



TRUSTEES PRESENT

Henry Aviles (Alhambra)
Robert Gonzales (Azusa)
Emmanuel Estrada (Baldwin Park)
Richard Barakat (Bradbury)
Corey Calaycay (Claremont)
Margaret Finlay (Duarte)
Jerry Velasco (El Monte)
Jackie Doornik (Glendora)
Manuel Garcia (Irwindale)
Charlie Klinakis (La Puente)
Meshal Kashifalghita (La Verne)
Becky Shevlin (Monrovia)
Joseph Leon (Monterey Park)
Rachel Janbek (Pasadena)
Tim Sandoval (Pomona)
Sandra Armenta (Rosemead)
Ryan Vienna (San Dimas)
Denise Menchaca (San Gabriel)
John Capoccia (Sierra Madre)
Robert Joe (South Pasadena)
Cynthia Sternquist (Temple City)
Allen Wu (Walnut)
Rosario Diaz (West Covina)

TRUSTEES ABSENT

Sho Tay (Arcadia)
Patricia Cortez (Covina)
Cory Moss (Industry)
Anish Saraiya (L.A. County)

STAFF PRESENT

Jason Farned, District Manager
Cecilia Contreras, Director of Administrative Services
Anais Medina Diaz, Director of Communications
Tristan Hallum, Director of Scientific Programs
Gilbert Holguin, Director of Operations
Jerry Mireles, Clerk of the Board

GUESTS PRESENT

Kelly Alhadef-Black, District Counsel

1. Call to Order

President Capoccia called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m. Vice President Kashifalghita led the Pledge of Allegiance. Clerk of the Board Mireles confirmed a quorum and noted absences.

President Capoccia announced the reappointments of Trustees Sho Tay, Emmanuel Estrada, Richard Barakat, Patricia Cortez, Margaret Finlay, Jerry Velasco, Charlie Klinakis, Joseph Leon, Rachel Janbek, Sandra Armenta, Ryan Vienna and Robert Joe.

2. Opportunity for Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

None

3. Election of 2026-2028 Nominated Officers of President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer for the Board of Trustees

Motion by Trustee Sandoval, seconded by Trustee Doornik, and carried the following vote to approve Meshal Kashifalghita as President, Denise Menchaca as Vice President and Corey Calaycay as Secretary/Treasurer.



At the conclusion of the motion, President Capoccia turned over control of the meeting to the new President Meshal Kashifalghita.

AYES: Aviles, Gonzales, Estrada, Barakat, Calaycay, Finlay, Velasco, Doornik, Garcia, Klinakis, Kashifalghita, Shevlin, Leon, Janbek, Sandoval, Armenta, Vienna, Menchaca, Capoccia, Joe, Sternquist, Wu, Diaz
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Tay, Cortez, Moss, Saraiya

4. Consent Calendar

Motion by Trustee Shevlin, seconded by Trustee Vienna and carried by the following vote to approve Items 4.1- 4.8 of the Consent Calendar.

AYES: Aviles, Gonzales, Estrada, Barakat, Calaycay, Finlay, Velasco, Doornik, Garcia, Klinakis, Kashifalghita, Shevlin, Leon, Janbek, Sandoval, Armenta, Vienna, Menchaca, Capoccia, Joe, Sternquist, Wu, Diaz
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Tay, Cortez, Moss, Saraiya

5. Presentation

5.1 Board Plaque – Presented to John Capoccia, in Recognition for 2 Years of Services as the President of the Board of Trustees

President Kashifalghita presented Trustee Capoccia with a plaque in recognition of his two years of service as President from January 2024 through December 2025 and commended him for his outstanding achievements. Trustee Capoccia expressed his appreciation to the Board for the opportunity to serve and for their collaboration during his tenure.

5.2 SGV Mosquito Outreach and Education Opportunities

Director of Communications Anais Medina Diaz, presented an overview of the District’s outreach and education opportunities, highlighting community engagement efforts with cities, schools, and local agencies. She recognized and thanked her department for their contributions to the District’s outreach efforts. Ms. Medina Diaz outlined available city engagement opportunities, including presentations, community events, public service announcements, and educational programs such as EcoHealth and K–12 initiatives. The presentation concluded with a request for Board and city support in expanding outreach, utilizing District resources, and facilitating connections to community events and networks.

6. Consider Rescinding Resolution 2024-05 and Adopting Resolution 2026-01 Amended and Restated Bylaws Governing the Conduct of District Business

District Manager Farned reported that recent legislative changes require limited amendments to the District’s bylaws to ensure compliance with state-mandated training requirements, while maintaining consistency with existing governance practices. The proposed updates incorporate the new biennial



fiscal and financial training requirement under Senate Bill 827 and revise the timing for initial ethics training under Assembly Bill 1234 from one year to six months after assuming office

Motion by Trustee Sandoval, seconded by Trustee Klinakis and carried by the following vote to rescind Resolution 2024-05 and adopt Resolution 2026-01 Bylaws Governing the Conduct of District Business.

AYES: Aviles, Gonzales, Estrada, Barakat, Calaycay, Finlay, Velasco, Doornik, Garcia, Klinakis, Kashifalghita, Shevlin, Leon, Janbek, Sandoval, Armenta, Vienna, Menchaca, Capoccia, Joe, Sternquist, Wu, Diaz
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Tay, Cortez, Moss, Saraiya

7. Consider Approval of Revised Job Description for Human Resource Analyst

Mr. Farned reported that staff are conducting a comprehensive update of job descriptions to ensure they reflect current practices, consistent standards, and legal compliance, with the Human Resources Analyst classification prioritized due to current staffing needs.

Motion by Trustee Sandoval, seconded by Vice President Menchaca and carried by the following vote to approve the revised job description for the Human Resource Analyst.

AYES: Aviles, Gonzales, Estrada, Barakat, Calaycay, Finlay, Velasco, Doornik, Garcia, Klinakis, Kashifalghita, Shevlin, Leon, Janbek, Sandoval, Armenta, Vienna, Menchaca, Capoccia, Joe, Sternquist, Wu, Diaz
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Tay, Cortez, Moss, Saraiya

8. District Administration

8.1 District Update

Mr. Farned expressed appreciation to President Capoccia for his outstanding term as President of the Board of Trustees. He stated that the 2026 committee assignments will be presented for Board approval at the February 13, 2025 meeting. President Kashifalghita will formalize the assignments and Trustees interested in serving were encouraged to notify the President or the Clerk of the Board.

Mr. Farned also reported that the 94th Annual MVCAC Conference is scheduled for February 1, 2026 and noted that seven staff members will be presenting at the conference. Additionally, he provided an update on mosquito activity for the month of December, indicating that activity levels remain below average however warmer than desired nighttime temperatures may contribute to an extended mosquito activity season.

9. Committee Reports

Trustee Doornik reported on her attendance at the SGVCOG Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources (EENR) Committee meeting.



Trustee Vienna reported on the Ad Hoc Committee meeting regarding the Request for Proposals (RFP) for General Counsel services held on December 12, 2025. He noted that staff will initiate the process to release the RFP on January 5, 2026.

10. Trustee Report

None

11. New Business

None

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 a.m.