

San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes June 9, 2023

TRUSTEES PRESENT

Henry Aviles (Alhambra) Sho Tay (Arcadia) Robert Gonzales (Azusa) Corey Calaycay (Claremont) Patricia Cortez (Covina) Arrived at 7:03 a.m. Margaret Finlay (Duarte) Jerry Velasco (El Monte) Jackie Doornik (Glendora) Catherine Marcucci (Industry) Charlie Klinakis (La Puente) Meshal Kashifalghita (La Verne) Becky Shevlin (Monrovia) Joseph Leon (Monterey Park) Tim Sandoval (Pomona) Sandra Armenta (Rosemead) Arrived at 7:03 a.m. Denise Menchaca (San Gabriel) John Capoccia (Sierra Madre) Robert Joe (South Pasadena) Cynthia Sternquist (Temple City) Arrived at 7:04 a.m. Allen Wu (Walnut) Lloyd Johnson (West Covina)

TRUSTEES ABSENT

Emmanuel Estrada (Baldwin Park) Richard Barakat (Bradbury) Manuel Garcia (Irwindale) VACANT (L.A. County) Rachel Janbek (Pasadena) Ryan Vienna (San Dimas)

STAFF PRESENT

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

GUESTS PRESENT

District Counsel, Kelly Alhadeff-Black

1. Call to Order

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

2. Opportunity for Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

None

3. Consent Calendar

Motion by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Leon and carried by the following vote to approve Items 3.1- 3.7 of the Consent Calendar.

AYES: Aviles, Tay, Gonzales, Calaycay, Cortez, Finlay, Velasco, Doornik, Marcucci, Klinakis, Kashifalghita, Shevlin, Leon, Sandoval, Armenta, Menchaca, Capoccia, Joe, Sternquist, Wu, Johnson

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Estrada, Barakat, Garcia, Janbek, Vienna

4. Presentation: None

5. Distribution of Engineer's Report Fiscal Year 2023-2024

District Manager Farned provided an overview of the engineer's report for fiscal year 2023-2024.

The Board received and filed this report.



6. Consider Resolution 2023-03 to Order Collection of Special Benefit Property Taxes Inclusive of Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Mr. Farned provided an overview of the annual budget for fiscal year 2023-2024.

Prior to Board input, President Shevlin opened the Public Comment period and inquired if any speaker requests had been received, Hearing none, President Shevlin closed the Public Comment period.

Motion by Trustee Finlay, seconded by Trustee Calaycay and carried by the following vote to approve Resolution No. 2023-03 to Order Collection of Special Benefit Property Taxes Inclusive of the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

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

7. Consider Filing Letter of Support for Assembly Bill 557

Mr. Farned provided an overview of Assembly Bill 557.

Motion by Trustee Calaycay, seconded by Trustee Sandoval and carried by the following vote to approve filing a letter of support for Assembly Bill 557.

AYES: Aviles, Tay, Gonzales, Calaycay, Cortez, Finlay, Velasco, Doornik, Marcucci, Klinakis, Kashifalghita, Shevlin, Leon, Sandoval, Armenta, Menchaca, Capoccia, Joe, Sternquist, Wu, Johnson

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Estrada, Barakat, Garcia, Janbek, Vienna

 Consider Change of Board of Trustees Meeting Date from November 10, 2023 to November 17, 2023 Due to the Observance of Veteran's Day Holiday Mr. Farned explained the need to change the Board of Trustees meeting date from November

Mr. Farned explained the need to change the Board of Trustees meeting date from November 10 to November 17, 2023.

Motion by Trustee Sandoval, seconded by Trustee Armenta and carried by the following vote to approve change Board of Trustees meeting date from November 10, 2023 to November 17, 2023 due to the observance of veteran's day holiday.

AYES: Aviles, Tay, Gonzales, Calaycay, Cortez, Finlay, Velasco, Doornik, Marcucci, Klinakis, Kashifalghita, Shevlin, Leon, Sandoval, Armenta, Menchaca, Capoccia, Joe, Sternquist, Wu, Johnson

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Estrada, Barakat, Garcia, Janbek, Vienna



9. District Administration

9.1 Committee Meeting Notifications

Mr. Farned stated the Public Information Committee will convene immediately following adjournment of the Board of Trustees meeting.

9.2 District Update

Mr. Farned introduced new Clerk of the Board/Administrative Assistant Jerry Mireles. He reminded the Board about National Mosquito Awareness Week, scheduled for June 18-24, and encouraged them to visit the District's website for more information. He mentioned that the Board Bites can now be found on the District's website under the Board of Trustees tab. He also mentioned the District confirmed its first detection of West Nile Virus from two dead birds collected in the City of West Covina and City officials had been notified through a press release. Additionally, he mentioned an increase in black fly activities in the foothill communities and assured everyone that efforts were being made to address the issue. Furthermore, he shared that an aerial survey conducted in May identified 3,182 non-functional swimming pools and1,154 were unmaintained. Violations notices for those houses would be sent in the coming weeks.

Trustee Menchaca inquired about the number of unmaintained swimming pools per City and requested that this data be included in the Board Bites.

Mr. Farned confirmed that the data will indeed be available and included in the Board Bites.

President Shevlin asked about the District's method of monitoring swimming pools.

Mr. Farned explained that the District utilizes a fixed-wing aircraft for surveillance, conducting backyard pool surveys that specifically target poorly maintained swimming pools. These aerial surveys help the District locate and eliminate mosquito breeding sources in residential areas.

President Shevlin then inquired about the number of residents complying with pool maintenance.

Mr. Farned indicated that once residents receive a notice to maintain their pool, the majority comply and respond accordingly. He added that the District has only had to issue one or two warrants in the past couple of years.

Trustee Kashifalghita asked if the District offers any grants to residents to assist with pool maintenance costs.

Mr. Farned responded that currently, the state does not provide grants to help residents with pool maintenance expenses. Given the high cost of draining or fixing a pool, the District works with residents on an individual basis to find suitable solutions.

10. Committee Reports

None



- **11. Trustee Reports** None
- 12. New Business None

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 a.m.