

San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes January 12, 2024

TRUSTEES PRESENT

Henry Aviles (Alhambra) Sho Tay (Arcadia) Robert Gonzales (Azusa) Richard Barakat (Bradbury) Corey Calaycay (Claremont) Margaret Finlay (Duarte) Jerry Velasco (El Monte) Jackie Doornik (Glendora) Manuel Garcia (Irwindale) Anish Saraiya (L.A. County) Charlie Klinakis (La Puente) Becky Shevlin (Monrovia) Joseph Leon (Monterey Park) Rachel Janbek (Pasadena) Tim Sandoval (Pomona) Sandra Armenta (Rosemead) Denise Menchaca (San Gabriel) John Capoccia (Sierra Madre) Robert Joe (South Pasadena) Cynthia Sternquist (Temple City) Allen Wu (Walnut) Lloyd Johnson (West Covina)

TRUSTEES ABSENT

Emmanuel Estrada (Baldwin Park) Patricia Cortez (Covina) Catherine Marcucci (Industry) Meshal Kashifalghita (La Verne) Ryan Vienna (San Dimas)

STAFF PRESENT

Jason Farned Cecilia Contreras Tristan Hallum Gilbert Holguin Anais Medina Diaz Jerry Mireles

GUESTS PRESENT

1. Call to Order

Board President Shevlin called the meeting to order at 7:14 a.m. Trustee Leon led the Pledge of Allegiance. Clerk of the Board Mireles confirmed a quorum and noted absences.

Board President Shevlin introduced new Trustee Anish Saraiya, appointed by Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

She announced the reappointments of Trustees Sandra Armenta, Corey Calaycay, Patricia Cortez, Emmanuel Estrada, Margaret Finlay, Robert Joe, Lloyd Johnson, Charlie Klinakis, Joseph Leon, Jerry Velasco and Ryan Vienna.

2. Opportunity for Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items None

3. Election of 2024-2026 Nominated Officers of President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer for the Board of Trustees

Motion by Trustee Sandoval, seconded by Trustee Barakat, and carried the following vote to approve John Capoccia as President, Meshal Kashifalghita as Vice President and Lloyd Johnson as Secretary/Treasurer.



At the conclusion of the motion, President Shevlin turned over control of the meeting to the new President John Capoccia.

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

4. Consent Calendar

Motion by Trustee Calaycay, seconded by Trustee Johnson and carried by the following vote to approve Items 4.1- 4.7 of the Consent Calendar.

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

5. Presentation

5.1 Board Plaque – Presented to Becky Shevlin, in Recognition for 4 Years of Services as the President of the Board of Trustees

Board President Capoccia awarded Trustee Shevlin a plaque, acknowledging her dedicated 4 years of service from January 2020 to December 2023 and commending her outstanding achievements.

5.2 Communications Outreach Update

Director of Communications Anais Medina Diaz provided an overview of the department's mission, education programs, the 2023 season and outreach initiatives. She highlighted Public Service Announcements and the use of paid media to boost campaigns. She also detailed staff engagement through community events, newsletters, bite prevention kits, presentations, and literature distributions, resulting in over 20,000 in-person engagements and 60,000 social media interactions.

Trustees Menchaca and Velasco praised Anais for her comprehensive report.

6. District Administration

6.1 Committee Meeting Notifications: Personnel & Policy Committee

Mr. Farned updated the Board, stating that the Personnel & Policy Committee would commence after the adjournment of the Board meeting.



6.2 Trustee Committee Assignment – Interest Forms Due January 24, 2024

Mr. Farned requested that Trustees submit Committee Interest Forms to indicate their preference for 2024 Committee Assignments. Committee assignments will be on February's Board meeting agenda for ratification.

6.3 District Update

Mr. Farned expressed gratitude for working with Trustee Shevlin, recognizing her hard work. He shared news of a decrease in mosquito population due to cold nighttime temperatures and informed about ongoing strategic planning and budgeting for FY 24-25.

7. Committee Reports

During the Finance and Audit Committee Meeting on January 3rd, 2024, Mr. Farned discussed the potential transfer of the \$60,000 emergency fund to the general fund. The Committee decided not to pull from the reserve at this time, considering that current budget allocations could cover the costs. If, by the end of the fiscal year, staff anticipate insufficient budget coverage, the matter will return to the Committee. They plan to establish a dedicated budget line for public health emergencies tracking costs and summarizing them in the annual report.

8. Trustee Reports

None

9. New Business None

None

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 a.m.