



TRUSTEES PRESENT

Henry Aviles (Alhambra)
Robert Gonzales (Azusa)
Richard Barakat (Bradbury)
Corey Calaycay (Claremont)
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

Sho Tay (Arcadia)
Emmanuel Estrada (Baldwin Park)
Patricia Cortez (Covina)
Margaret Finlay (Duarte)
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

District Counsel, Kelly Alhadeff-Black

1. Call to Order

Board President Capoccia called the meeting to order at 7:01 a.m. Trustee Diaz 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 Secretary-Treasurer Calaycay, seconded by Trustee Armenta and carried by the following vote to approve Items 3.1- 3.8 of the Consent Calendar.

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



4. Presentation

4.3 City and Trustee Engagement Awards

Director of Communications, Anais Medina Diaz, presented the first inaugural City and Trustee Engagement Awards. She announced the Distinguished Trustee Engagement Award was awarded to Trustee Doornik, the Excellence in Engagement and Collaboration Award to Trustee Estrada, and the Excellence in Social Media Engagement Award to Trustee Leon.

4.2 Eaton Fire Disaster Response – Status Report

District Manager Jason Farned provided an update on the Eaton Fire disaster response. He noted that the district is finalizing a data-driven response plan based on best practices, which includes assessing breeding sources, increasing surveillance, evaluating financial and operational impacts to ensure service continuity, identifying funding opportunities, and implementing a custom Right of Entry Form for property owner signatures to secure FEMA reimbursement. He also discussed the current status of the affected areas and outlined the next steps.

Trustee Barakat mentioned that many residents lack pool equipment and electricity to properly clean their pools, making this an ongoing issue. Mr. Farned added that ash and debris entering the pools caused damage when residents with electricity ran their pool pumps, leading to equipment failure. These residents will need professional assistance to repair their damaged pool pumps and air filters and working with them will be essential.

Trustee Barakat followed up, noting that residents requesting the U.S. Army Corps to completely drain their pools could cause structural damage, presenting an additional issue.

Trustee Shevlin inquired if mosquito fish could survive in the current conditions due to ash and debris. Mr. Farned responded that it is still being assessed and testing is underway to determine its viability.

Vice-President Kashifalghita inquired if the District would be reimbursed for its involvement in the task forces and for providing treatment to the areas. Mr. Farned replied that the District is in the process of applying for FEMA reimbursement and FEMA has indicated that all time spent is reimbursable, though it is still to be determined if reimbursement will be granted.

Trustee Sandoval inquired if the District has considered litigation to recover funds. Mr. Farned responded that they would follow up to determine if that option is feasible.

Trustee Barakat suggested placing QR codes around the area to assist residents by providing information and helping them submit the Right of Entry Forms.

Secretary-Treasurer Calaycay asked if the District has contacted federal representatives Judy Chu, Norma Torres, and Gil Cisneros. Mr. Farned responded that they are in the process of reaching out to them for potential support.



4.1 2025 Strategic Report

Mr. Farned provided a presentation on the district's 2025 Strategic Plan and shared results of the 2024 Staff Survey. Discussion ensued and trustees shared appreciation of the positive results and feedback regarding staff survey.

5. Consider Resolution 2025-02: Approval of the Southern California Mutual Assistance Agreement for Mosquito and Vector Control Services

Mr. Farned reported on the agreement for Mosquito and Vector Control Services which provides a framework for inter-agency cooperation, enabling participating agencies to provide and receive personnel, equipment and resources in times of need. The agreement supersedes the 2020 Mutual Assistance Agreement and incorporates key updates that improve efficiency and response effectiveness.

Motion by Secretary-Treasurer Calaycay, seconded by Treasurer Sandoval, and carried the following vote to approve Resolution 2025-02 authorizing the District's participation in the Southern California Mutual Assistance Agreement for Mosquito and Vector Control Services.

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

6. Annual Review of Signatory Authority

Mr. Farned reported the executive committee has been updated to include Corey Calaycay as Secretary-Treasurer, alongside President John Capoccia, Vice President Meshal Kashifalghita, and Pasat-President Becky Shevlin.

The Board received and filed this report.

7. Consider Annual Approval of Investment Policy No. 30

Secretary-Treasurer Calaycay reported the finance convened on February 15, 2025 and recommended approval of Policy No. 30 Investments. The Committee reviewed the policy and do not recommend any revisions at this time.

Motion by Trustee Menchaca, seconded by Trustee Leon, and carried the following vote to approve Policy No. 30 – Investments.

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



8. District Administration

8.1 Committee Meeting Notifications

Mr. Farned announced that the Joint Executive and Personnel Committee would begin immediately following the adjournment of the board meeting.

8.2 Annual Form 700 Filing Reminder (Due April 1st)

Mr. Farned reminded the board that the annual Form 700 is due by April 1st. Board members can submit the form electronically through the county's portal or provide an original copy to the Clerk of the Board.

8.3 District Update

Mr. Farned announced that a request has been made to include remote meeting participation on the agenda, which will be discussed at the April board meeting. He also provided an update on the solar project, noting that permitting is in progress, construction will begin in May, and the project is expected to be completed by September. Additionally, he informed the board about an upcoming California Special District Association event and invited them to attend the "Legislator of the Year" event honoring Assemblywoman Blanca Rubio. He mentioned that Clerk of the Board Mireles had emailed the event information to the board and encouraged them to contact the Clerk if they wish to RSVP.

9. Committee Reports

None

10. Trustee Report

None

11. New Business

None

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 a.m.