



TRUSTEES PRESENT

Henry Aviles (Alhambra)
Sho Tay (Arcadia)
Robert Gonzales (Azusa)
Emmanuel Estrada (Baldwin Park)
Patricia Cortez (Covina)
Corey Calaycay (Claremont)
Jackie Doornik (Glendora)
Manuel Garcia (Irwindale)
Charlie Klinakis (La Puente)
Meshal Kashifalghita (La Verne)
Becky Shevlin (Monrovia)
Rachel Janbek (Pasadena)
Sandra Armenta (Rosemead)
Denise Menchaca (San Gabriel)
John Capoccia (Sierra Madre)
Robert Joe (South Pasadena)
Allen Wu (Walnut)
Rosario Diaz (West Covina)

TRUSTEES ABSENT

Richard Barakat (Bradbury)
Margaret Finlay (Duarte)
Jerry Velasco (El Monte)
Cory Moss (Industry)
Anish Saraiya (L.A. County)
Joseph Leon (Monterey Park)
Tim Sandoval (Pomona)
Ryan Vienna (San Dimas)
Cynthia Sternquist (Temple City)

STAFF PRESENT

Jason Farned
Cecilia Contreras
Anais Medina Diaz
Tristan Hallum
Jerry Mireles

GUESTS PRESENT

None

1. Call to Order

President Capoccia called the meeting to order at 7:01 a.m. Trustee Janbek led the Pledge of Allegiance. Clerk of the Board Mireles confirmed a quorum and noted absences.

2. Opportunity for Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

None

3. Consent Calendar

Motion by Trustee Calaycay, seconded by Vice President Kashifalghita and carried by the following vote to approve Items 3.1- 3.8 of the Consent Calendar.

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



4. Presentation

4.1 Aedes-borne Disease Control: The Need for Rapid Activation

Director of Scientific Programs, Tristan Hallum, highlighted the urgent need for rapid adulticiding in response to locally transmitted dengue and other *Aedes*-borne diseases. It emphasized door-to-door inspections, mandatory backpack treatments, and education of residents as essential components of an integrated vector management strategy. The key takeaway stressed that when local transmission occurs, immediate adulticide applications are the most effective tool to reduce infective adult mosquitoes and protect public health.

The Board commended Mr. Hallum for his presentation.

5. Call for Members of Nominations Committee

President Capoccia described the duties and responsibilities of the Nominations Committee and called for five trustee volunteers to serve. Trustees Menchaca, Shevlin, Doornik, Gonzales, and Joe volunteered to serve on the Committee. Trustee Menchaca volunteered to serve as Chair.

Motion by Trustee Calaycay, seconded by Trustee Armenta and carried by the following vote to approve members of the Nominations Committee.

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

6. Consideration of Legal Counsel Services Options

District Manager, Jason Farned presented options for the Board to consider regarding legal counsel. At the August 8, 2025, Board of Trustees meeting, District Counsel Kelly Alhadeff-Black announced her departure from Lewis Brisbois. The Board was presented with three options: remain with Lewis Brisbois, transition to Fennemore with Kelly Alhadeff-Black, or issue a Request for Proposals (RFP).

The Board engaged in discussion regarding legal counsel services.

A motion was brought to the floor by Trustee Shevlin, seconded by Trustee Doornik, to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) in order to identify the most qualified legal counsel, explore available options and address long-term challenges facing the District. Trustee Calaycay expressed agreement with the motion and shared similar concerns.

A substitute motion was then introduced by President Capoccia and seconded by Vice President Kashifalghita to transition to Fennemore with Kelly Alhadeff-Black, noting that she could immediately provide representation to ensure the District was not left without legal counsel and citing her familiarity with the District.



The substitute motion carried and staff was directed to present a proposal from Kelly Alhadeff-Black at the October 10th Board meeting.

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

7. Consider New Personnel Rules and Regulations: Policy No. 28 – Locker Room Facilities Usage

Trustee Shevlin reported that the Personnel & Policy Committee met on August 8, 2025, conducted a site visit to inspect the employee lockers, reviewed the policies, and recommended approval. Mr. Farned presented the updated policies and outlined new expectations for employees.

Motion by Trustee Menchaca, seconded by Trustee Calaycay and carried by the following vote to approve Policy No. 28 – Locker Room Facilities Usage.

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

8. Consider New Personnel Rules and Regulations: Policy No. 28.1 – Locker Usage and Guidelines

Motion by Trustee Menchaca, seconded by Trustee Calaycay and carried by the following vote to approve Policy No. 28.1 – Locker Usage and Guidelines.

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

9. District Administration

9.1 Committee Meeting Notification: Public Information Committee

Mr. Farned announced that the Public Information Committee meeting has been rescheduled to November.



9.2 District Update

Mr. Farned reported the mosquito population remains below the five year average, making this a relatively calm season. Surveillance has detected two positive mosquito samples, zero positive bird samples and no human cases of West Nile Virus. Additionally, no local cases of dengue have been reported.

10. Committee Reports

None

11. Trustee Report

Trustee Diaz commended Director of Communications, Anais Medina Diaz on providing a presentation for the City of West Covina.

12. New Business

None

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 a.m.