



TRUSTEES PRESENT

Henry Aviles (Alhambra)
Sho Tay (Arcadia)
Robert Gonzales (Azusa)
Emmanuel Estrada (Baldwin Park)
Richard Barakat (Bradbury)
Corey Calaycay (Claremont) – Secretary/Treasurer
Margaret Finlay (Duarte)
Jerry Velasco (El Monte)
Cory Moss (Industry)
Manuel Garcia (Irwindale)
Charlie Klinakis (La Puente)
Meshal Kashifalghita (La Verne) - President
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) – Vice President
John Capoccia (Sierra Madre)
Robert Joe (South Pasadena)
Cynthia Sternquist (Temple City)
Allen Wu (Walnut)
Rosario Diaz (West Covina)

TRUSTEES ABSENT

Patricia Cortez (Covina)
Jackie Doornik (Glendora)

STAFF PRESENT

Jason Farned, District Manager
Pablo Cabrera, Communications Specialist
Cecilia Contreras, Director of Administrative Services
Anais Medina Diaz, Director of Communications
Gilbert Holguin, Director of Operations
Jerry Mireles, Clerk of the Board

GUESTS PRESENT

Senator Susan Rubio (SD-22)
Anthony Moreno
District Counsel, Kelly Alhadef-Black

1. Call to Order

President Kashifalghita called the meeting to order at 7:05 a.m. President Kashifalghita 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 Diaz 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, Moss, Garcia, Klinakis, Kashifalghita, Saraiya, Shevlin, Leon, Janbek, Sandoval, Armenta, Vienna, Menchaca, Capoccia, Joe, Sternquist, Wu, Diaz



NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Cortez, Doornik

4. Presentation

4.1 \$500,000 in State Funding for post-fire Mosquito Control Operations

President Kashifalghita introduced Senator Susan Rubio (SD-22), highlighting her leadership in securing state funding to address the long-term challenges caused by the Eaton Fire and its impact on public health. He thanked Senator Rubio for her advocacy, partnership and continued support of the District and San Gabriel Valley Communities.

Senator Rubio presented the District with a \$500,000 check to support its response to the aftermath of the Eaton Fire, noting her role as Chair of the San Gabriel Valley Caucus. She also expressed appreciation for Vice Chair and Assemblymember Mike Fong's commitment to San Gabriel Valley communities, emphasizing the importance of collaboration and partnership.

President Kash then announced a recess at 7:21 a.m. and the meeting reconvened at 7:32 a.m.

5. Consideration to Amend Policy No. 30 – Investments

Secretary-Treasurer Calaycay reported that the Joint Finance and Personnel & Policy Committees met on February 13, 2026, to review amendments to Policy No. 30 – Investments and recommended approval to the Board.

Motion by Trustee Menchaca, seconded by Trustee Velasco and carried by the following vote to adopt the amendments to Policy No. 30 – Investments.

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

6. Consideration of Resolution 2026-02 and Policy No. 43 – Purchasing System and Public Projects

Secretary-Treasurer Calaycay reported on proposed updates to the District's purchasing policies, including adoption of Resolution No. 2026-02 to participate in the Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act (UPCCAA) and approval of Policy No. 43 to align procurement and public works procedures with current state law and best practices. The Joint Finance and Personnel & Policy Committees met on February 13, 2026, reviewed the updates and recommended approval to the Board.

Motion by Secretary-Treasurer Calaycay, seconded by Trustee Velasco and carried by the following vote to adopt Resolution No. 2026-02 and Policy No. 43 – Purchasing System and Public Projects.



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

7. Consideration to Amend Policy No. 33 – Accounts Payable

Secretary-Treasurer Calaycay reported that the Joint Finance and Personnel & Policy Committees met on February 13, 2026, to review amendments to Policy No. 33 – Accounts Payable and recommended approval to the Board.

Motion by Trustee Sandoval, seconded by Trustee Wu and carried by the following vote to adopt the amendments to Policy No. 33 – Accounts Payable.

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

8. Closed Session

- A. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)
Public Employee Performance Evaluation
Title of Position District Manager

Members of the Board of Trustees and District Counsel entered closed session. The Board recessed at 7:37 a.m. and reconvened at 7:45 a.m. At the conclusion of the closed session item, President Kashifalghita requested District Counsel Kelly Alhadeff-Black report out any required public disclosure action. Counsel reported that there was no reportable action.

9. District Administration

9.1 District Update

District Manager Farned reported on recent District activities, including participation in MVCAC Leg Day where staff met with several state legislators and their offices to discuss the impacts of climate change, invasive mosquito species, natural disasters, and the increasing risk of locally transmitted dengue on vector control operations. He also reported that recruitment for seasonal staff is underway, with 13 positions anticipated to begin in early April, noted early increases in mosquito and black fly populations due to weather variability and stated that sunshine reports will be included in the April meeting packet; an MVCAC video was also presented.



10. Committee Reports

10.1 Ad Hoc Committee Meeting – February 23, 2026

Chair Vienna reported that the Ad Hoc Committee met on February 23, 2026, to review proposals submitted in response to the District’s Request for Proposals (RFP) for legal counsel services, noting that eleven proposals were received. The Committee selected five firms to advance to the next stage, with in-person interviews scheduled for March 20 at 8:00 a.m. and will continue its evaluation and provide updates to the Board.

11. Trustee Report

Trustee Capoccia encouraged Trustees to attend the City of Sierra Madre’s annual Wistaria Festival scheduled for Saturday, March 28, 2026.

12. New Business

None

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 a.m.