**TRUSTEES PRESENT**

Henry Aviles (Alhambra)
Robert Gonzales (Azusa)
Corey Calaycay (Claremont) – Secretary/Treasurer
Jerry Velasco (El Monte)
Jackie Doornik (Glendora)
Charlie Klinakis (La Puente)
Meshal Kashifalghita (La Verne) – President
Anish Saraiya (L.A. County) *Arrived at 7:08 A.M.*
Joseph Leon (Monterey Park)
Rachel Janbek (Pasadena) *Arrived at 7:08 A.M.*
Tim Sandoval (Pomona)
Sandra Armenta (Rosemead)
Denise Menchaca (San Gabriel) – Vice President
John Capoccia (Sierra Madre) – Past President
Robert Joe (South Pasadena)
Allen Wu (Walnut)
Rosario Diaz (West Covina)

**TRUSTEES ABSENT**

Sho Tay (Arcadia)
Emmanuel Estrada (Baldwin Park)
Richard Barakat (Bradbury)
Patricia Cortez (Covina)
Margaret Finlay (Duarte)
Cory Moss (Industry)
Manuel Garcia (Irwindale)
Becky Shevlin (Monrovia)
Ryan Vienna (San Dimas)
Cynthia Sternquist (Temple City)

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Jason Farned, District Manager
Cecilia Contreras, Director of Administrative Services
Anais Medina Diaz, Director of Communications
Tristan Hallum, Director of Scientific Programs
Gilbert Holguin, Director of Operations
Jerry Mireles, Clerk of the Board
Andrew Jared, District Counsel
Christina Lopez, Foothill Transit
Wesley Lerg

## 1. Call to Order

President Kashifalghita called the meeting to order at 7:05 a.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

President Kashifalghita opened the Public Comment period. Members of the public requesting to speak included Wesley Lerg.

## 3. Consent Calendar

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

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

## 4. Presentation

4.1 West Nile Virus in 2026: Assessment and Response

Director of Scientific Programs, Tristan Hallum, provided a presentation on West Nile Virus activity in 2026 highlighting elevated transmission levels across the state, county and San Gabriel valley area with local cases exceeding the five-year average. He discussed the District's mosquito control strategies, including surveillance, mosquito treatments and public education efforts. He also highlighted the District's ongoing communication with Trustees, cities and community partners to raise awareness and reduce the risk of West Nile Virus transmission.

## 5. Trustee Conference Opportunity – Call for Statements of Interest Forms for 2027 Annual MVCAC & AMCA Conferences

District Manager, Jason Farned, informed the Trustees about the 2027 Annual MVCAC & AMCA Conferences. He noted that any Trustee interested in attending either conference must submit a Statement of Interest Form by December 2, 2026.

## 6. District Administration

### 6.1 Committee Meeting Notification:

- **Public Information Committee**
- **Finance Committee**

Mr. Farned announced the Public Information and Finance Committees would begin immediately following the adjournment of the board meeting.

### 6.2 District Update

Mr. Farned reported that the District received over 150 service requests during the previous week, compared to the typical average of approximately a dozen requests. He noted that the significant increase reflects elevated mosquito populations and that the District is responding accordingly.

Mr. Farned further reported that mosquito abundance remains above the five-year average but is expected to decline once nighttime temperatures fall below 50 degrees for three consecutive nights. He also reported President Trump's September 29, 2026, Executive Order, titled *"Eliminating Disease-Carrying Pests and Restoring Enjoyment of the Great Outdoors,"* which aims to expand mosquito control efforts and reduce invasive mosquito populations by 90% by 2028.

Trustee Capoccia inquired about funding for the initiative. Mr. Farned responded that funding sources and responsibility for mosquito control operations have yet to be determined.

## 7. Committee Reports

None

## 8. Trustee Report

Secretary-Treasurer Calaycay introduced Christina Lopez a representative of Foothill Transit, to the Board.

**9. New Business**
None

**10. Adjournment**
The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 A.M.