

MINUTES OF THE 947th MEETING

BOARD OF TRUSTEES Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District

TIME: 3:00 P.M. June 18, 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
Buena Park	Lamiya Hoque	Orange	Sean Chavarria
Costa Mesa	Bill Turpit	Rancho Santa Margarita	April Josephson
Cypress	Kyle Chang	San Clemente	Zhen Wu
Dana Point	John Gabbard	San Juan Capistrano	John Taylor
Fountain Valley	Kim Constantine	Santa Ana	Benjamin Vazquez
Huntington Beach	Gracey Van Der Mark	Seal Beach	Nathan Steele
Irvine	Melinda Liu	Stanton	Gary Taylor
La Habra	James Gomez	Tustin	Rebecca Gomez
La Palma	Vikesh Patel	Villa Park	Kelly McBride
Laguna Beach	Joanne McMahon	Westminster	Carlos Manzo
Laguna Hills	Erica Pezold	County of Orange	Lisa Fernandez
Laguna Niguel	Gene Johns		

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

Fullerton	Shana Charles	Mission Viejo	Bob Ruesch
Garden Grove	Ariana Arestegui	Placentia	Thomas Hummer
Laguna Woods	Pearl Lee	Yorba Linda	Peggy Huang

Trustees Charles, Lee, Ruesch, Hummer, 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 Van Der Mark 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: There was one written comment against the Verily mosquito release that was read by Clerk Pett.**C. Presentations:**

1. Recognized outgoing Trustee Orgill
2. Staff gave a presentation entitled "Vector-borne Disease Response & Notification 2026"

D. Closed Session/Open Session

1. Adjourned to Closed Session: At 3:36 PM District Counsel Burns called for Closed Session
 - a. Government Code Section 54957.6 (a) Conference with Labor Negotiators
 Agency Representative: District Manager
 Employee Organization: Non-represented employees
2. Reconvened to Open Session: At 3:42 PM District Counsel Burns reconvened the meeting and stated there was no reportable action

E. OCMVCD Committee Reports to the Board of Trustees:

1. Policy & Personnel Committee: Committee Chair Chavarria reported the committee took no formal action in the closed session of the meeting. The committee recommends approving the Outside Employment Policy [Agenda Item G.1]

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

On motion from Trustee J. Gomez, seconded by Trustee Chavarria, and approved by unanimous vote, the Board of Trustees approved Consent Calendar Items F.2 through F.7. Agenda Item F.1 was passed by majority vote due to absences at the previous Board Meeting (Abstained: Trustees Leon, Hoque, Gabbard, Liu, J. Gomez, J. McMahon, Pequeño, Wu, and J. Taylor).

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

Noes: None.

Abstained: None.

Absent: Trustees Charles, Arestegui, Lee, Ruesch, Hummer, and Huang

1. **Approval of Minutes:** Approved, without reading, the minutes of 946th Meeting of the Board of Trustees held May 21, 2026.
2. **Approved Warrant Register for April 2026: (Exhibit A)** Received and filed.
3. **Approved Monthly Financial Report for April 2026: (Exhibit A)** Received and filed.
4. **Approved Purchase Order Information for Technology Software Renewal and Hardware Replacement for the Period of July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027: (Exhibit A)** Received and filed.

5. **Approved Purchase Order to K'WEST for Outreach Material Printing for the Period July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027: (Exhibit A)** Received and filed.
6. **Approved Purchase Order to Life Technologies for the Period July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027: (Exhibit A)** Received and filed.
7. **Approved Purchase Order for Vector Control Products for the Period July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027: (Exhibit A)** Received and filed.

G. **Business Items:**

1. **Adopted Resolution No. 609 Adopting Policy No. 58. Outside Employment Policy (Exhibit A, B)** On motion from Trustee Hupp, seconded by Trustee Van Der Mark, and approved by unanimous vote, the Board of Trustees approved Resolution No. 609 adopting Policy No. 58 Outside Employment Policy.

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

Noes: None.

Abstained: None.

Absent: Trustees Charles, Arestegui, Lee, Ruesch, Hummer, and Huang

2. **Approved Cancelling the July 16, 2026 Board of Trustees Meeting and Adjourning to August 20, 2026 Meeting: (Exhibit A)** On motion from Trustee Hupp, seconded by Trustee J. Gomez, and approved by unanimous vote, the Board of Trustees approved cancelling the July 16, 2026 Board of Trustees approved cancelling the July 16, 2026 meeting and adjourning to the August 20, 2026.

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

Noes: None.

Abstained: None.

Absent: Trustees Charles, Arestegui, Lee, Ruesch, Hummer, and Huang

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.

I. **President's Report and Trustee Comments:**

1. Vice President Doby introduced the new Trustee from the city of Laguna Beach, Trustee McMahon.

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

1. The District will be closed on June 19, 2026
2. The District will have an Open House before the August Board meeting
3. Staff are attending the CSDA General Manager's Meeting June 29-30, 2026
4. Some staff recently participated in an Emerging Leaders Work Group at the District

K. **District Counsel Report:**

1. The District had it's entry warrant approved for one year.

L. **Correspondence:**

1. Staff conference reports from meetings attended in May

M. **Future Agenda Items: None**

N. **Adjournment:**

1. Vice President Doby adjourned the meeting at 4:05 P.M. to a regular meeting on Thursday, August 20, 2026.

I certify that the above minutes substantially reflect the actions taken by the Board of Trustees at its meeting held June 18, 2026.

Lora Young
Lora B. Young, District Manager

Approved as written and/or corrected by the Board of Trustees at its 948th meeting

Nine hundred forty-eighth meeting held August 20, 2026

ATTEST: John Taylor, Secretary