



TRUSTEES PRESENT

Henry Aviles (Alhambra)
Sho Tay (Arcadia)
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)
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

Patricia Cortez (Covina)
Cory Moss (Industry)
Anish Saraiya (L.A. County)
Ryan Vienna (San Dimas)

STAFF PRESENT

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

GUESTS PRESENT

None

1. Call to Order

Board President Capoccia called the meeting to order at 7:05 a.m. Trustee Aviles led the Pledge of Allegiance. Clerk of the Board Mireles confirmed a quorum and noted absences.

President Capoccia welcomed new Trustee Rosario Diaz to the Board. Trustee Diaz briefly introduced herself and shared her excitement about joining the Board.

President Capoccia proposed adding emergency item #9, *Consideration of Resolution to Approve Cal-OES-130 Designation for Eaton Fire Burn Response*, to the agenda.

Trustee Shevlin moved to approve the addition, seconded by Secretary-Treasurer Calaycay.

AYES: Aviles, Tay, Gonzales, Estrada, Barakat, Calaycay, Finlay, Velasco, Doornik, Garcia, Klinakis, Kashifalghita, Shevlin, Leon, Janbek, Sandoval, Armenta, Menchaca, Capoccia, Joe, Sternquist, Wu, Diaz

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cortez, Moss, Saraiya, Vienna



2. Opportunity for Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

None

3. Consent Calendar

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

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

4. Presentation

4.1 MVCAC Presentation Highlights

District Manager, Jason Farned presented a video created by the Communications Department, highlighting staff members who spoke at the 93rd Annual MVCAC Conference. The video featured a preview of the presenters, including Jason Farned, Anais Medina Diaz, Tristan Hallum, Gilbert Holguin, Antonio Bishop, Marco Gaytan, Kriztian Luna Corona, and Jung Ma.

The Board commended the staff for their participation and presentations at the event, expressing gratitude for their effort and contributions.

5. 2025 Trustee Committee Assignments

President Capoccia stated that the 2025 committee assignments will stay the same as last year and proposed no changes.

Finance Committee

- 1. Corey Calaycay, Claremont (Chair)
- 2. Patricia Cortez, Covina
- 3. Anish Saraiya, Los Angeles County
- 4. Becky Shevlin, Monrovia
- 5. Allen Wu, Walnut

Personnel & Policy Committee

- 1. Becky Shevlin, Monrovia (Chair)
- 2. Henry Aviles, Alhambra
- 3. Margaret Finlay, Duarte
- 4. Robert Joe, South Pasadena
- 5. Cynthia Sternquist, Temple City

Public Information Committee

- 1. Robert Gonzales, Azusa (Chair)
- 2. Sho Tay, Arcadia
- 3. Jerry Velasco, El Monte
- 4. Sandra Armenta, Rosemead

Legislative Committee

- 1. Corey Calaycay, Claremont (Chair)
- 2. Jackie Doornik, Glendora
- 3. Joseph Leon, Monterey Park
- 4. Rachel Janbek, Pasadena



5. Denise Menchaca, San Gabriel

5. Tim Sandoval, Pomona

Nominations Committee

1. Robert Gonzales, Azusa (Chair)
2. Richard Barakat, Bradbury
3. Meshal Kashifalghita, La Verne
4. Denise Menchaca, San Gabriel
5. Vacant

Motion by Trustee Sandoval, seconded by Secretary-Treasurer Calaycay, and carried the following vote to approve the 2025 Trustee Committee Assignments.

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

6. Eaton Fire Disaster Response – Status Report

Mr. Farned provided an update on the Eaton Fire disaster response. The district is actively assessing the fire's impact and formulating a strategic response to address potential vector control challenges. Efforts include evaluating breeding sources such as swimming pools and raised foundations, developing a mosquito surveillance strategy to monitor disease prevalence, coordinating with key agencies to integrate vector control into broader disaster recovery efforts, and identifying funding opportunities for a sustained response.

The district has mapped over 3,500 swimming pools in the burn zone and is evaluating their condition pre-debris cleanup. He informed the board he would continuously update the board.

Trustee Aviles inquired about potential funding options for lost revenue. Mr. Farned stated that the district has been in contact with FEMA and is in the process of submitting an application for reimbursement of disaster relief expenses. He noted that funding is provided on a reimbursement basis, requiring upfront spending, which makes financial planning challenging.

Trustee Barakat inquired about the responsibility for draining the pools. Mr. Farned stated that the U.S. Army Corps is responsible for draining the pools and removing water to clear debris.

The Board received and filed this report.



7. Mid-Year Budget Adjustments and Proposed Allocation of FY 2023-2024 Surplus Funds

Secretary-Treasurer Calaycay reported that the Finance Committee met on January 17, 2025, and recommended approval of the mid-year budget adjustment and allocation of FY 2023-2024 surplus funds. Mr. Farned noted that the proposal strategically allocates the surplus to address financial obligations, strengthen long-term savings, and enhance the District's ability to respond to future challenges.

Motion by Trustee Sandoval, seconded by Trustee Leon, and carried the following vote to approve the Mid-Year Budget Adjustment and Proposed Allocation of FY 2023-2024 Surplus Funds.

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

8. Direct Assessment Disaster Relief – Eaton Fire

Mr. Farned provided an update on the direct assessment disaster relief for the Eaton Fire. Los Angeles County's Property Tax Division is offering tax relief to property owners whose parcels sustained damage. A preliminary assessment by the County identified over 3,300 affected parcels within the District's jurisdiction. The County has requested the District's decision on participation in the Direct Assessment disaster tax relief program.

Secretary-Treasurer Calaycay expressed concerns regarding the potential public health risks posed by the disaster and the district's budgetary constraints in providing resources to the affected area. Trustee Wu agreed, suggesting that the district should take a conservative approach to the situation.

Vice-President Kashifalghita inquired whether FEMA would reimburse the district if full disaster tax relief were provided. Mr. Farned stated that he is awaiting a response from FEMA on whether it would be reimbursable.

Trustee Doornik recommended maintaining communication with Supervisor Barger's Office. Mr. Farned agreed and acknowledged Trustee Saraiya's contributions in this effort.

Trustee Barakat emphasized the importance of providing full tax relief to residents and expressed empathy for the community impacted by the disaster. Trustee Gonzales agreed, stating that the impacted residents deserve full tax relief. Trustees Finlay and Sandoval echoed this sentiment, emphasizing that those affected by the crisis should receive full tax relief.

Motion by Trustee Barakat, seconded by Trustee Sandoval, and carried the following vote to approve full disaster tax relief for FY 2024-2025 Direct Assessment charges and adopt Resolution No. 2025-01.



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

9. Consideration of Resolution to Approve Cal-OES-130 Designation for Eaton Fire Burn Response

Mr. Farned provided an update on efforts to secure financial assistance through the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) via the Designation of Applicant's Agent Resolution for Non-State Agencies (Cal-OES-130). He noted that approval of this resolution is a necessary administrative step to authorize designated personnel to apply for and manage disaster assistance funds under the California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA).

Motion by Vice-President Kashifalghita, seconded by Trustee Menchaca, and carried the following vote to Approve the Cal-OES-130 Designation of Applicant's Agent Resolution for Non-State Agencies and Authorize the District Manager and designated personnel to apply for disaster assistance funding and manage financial obligations related to the Eaton Fire response.

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

10. District Administration

10.1 Committee Meeting Notifications

Mr. Farned announced that the Joint Executive and Personnel Committee would begin immediately following the adjournment of the board meeting. The Public Information Committee will also meet after the board meeting adjourns at District Manager Farned's office. The Finance Committee will convene once the Joint Executive and Personnel Committee adjourns.

10.2 District Update

Mr. Farned reported that the management team is in the process of finalizing the strategic planning for the year, and a report will be presented at the March board meeting.

11. Committee Reports

None

12. Trustee Report

None



13. New Business

None

14. Adjournment

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