



San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District

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LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA May 9, 2025 – FOLLOWING ADJOURNMENT OF BOARD MEETING

1. **Call to Order**

1.1 Determination of a Quorum – Noted Absences

1.2 ORDER OF BUSINESS - Review and prioritization of agenda Items including, if necessary, identification of any emergency items arising after posting of the agenda and requiring action prior to next regular meeting

2. **Opportunity for Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**

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3. **Eaton Fire Funding and Legislation Discussion (EXHIBITS 3A, 3B, 3C) P.3** (Chair, Corey Calaycay) (Discussion Item)

4. **Adjournment**

Legislative Committee

Corey Calaycay, Claremont (Chair)

Jackie Doornik, Glendora

Joseph Leon, Monterey Park

Rachel Janbek, Pasadena

Tim Sandoval, Pomona



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Jerry Mireles, Clerk of the Board
San Gabriel Valley MVCD

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2025 - Local City/Agency - SGVMVCD Eaton Fire Funding Support Letter

To: San Gabriel Valley Legislative Caucus

Re: State Funding for Mosquito Control in Eaton Fire Impacted Communities

We, members of [CITY/AGENCY], are writing to express our strong support for the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District (SGVMVCD) and its continued efforts to address the public health threats emerging from the 2025 Eaton Fire.

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SGVMVCD has responded swiftly, leveraging its public health authority to mitigate mosquito breeding in these hazardous conditions. However, the District's work has also revealed a gap in disaster recovery infrastructure: while other hazards are being addressed through formal debris removal programs, stagnant water in damaged pools remains unaddressed. SGVMVCD is the only agency with the mandate and expertise to manage this risk, yet it is excluded from the emergency funding structures typically available to local governments.

As [an organization/a city] with a vested interest in protecting public health and supporting regional recovery, we recognize SGVMVCD's role as both critical and urgent. Their work is essential to reducing disease transmission risk, supporting safe rebuilding, and safeguarding public health across the San Gabriel Valley.

On behalf of [AGENCY/CITY], I encourage your support or allocation of state funding to ensure that SGVMVCD can continue these essential mosquito abatement and disease prevention operations. Regional coordination and sustained investment in this work are necessary to prevent a secondary public health emergency as recovery continues.

Sincerely,

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2025 - Local Elected – SGVMVCD Eaton Fire Funding Support Letter

To: San Gabriel Valley Legislative Caucus

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The fire left behind more than 2,800 fire-damaged swimming pools, most of which remain non-functional and unmaintained. In their current condition, these pools create ideal environments for mosquitoes to lay eggs and grow—a risk that is heightened as temperatures rise. These breeding conditions are expected to persist for as long as the pools remain unrestored, which could extend for years depending on the pace of recovery. Without sustained intervention, the public health implications could extend well beyond the fire-affected areas and into neighborhoods across the region.

SGVMVCD has responded quickly and professionally, operating within its authority to monitor and mitigate mosquito breeding. However, their work has highlighted a critical gap in the disaster recovery process: while other hazards have been addressed through coordinated clean-up efforts, standing water in fire-damaged pools has not. No agency aside from SGVMVCD is positioned to manage this risk, yet the District lacks access to traditional emergency funding structures available to cities and counties.

As someone who represents residents directly impacted by these conditions—and others who may be affected as mosquito populations spread—I recognize SGVMVCD's role as both necessary and effective. Its work is essential not only to protect public health, but also to ensure that communities can safely rebuild and recover.

I support SGVMVCD's continued efforts and encourage regional collaboration to ensure they receive the support and state funding needed to sustain mosquito abatement and disease prevention throughout the recovery process.

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2025 – Survivor – SGVMVCD Eaton Fire Funding Support Letter Template

To: San Gabriel Valley Legislative Caucus

Re: State Funding for Mosquito Control in Eaton Fire Impacted Communities

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Keaton Browder
Public Assistance Group Supervisor
Federal Emergency Management Agency
Email: Keaton.browder@fema.dhs.gov

RE: FEMA-4856-DR-CA (California Eaton Fire)
Subject: Justification for Public Assistance – Eaton Fire Emergency Mosquito Abatement Operations

As the California State [Senator/Assemblymember] representing the [XX] District, I write to underscore the urgent and ongoing public health risks posed by post-wildfire conditions in the San Gabriel Valley and to affirm the necessity of the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District's (SGVMVCD) sustained vector control operations in the Eaton Fire recovery area.

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I commend the District for its leadership and encourage continued coordination across agencies to ensure that these vital efforts can continue uninterrupted.

Sincerely,
[Legislator's signature]

CC:

Congressmember Judy Chu, District 29
Congressmember Gil Cisneros, District 31
Congressmember Norma Torres, District 35
Congressmember Linda Sanchez, District 38
California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES)

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[Federal Legislator's Letterhead]

[Date]

To: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Leadership

Re: Support for Emergency Vector Control Operations Following the Eaton Fire

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April 30, 2025

To: San Gabriel Valley Legislative Caucus
 Re: **State Funding for Mosquito Control in Eaton Fire Impacted Communities (Support)**

The City of Claremont is writing to express our strong support for the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District (SGVMVCD) and its continued efforts to address the public health threats emerging from the 2025 Eaton Fire.

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As a City with a vested interest in protecting public health and supporting regional recovery, we recognize SGVMVCD's role as both critical and urgent. Their work is essential to reducing disease transmission risk, supporting safe rebuilding, and safeguarding public health across the San Gabriel Valley.

The City encourages your support or allocation of state funding to ensure that SGVMVCD can continue these essential mosquito abatement and disease prevention operations. Regional coordination and sustained investment in this work are necessary to prevent a secondary public health emergency as recovery continues.

Sincerely,

Corey Calaycay
 Mayor, City of Claremont

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City of Glendora
116 E. Foothill Blvd.
Glendora, CA 91741

April 30, 2025

To: San Gabriel Valley Legislative Caucus

Re: State Funding for Mosquito Control in Eaton Fire Impacted Communities

We, members of the City of Glendora, are writing to express our strong support for the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District (SGVMVCD) and its continued efforts to address the public health threats emerging from the 2025 Eaton Fire.

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On behalf of Glendora, I encourage your support or allocation of state funding to ensure that SGVMVCD can continue these essential mosquito abatement and disease prevention operations. Regional coordination and sustained investment in this work are necessary to prevent a secondary public health emergency as recovery continues.

Sincerely,

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David Fredendall

Mayor, City of Glendora

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CITY OF LA VERNE CITY HALL

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April 30, 2025

San Gabriel Valley Legislative Caucus
1333 S. Mayflower Avenue, Suite 360
Monrovia, CA 91016

RE: State Funding for Mosquito Control in Eaton Fire Impacted Communities

Dear SGV Legislative Caucus Members:

On behalf of the La Verne City Council, we are writing to express our strong support for the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District (SGVMVCD) and its continued efforts to address the public health threats emerging from the 2025 Eaton Fire.

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As the City of La Verne, with a vested interest in protecting public health and supporting regional recovery, we recognize SGVMVCD's role as both critical and urgent. Their work is essential to reducing disease transmission risk, supporting safe rebuilding, and safeguarding public health across the San Gabriel Valley.

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Sincerely,

Tim Hepburn
Mayor

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April 29, 2025

To: San Gabriel Valley Legislative Caucus

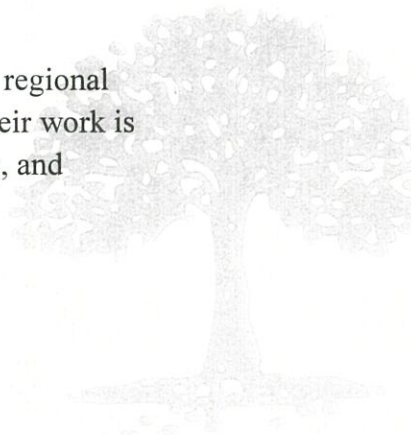
Re: State Funding for Mosquito Control in Eaton Fire Impacted Communities

The City of South Pasadena expresses our strong support for the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District (SGVMVCD) and its continued efforts to address the public health threats emerging from the 2025 Eaton Fire.

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On behalf of South Pasadena, I encourage your support or allocation of state funding to ensure that SGVMVCD can continue these essential mosquito abatement and disease prevention operations. Regional coordination and sustained investment in this work are necessary to prevent a secondary public health emergency as recovery continues.

Sincerely,



Todd Hileman
City Manager
City of South Pasadena





To: San Gabriel Valley Legislative Caucus

Re: State Funding for Mosquito Control in Eaton Fire Impacted Communities

We, members of **Regional Chamber of Commerce – San Gabriel Valley** are writing to express our strong support for the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District (SGVMVCD) and its continued efforts to address the public health threats emerging from the 2025 Eaton Fire.

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Sincerely,



Aziz Amiri, CEO
Regional Chamber of Commerce – San Gabriel Valley
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City of Alhambra

Office of the Mayor and City Council

May 1, 2025

To: San Gabriel Valley Legislative Caucus

Re: State Funding for Mosquito Control in Eaton Fire Impacted Communities



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On behalf of the City of Alhambra, I am writing to express strong support for the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District (SGVMVCD) and its continued efforts to address the public health threats emerging from the 2025 Eaton Fire.

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The City of Alhambra has a vested interest in protecting public health and supporting regional recovery, and we recognize SGVMVCD's role as both critical and urgent. Their work is essential to reducing disease transmission risk, supporting safe rebuilding, and safeguarding public health across the San Gabriel Valley.

On behalf of the City of Alhambra, I encourage your support or allocation of state funding to ensure that SGVMVCD can continue these essential mosquito abatement and disease prevention operations. Regional coordination and sustained investment in this work are necessary to prevent a secondary public health emergency as recovery continues.

Sincerely,

Katherine Lee, Mayor



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April 29, 2025

Keaton Browder
Public Assistance Group Supervisor
Federal Emergency Management Agency

RE: *FEMA-4856-DR-CA (California Eaton Fire)*

Subject: Justification for Public Assistance – Eaton Fire Emergency Mosquito Abatement Operations

This letter is in support of the funding need to address the ongoing public health risks posed by post-wildfire conditions in the San Gabriel Valley and to affirm the necessity of the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District's sustained vector control operations in the Eaton Fire recovery area.

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I thank you for your consideration of this correspondence.

Sincerely,

Sasha Renée Pérez
Senator, 25th District

CC. Congressmember Judy Chu, District 29
Congressmember Gil Cisneros, District 31
Congressmember Norma Torres, District 35
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April 30, 2025

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, I am writing in support of the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District (SGVMVCD) and its continued efforts to address the vector-borne public health risks emerging in the aftermath of the 2025 Eaton Fire.

The fire left behind more than 2,800 fire-damaged swimming pools, most of which remain non-functional and unmaintained. These conditions create ideal environments for mosquito breeding, particularly as temperatures rise. These risks are expected to persist for as long as the pools remain unrestored—potentially for years, depending on the pace of reconstruction. Without sustained mitigation, these sites represent a significant and growing threat to public health, not only within the burn area but throughout the region, where West Nile virus is endemic and locally acquired dengue cases have been confirmed in recent years.

SGVMVCD's surveillance and early response have been timely, science-driven, and grounded in best practice. Their team has rapidly identified priority risk areas, initiated larval control measures, and implemented proactive public education and data collection efforts. The District has also helped fill a critical role that falls outside the scope of traditional emergency management or debris removal: vector control in disaster zones.

What has become increasingly clear is that no agency other than SGVMVCD is positioned — in either mandate or capacity — to mitigate this specific public health risk. While their authority to act is well established in California Health & Safety Code, their funding model was never designed for post-disaster operations. This situation underscores a larger gap in the statewide recovery system when it comes to sustained vector surveillance and abatement during long-term recovery phases.

I strongly support SGVMVCD's work to address vector-borne health risks following the 2025 Eaton Fire and encourage coordination across local, regional, and state public health systems to ensure this response is recognized, supported, and sustained. As rebuilding progresses, our collective public health infrastructure must remain vigilant, and that includes vector control in impacted communities.

Sincerely,

Barbara Ferrer, Ph.D., M.P.H., M.Ed.
Director

BF: jb

c: Jason Famed, San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District



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Legislative Meetings and Status Update

Federal Offices

Office	Date	Attending	Status
Con. Chu (CD-28)			Pending
Con. Cisneros (CD-31)			Pending
Con. Torres (CD-35)	4/29/2025	Bryan A. Milligan, Field Representative	Letter of Support in progress
Con. Sanchez (CD-38)			No update

State Offices

Office	Date	Attending	Status
Senator Rubio (SD22)	4/29/2025	Gustavo Arroyo, Chief of Staff	Letter of Support Received. Additional updates to come.
Senator Perez (SD25)	5/16/2025	Senator Sasha Renee Perez	Scheduled, Need trustee confirmation, Letter received
Senator Archuleta (SD30)			Requested
Asm. Fong (AD48)	3/25/2025		Met with the member in March. Letter of Support Received. Email for additional support sent
Asm. Harabedian (AD41)	6/6/2025	Assemblymember Harabedian	Scheduled. Need trustee confirmation
Asm. Rubio (AD49)	3/25/2025		Met with staff in Sacramento. Email request for additional support sent
Asm. Rodriguez (AD53)	3/25/2025		Met with member in Sacramento. Email for additional support sent
Asm. Calderon (AD56)	3/25/2025		Met with staff in Sacramento. Email request for additional support sent

Local Offices

Office	Date	Attending	Status
Supervisor Solis (SD1)	5/14/2025	Waqas Rehman and Annette Trejo	Meeting scheduled (need to confirm)
Supervisor Barger (SD5)	5/7/2025	Anish Saraiya	Meeting scheduled (need to confirm)
SGVCOG EENR	5/7/2025		Presentation Confirmed