

MINUTES OF THE 948th MEETING

BOARD OF TRUSTEES Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District

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

Brea	Cecilia Hupp	Los Alamitos	Tanya Doby
Costa Mesa	Bill Turpit	Mission Viejo	Bob Ruesch
Cypress	Kyle Chang	Newport Beach	Erik Weigand
Fountain Valley	Kim Constantine	Orange	Sean Chavarria
Fullerton	Shana Charles	Rancho Santa Margarita	April Josephson
Garden Grove	Ariana Arestegui	San Clemente	Zhen Wu
Irvine	Melinda Liu	San Juan Capistrano	John Taylor
La Habra	James Gomez	Seal Beach	Nathan Steele
La Palma	Vikesh Patel	Stanton	Gary Taylor
Laguna Beach	Joanne McMahon	Tustin	Rebecca Gomez
Laguna Hills	Erica Pezold	Villa Park	Kelly McBride
Laguna Niguel	Gene Johns	Westminster	Carlos Manzo
Laguna Woods	Pearl Lee	Yorba Linda	Peggy Huang

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

Aliso Viejo	Garrett Dwyer	Lake Forest	Robert Pequeño
Anaheim	Carlos Leon	Placentia	Thomas Hummer
Buena Park	Lamiya Hoque	Santa Ana	Benjamin Vazquez
Dana Point	John Gabbard	County of Orange	Lisa Fernandez
Huntington Beach	Gracey Van Der Mark		

Trustees Dwyer, Leon, Gabbard, Van Der Mark, Pequeño, 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
Alan Burns, District Counsel

A. Opening:

1. **Call the Business Meeting to Order:** President Ruesch called the meeting to order at 3:01 P.M.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** President Ruesch asked Trustee Johns 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: There was one comment from a resident from the city of Cypress unsatisfied with the District's spraying notification process.**C. Presentations:**

1. Staff gave a presentation on the District's 80th Anniversary
2. **Presented at Agenda Item G.1** Staff will give West Nile virus (WNV) activity in Orange County update

D. OCMVCD Committee Reports to the Board of Trustees:

1. Policy & Personnel Committee: Committee Chair Chavarria reported the committee recommended approving the Compensation and Classification study results [Agenda item F.1]. The committee wanted more information on the Executive level position restructuring item which included an Assistant District Manager position and Operations Manager position. Reviewed the Tardiness and Absenteeism regulation and noted this is an informational item only. The committee recommended the District Tattoo Policy [Agenda Item E.4] be updated and passed by the full board.
2. Ad Hoc Budget & Finance and Building, Property, & Equipment Committee: District Manager Young reported the ad hoc committee reviewed a conceptual design of the proposed District build. Discussed priorities of the Board of Trustees of the redevelopment project.

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

On motion from Trustee Hupp, seconded by Trustee J. Gomez, 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 Charles, Arestegui, Lee, Ruesch, and Huang).

Ayes: Trustees Hupp, Turpit, Chang, Constantine, Charles, Arestegui, Liu, J. Gomez, Patel, McMahon, Pezold, Johns, Lee, Doby, Ruesch, Weigand, Chavarria, Wu, J. Taylor, Steele, G. Taylor, R. Gomez, McBride, Manzo, and Huang.

Noes: None.

Abstained: None.

Absent: Trustees Dwyer, Leon, Hoque, Gabbard, Van Der Mark, Pequeño, Hummer, Josephson, Vazquez, and Fernandez.

1. **Approval of Minutes:** Approved, without reading, the minutes of 946th Meeting of the Board of Trustees held June 18, 2026.
2. **Approved Warrant Register for May 2026: (Exhibit A)** Received and filed.
3. **Approved Monthly Financial Report for May 2026: (Exhibit A)** Received and filed.
4. **Adopted Resolution No. 610 to Create Policy No. 59, Visible Tattoo Policy: (Exhibit A, B)** Received and filed.

F. Business Items:

1. **Adopted Resolution No. 611 Approving Changes to 23 Represented Job Descriptions, 2 Unrepresented Job Descriptions, and Creating 3 Represented Job Descriptions (Exhibit A, B, C)** Before the vote, Director of Human Resources Vera gave a presentation to the board on the item. On motion from Trustee J. Gomez, seconded by Trustee Chavarria, and approved by unanimous vote, the Board of Trustees approved Resolution No. 611 approving changes to 23 represented job descriptions, 2 unrepresented job descriptions, and creating 3 represented job descriptions.

Ayes: Trustees Hupp, Turpit, Chang, Constantine, Charles, Arestegui, Liu, J. Gomez, Patel, McMahon, Pezold, Johns, Lee, Doby, Ruesch, Weigand, Chavarria, Wu, J. Taylor, Steele, G. Taylor, R. Gomez, McBride, Manzo, and Huang.

Noes: None.

Abstained: None.

Absent: Trustees Dwyer, Leon, Hoque, Gabbard, Van Der Mark, Pequeño, Hummer, Josephson, Vazquez, and Fernandez.

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. Absenteeism and Tardiness Regulations to Supplement Policy No. 26: Received and filed.

H. President's Report and Trustee Comments:

1. Trustee Constantine asked staff to create a memo on the District's notification procedures for neighborhood spraying for the Trustees – what we do and how we can improve.

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

1. All of the PowerPoints at the meeting today will be emailed to the Trustees. WNV survivor videos will also be emailed. District Manager Young will also resend out the talking points regarding the Ladera Ranch pediatric cancer cases to have public health talking points. As well as other talking points on product MSDS sheets.
2. Some Staff and Trustees will be attending the CSDA Annual Conference August 24-27.
3. There will be a Joint Committee meeting in September.
4. The Grand Jury is visiting the District on September 3.

J. District Counsel Report: None**K. Correspondence:**

1. Staff conference reports from meetings attended in July.

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

1. President Ruesch adjourned the meeting at 4:10 P.M. to a regular meeting on Thursday, September 17, 2026.

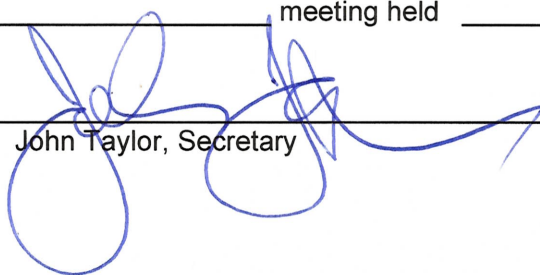
I certify that the above minutes substantially reflect the actions taken by the Board of Trustees at its meeting held August 20, 2026.



Lora B. Young, District Manager

Approved as written and/or corrected by the Board of Trustees at its 949th meeting

Nine hundred forth-ninth meeting held _____

ATTEST: 

John Taylor, Secretary