



San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

June 12, 2026

TRUSTEES PRESENT

Henry Aviles (Alhambra)
Sho Tay (Arcadia)
Robert Gonzales (Azusa)
Emmanuel Estrada (Baldwin Park)
Corey Calaycay (Claremont) – Secretary/Treasurer
Jerry Velasco (El Monte)
Jackie Doornik (Glendora)
Cory Moss (Industry)
Manuel Garcia (Irwindale)
Charlie Klinakis (La Puente)
Anish Saraiya (L.A. County)
Joseph Leon (Monterey Park)
Rachel Janbek (Pasadena)
Sandra Armenta (Rosemead)
Denise Menchaca (San Gabriel) – Vice President
Ryan Vienna (San Dimas)
Robert Joe (South Pasadena)
Cynthia Sternquist (Temple City) *Arrived at 7:04 A.M.*
Allen Wu (Walnut)
Rosario Diaz (West Covina)

TRUSTEES ABSENT

Richard Barakat (Bradbury)
Patricia Cortez (Covina)
Margaret Finlay (Duarte)
Meshal Kashifalghita (La Verne) – President
Becky Shevlin (Monrovia)
Tim Sandoval (Pomona)
John Capoccia (Sierra Madre) – Past President

STAFF 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

GUESTS PRESENT

Andrew Jared, District Counsel

1. Call to Order

Vice President Menchaca called the meeting to order at 7:01 a.m. Trustee Garcia 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 Gonzales, seconded by Secretary/Treasurer Calaycay and carried by the following vote to approve Items 3.1- 3.7 of the Consent Calendar.

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



4. Presentation

None

5. Distribution of Engineer's Report Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Vice President Menchaca reported an overview of the item.

The Preliminary Engineer's Report was received and filed.

6. Consider Resolution 2026-04 to Order Collection of Special Benefit Property Taxes Inclusive of Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Vice President Menchaca provided an overview of the item.

Prior to Board input, Vice President Menchaca opened the Public Comment period and inquired if any speaker requests have been received, hearing none, Vice President Menchaca closed the Public Comment period.

Motion by Secretary/Treasurer Calaycay, seconded by Trustee Diaz and carried by the following vote to approve Resolution 2026-04 to Order Collection of Special Benefit Property Taxes Inclusive of the FY 2026-2027 Annual Budget.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Barakat, Cortez, Finlay, Kashifalghita, Shevlin, Sandoval, Capoccia

7. District Administration

7.1 District Update

District Manager, Jason Farned provided an update on the Proposition 218 Ad Hoc Committee, noting that the committee would meet virtually on June 23, 2026. He also reminded the Board that the regular August Board meeting had been canceled and that a four-hour governance training would be offered that day for Trustees interested in attending.

Mr. Farned also provided a mosquito surveillance update, reporting that mosquito activity remains consistent with the five-year average. He reminded Trustees that using mosquito repellent is one of the most effective ways to prevent mosquito bites. He noted that West Nile virus is endemic to the region and that positive mosquito samples are expected throughout the surveillance season. He explained that the greatest risk to humans occurs when virus levels increase in both bird and mosquito populations, allowing the virus to spill over into the human population.

He announced that National Mosquito Control Awareness Week is approaching and reported that several cities will be issuing proclamations in recognition of the observance. He noted that cities have also been provided with social media content to help promote public awareness. Mr. Farned further announced that a Sterile Insect Technique (SIT) Open House and facility tour will be held following the July 10, 2026, Board meeting and invited Trustees interested in attending to participate in the tour.



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Lastly, he recognized Director of Communications Anais Medina Diaz for the District's receipt of the California Association of Public Information Officials (CAPIO) Certificate of Excellence for its crisis communications during the Eaton Fire emergency mosquito control response. The Board commended Ms. Medina Diaz and her team for their outstanding efforts and acknowledged the recognition as a reflection of the District's commitment to effective public communication.

8. Committee Reports

None

9. Trustee Report

Trustees Sternquist and Leon commended Director of Communications Anais Medina Diaz for her presentation at their respective City Council meetings.

Trustee Diaz expressed appreciation to District Manager Jason Farned for attending the City Council meeting and thanked District staff for their participation and support at community events.

10. New Business

None

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 a.m.