 2026.

Lora Young
Lora B. Young, District Manager

Approved as written and/or corrected by the Board of Trustees at its 950th
Nine hundred fiftieth meeting held October 15, 2026

ATTEST:
John Taylor, Secretary