

MINUTES OF THE 931st MEETING

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

TIME: 3:00 P.M. January 16, 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	Los Alamitos	Tanya Doby
Anaheim	Carlos Leon	Newport Beach	Erik Weigand
Brea	Cecilia Hupp	Orange	Jon Dumitru
Buena Park	Lamiya Hoque	Placentia	Craig Green
Costa Mesa	Bill Turpit	Rancho Santa Margarita	April Josephson
Cypress	Leo Medrano	San Clemente	Steve Knoblock
Fountain Valley	Kim Constantine	San Juan Capistrano	John Taylor
Garden Grove	Ariana Arestegui	Seal Beach	Nathan Steele
Huntington Beach	Gracey Van Der Mark	Stanton	Gary Taylor
Irvine	Tammy Kim	Tustin	Rebecca Gomez
La Habra	James Gomez	Villa Park	Crystal Miles
La Palma	Debbie S. Baker	Yorba Linda	Peggy Huang
Laguna Woods	Pearl Lee	County of Orange	Lisa Fernandez

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

Dana Point	John Gabbard	Lake Forest	Robert Pequeño
Fullerton	Shana Charles	Mission Viejo	Bob Ruesch
Laguna Beach	Mark Orgill	Santa Ana	Nelida Mendoza
Laguna Hills	Erica Pezold	Westminster	Amy Phan West
Laguna Niguel	Gene Johns		

Trustees Gabbard, Charles, Pezold, Johns, Pequeño, and Ruesch 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:** President Green called the meeting to order at 3:04 P.M.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** President Green asked District Counsel Burns to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Roll Call:** Twenty-six Trustees were present out of the current Board membership of 35.

President Green introduced the new Trustee from the cities of Buena Park, Lamiya Hoque, Cypress, Leo Medrano, Garden Grove, Ariana Arestegui, and Laguna Woods, Pearl Lee

4. **Election of Officers of the 2025 Executive Board:** President Green presented a slate for nominations: Vice President Hupp for President, Secretary Ruesch for Vice President, and Trustee Miles for Secretary and to close nominations for those offices. Trustee Weigand seconded the motion.

Vote to close Nominations:

Ayes: Trustees Hurt, Leon, Hupp, Hoque, Turpit, Medrano, Constantine, Arestegui, Van Der Mark, Kim, J. Gomez, Baker, Lee, Doby, Weigand, Dumitru, Green, Josephson, Knoblock, J. Taylor, Steele, G. Taylor, R. Gomez, Miles, Huang, and Fernandez.

Noes: None.

Abstained: None.

Absent: Trustees Gabbard, Charles, Orgill, Pezold, Johns, Pequeño, Ruesch, Mendoza, and West.

Vote for the slate as nominated by President Green:

Ayes: Trustees Hurt, Leon, Hupp, Hoque, Turpit, Medrano, Constantine, Arestegui, Van Der Mark, Kim, J. Gomez, Baker, Lee, Doby, Weigand, Dumitru, Green, Josephson, Knoblock, J. Taylor, Steele, G. Taylor, R. Gomez, Miles, Huang, and Fernandez.

Noes: None.

Abstained: None.

Absent: Trustees Gabbard, Charles, Orgill, Pezold, Johns, Pequeño, Ruesch, Mendoza, and West.

B. Public Comments: None

C. Presentations:

1. Recognized Outgoing President Green
2. Recognized Outgoing Trustees Burns and Horne
3. Staff gave a presentation entitled "OCMVCD Typhus Program"

D. Closed Session/Open Session:

1. Closed Session: President Hupp called for closed session at 3:38 PM
Government Code Section 54957.6 (a) Conference with Labor Negotiators
Agency representative: District Manager
Employee Organization: Non-represented employees
2. Reconvene to Open Session: Open Session resumed at 3:56 PM. District Counsel Burns reported that the Board gave authority to the District Manager to implement based on the Policy and Personnel Committee's recommendation.

E. OCMVCD Committee Reports to the Board of Trustees:

1. Joint Committee Meeting: Budget & Finance and Building, Property, & Equipment Committees: Budget & Finance Committee Chair Hurt reported the committee gave authority for the Budget & Finance and the Building, Property, & Equipment Committee Chairs to meet with two candidates for the construction management contract.
2. Policy & Personnel Committee: District Manager Young reported the committee discussed the items in closed session and recommended approving the District AI Policy that will be on the February agenda.
3. Operations Committee: Committee Chair Miles reported the committee recommended adopting Agenda Item G.1 and approving the Mutual Assistance Agreement when it is presented at the February board meeting.

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

On motion from Trustee Doby, seconded by Trustee Josephson, and approved by unanimous vote, the Board of Trustees approved Consent Calendar Items F.2 through F.4. Agenda Item F.1 was passed by majority vote due to absences at the previous Board Meeting (Abstained: Trustees Leon, Hupp, Hoque, Medrano, Arestegui, Lee, Knoblock, Fernandez).

Ayes: Trustees Hurt, Leon, Hupp, Hoque, Turpit, Medrano, Constantine, Arestegui, Van Der Mark, Kim, J. Gomez, Baker, Lee, Doby, Weigand, Dumitru, Green, Josephson, Knoblock, J. Taylor, Steele, G. Taylor, R. Gomez, Miles, Huang, and Fernandez.

Noes: None.

Abstained: None.

Absent: Trustees Gabbard, Charles, Orgill, Pezold, Johns, Pequeño, Ruesch, Mendoza, and West.

1. **Approval of Minutes:** Approved, without reading, the minutes of 930th Meeting of the Board of Trustees held December 19, 2024.
2. **Approved Warrant Register for November 2024: (Exhibit A)** Received and filed.
3. **Approved Monthly Financial Report for November 2024: (Exhibit A)** Received and filed.
4. **Adopted Resolution No. 587 Authorizing the Deployment of Vector Personnel and Resources for Natural Disaster Relief Works: (Exhibit A)**

G. Business Items:

1. **Adopted Resolution No. 588 Formalizing the OCMVCD Flea-borne Typhus Program and Service: (Exhibit A, B)** On motion from Trustee Miles, seconded by Trustee Van Der Mark, and approved by unanimous vote, the Board of Trustees adopted Resolution No. 588 formalizing the OCMVCD flea-borne typhus program and services.

Ayes: Trustees Hurt, Leon, Hupp, Hoque, Turpit, Medrano, Constantine, Arestegui, Van Der Mark, Kim, J. Gomez, Baker, Lee, Doby, Weigand, Dumitru, Green, Josephson, Knoblock, J. Taylor, Steele, G. Taylor, R. Gomez, Miles, Huang, and Fernandez.

Noes: None.

Abstained: None.

Absent: Trustees Gabbard, Charles, Orgill, Pezold, Johns, Pequeño, Ruesch, Mendoza, and West.

H. 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. Board of Trustees Committee Assignments for 2025: Received and filed.
6. 2024 Trustee Attendance Report: Received and filed.

I. President's Report and Trustee Comments: None**J. District Manager's Report:** District Manager Young reported:

1. Turn in committee selections for 2025 to Clerk Pett by January 23.
2. The District received a cybersecurity grant of \$85,000 over two years.
3. Staff are attending the MVCAC Annual Conference January 26-29 in Oakland.
4. Trustee Open House will be February 20 before the board meeting.
5. The District had its annual employee appreciation breakfast on January 14.

K. District Counsel Report: District Counsel Burns reported:

1. The annual selected laws memo will be distributed.

L. Correspondence: None**M. Future Agenda Items: None****N. Adjournment:**

1. President Hupp adjourned the meeting at 4:09 P.M. to a regular meeting on Thursday, February 20, 2025.

I certify that the above minutes substantially reflect the actions taken by the Board of Trustees at its meeting held January 16, 2025.



Lora B. Young, District Manager

Approved as written and/or corrected by the Board of Trustees at its 932nd

Nine hundred and thirty-second meeting held February 20, 2025

ATTEST:



Crystal Miles, Secretary