



**TRUSTEES PRESENT**

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

**TRUSTEES ABSENT**

Patricia Cortez (Covina)  
Margaret Finlay (Duarte)  
Meshal Kashifalghita (La Verne)  
Rosario Diaz (West Covina)

**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**

President Capoccia called the meeting to order at 7:04 a.m. Trustee Aviles 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 Shevlin, seconded by Trustee Calaycay and carried by the following vote to approve Items 3.1- 3.7 of the Consent Calendar.

AYES: Aviles, Tay, Gonzales, Estrada, Barakat, Calaycay, Velasco, Doornik, Moss, Garcia, Klinakis, Saraiya, Shevlin, Leon, Janbek, Sandoval, Armenta, Vienna, Menchaca, Capoccia, Joe, Sternquist, Wu

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cortez, Finlay, Kashifalghita, Diaz



**4. Presentation**

None

**5. Trustee Service Pin Presentation**

President Capoccia recognized Trustees Gonzales, Doornik, Klinakis, Vienna, Menchaca, and Joe for five years of service, and Trustees Leon and Sternquist for fifteen years of service.

**6. Presentation of Candidates for the 2026 Executive Offices of President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer for the Board of Trustees**

Nominations Committee Chair Menchaca announced the proposed slate of officers: Trustee Meshal Kashifalghita for President, Denise Menchaca for Vice President, and Corey Calaycay for Secretary/Treasurer. She stated that the slate will be presented for approval at the January 9, 2026 Regular Board Meeting.

**7. Trustee Conference Attendance – Appointment of Attendees for the 94<sup>th</sup> Annual MVCAC Conference**

President Capoccia announced Trustees Estrada and Doornik interest to attend the 94<sup>th</sup> Annual MVCAC Conference.

Motion by Trustee Calaycay, seconded by Trustee Shevlin and carried by the following vote to approve President Capoccia’s recommendation for Trustee’s Estrada and Doornik to attend the 94<sup>th</sup> Annual MVCAC Conference.

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

**8. FEMA Public Assistance Reimbursement – Eaton Fire Response**

District Manager, Jason Farned, reported that the District received a FEMA Public Assistance reimbursement in the amount of \$62,243.02 for emergency mosquito control operations conducted in response to the 2025 Eaton Fire. He explained that the reimbursement was processed through Cal OES under FEMA Disaster DR-4856-CA and will be recorded as Other Revenue in FY 2025/26. Mr. Farned recommended that the Board accept the funds and approve their transfer to the District’s Designated Reserve – Public Health Emergency.

Trustee Saraiya commended the District on securing the FEMA reimbursement and noted that obtaining such reimbursement requires significant effort and administrative work.



Motion by Trustee Shevlin, seconded by Trustee Calaycay and carried by the following vote to accept the FEMA Public Assistance reimbursement of \$62,243.02 as other Revenue for FY 2025/26 and approve its transfer to the District's Designated Reserve – Public Health Emergency in accordance with the District's reserve policies.

AYES: Aviles, Tay, Gonzales, Estrada, Barakat, Calaycay, Velasco, Doornik, Moss, Garcia, Klinakis, Saraiya, Shevlin, Leon, Janbek, Sandoval, Armenta, Vienna, Menchaca, Capoccia, Joe, Sternquist, Wu

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cortez, Finlay, Kashifalghita, Diaz

## 9. Consideration of Virtual Attendance Options for Board and Committee Meetings

Mr. Farned summarized the Board's discussions from May 12, 2023 and April 11, 2025 regarding virtual meeting attendance, including options under the Brown Act and limitations related to outdated audiovisual equipment. He noted that on both occasions, the Board reached consensus to continue holding in-person meetings due to quorum stability, cost considerations, administrative burden, and a preference for in-person collaboration. The item was brought forward again for further discussion.

Trustee Calaycay expressed concerns about offering a virtual attendance option, noting the potential for disruptions during public comment. Trustee Barakat concurred and stated that investing approximately \$100,000 in audiovisual equipment would not be fiscally responsible. President Capoccia emphasized the value of in-person meetings, noted that the Board has not experienced quorum issues and stated that the convenience of virtual attendance does not justify the associated costs.

Trustee Doornik inquired whether an audio recording could be provided to the full Board when members are absent. Mr. Farned responded that staff would explore the feasibility of doing so and evaluate potential funding in the next fiscal year.

The Board reached consensus to continue holding meetings in person.

## 10. District Administration

### 10.1 Committee Meeting Notification: Public Information Committee and Ad Hoc Committee

Mr. Farned announced that the Public Information Committee would convene immediately following adjournment of the Board meeting in the District Manager's office, and that the ad hoc committee would meet in the Board Room.

### 10.2 District Update

Mr. Farned expressed appreciation to the Trustees for their dedication throughout a productive and challenging year and congratulated the Trustees who were reappointed. He also reported that the solar panels were installed and that the required documentation was submitted to Edison.



### **10.3 End of Season – Video Recap**

Mr. Farned mentioned that the Communications Department, led by Director Anais Medina Diaz, produced an end-of-season recap video featuring district staff and trustees. The Board praised the staff for their work in 2025.

### **11. Committee Reports**

None

### **12. Trustee Report**

Trustee Doornik reported that she attended her first SGVCOG EENR Committee meeting and expressed appreciation to the Board for her appointment to the Committee. Trustee Velasco inquired about the District's process for distributing information related to truck-mounted treatments and Mr. Farned explained the process and noted that additional information would be included in a future presentation.

### **13. New Business**

None

### **14. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 a.m.