



TRUSTEES PRESENT

Henry Aviles (Alhambra)
Sho Tay (Arcadia)
Robert Gonzales (Azusa)
Emmanuel Estrada (Baldwin Park) *Arrived at 7:08 A.M.*
Richard Barakat (Bradbury)
Corey Calaycay (Claremont) – Secretary/Treasurer
Patricia Cortez (Covina) *Arrived at 7:11 A.M.*
Jerry Velasco (El Monte)
Jackie Doornik (Glendora) *Arrived at 7:09 A.M.*
Manuel Garcia (Irwindale)
Charlie Klinakis (La Puente)
Meshal Kashifalghita (La Verne) - President
Becky Shevlin (Monrovia)
Joseph Leon (Monterey Park)
Rachel Janbek (Pasadena)
Tim Sandoval (Pomona)
Sandra Armenta (Rosemead) *Arrived at 7:07 A.M.*
Denise Menchaca (San Gabriel) – Vice President
John Capoccia (Sierra Madre) – Past President
Robert Joe (South Pasadena)

TRUSTEES ABSENT

Margaret Finlay (Duarte)
Cory Moss (Industry)
Anish Saraiya (L.A. County)
Ryan Vienna (San Dimas)
Cynthia Sternquist (Temple City)
Allen Wu (Walnut)
Rosario Diaz (West Covina)

STAFF PRESENT

Jason Farned, District Manager
Pablo Cabrera, Communications Specialist
Cecilia Contreras, Director of Administrative Services
Anais Medina Diaz, Director of Communications
Alejandra Gaspar, Outreach Assistant
Tristan Hallum, Director of Scientific Programs
Gilbert Holguin, Director of Operations
Jerry Mireles, Clerk of the Board

GUESTS PRESENT

Andrew Jared, District Counsel
Ed Diab, Diab-Chambers
Torri Sherlin, Baron & Budd

1. Call to Order

President Kashifalghita called the meeting to order at 7:03a.m. Secretary/Treasurer Calaycay 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 Shevlin and carried by the following vote to approve Items 3.1- 3.8 of the Consent Calendar.

AYES: Aviles, Tay, Gonzales, Barakat, Calaycay, Velasco, Garcia, Klinakis, Kashifalghita, Shevlin, Leon, Janbek, Sandoval, Menchaca, Capoccia, Joe

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Estrada, Doornik, Cortez, Finlay, Moss, Saraiya, Armenta, Vienna, Sternquist, Wu, Diaz



4. Presentation

4.1 Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Draft Annual Budget

District Manager, Jason Farned provided a presentation regarding the proposed Fiscal Year 2026-2207 Draft Annual Budget, including projected revenues, expenditures and reserve allocations. The presentation highlighted ongoing operational challenges related to inflation, invasive Aedes mosquito response efforts, blackfly activity and long-term recovery efforts association with the Eaton Fire.

The Board commended Mr. Farned for the presentation.

5. Review of Preliminary Engineer's Report FY 2026-2027

Secretary/Treasurer Calaycay reported an overview of the item.

The Preliminary Engineer's Report was received and filed.

6. Consider Recommendation of Draft Annual Budget for FY 2026-2027

Secretary/Treasurer Calaycay presented the item and reported that the Finance Committee recommended approval of the draft budget. The budget fully funds all existing programs and services and addresses both current and future challenges.

Motion by Trustee Sandoval, seconded by Trustee Leon and carried by the following vote to approve the Draft Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 and direct staff to prepare a Resolution to Order Collection of Special Benefit Property Taxes Inclusive of the FY 2026-2027 Annual Budget.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Finlay, Moss, Saraiya, Vienna, Sternquist, Wu, Diaz

7. Establishment of Ad Hoc Committee – Proposition 218 Process

President Kashifalghita reported on the item. Following discussion, Trustees Barakat, Calaycay, Doornik, Shevlin, and Menchaca volunteered to serve on the Ad Hoc Committee and were appointed by President Kashifalghita.

8. Consider Revisions to Personnel Rules and Regulations Policies

Trustee Shevlin presented the item and reported that the Personnel and Policy Committee recommended approval of the revised policies. As part of the District's annual review of the Personnel Rules and Regulations, four (4) policies were identified for updates to ensure legal Compliance, incorporate statutory requirements and improve clarity and consistency.



Motion by Secretary/Treasurer Calaycay, seconded by Trustee Sandoval and carried by the following vote to approve revised Policy No. 7, Policy No. 12, Policy No. 15 and Policy No. 23.

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

9. District of Distinction Accreditation – Governance Training Initiative

Mr. Farned reported on the District's exploration of participation in the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) Special District Leadership Foundation District of Distinction Accreditation Program. He noted that for districts with boards consisting of more than seven members, a majority of the Board must complete governance training within the previous five years to meet the program requirements.

Discussion ensued. Trustees Calaycay, Kashifalghita, Shevlin, Armenta, Capoccia, Joe, Sternquist, Aviles, Tay, Gonzales, Velasco, Doornik, Janbek, Sandoval, and Menchaca indicated their interest in attending the governance training scheduled for August 14 at 7:00 a.m.

The Board received and filed the report.

10. Closed Session

A. Conference with Legal Counsel – Potential Litigation (District Initiating) (Government Code § 54956.9 (d)(4))
Number of Cases: 1

Members of the Board of Trustees and District Counsel entered closed session. The Board recessed at 7:27 a.m. and reconvened at 7:55 a.m. At the conclusion of the closed session item, President Kashifalghita requested District Counsel Andrew Jared report out any required public disclosure action. The Board unanimously approved a motion by Trustee Sandoval and seconded by Trustee Barakat to retain the law firms of Diab-Chambers and Baron & Budd to seek recovery for costs incurred related to the Eaton Fire.

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



11. District Administration

11.1 District Update

None

12. Committee Reports

None

13. Trustee Report

None

14. New Business

None

15. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 a.m.