



# San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes November 8, 2024

## **TRUSTEES PRESENT**

Henry Aviles (Alhambra)  
Sho Tay (Arcadia)  
Robert Gonzales (Azusa)  
Richard Barakat (Bradbury)  
Corey Calaycay (Claremont)  
Margaret Finlay (Duarte)  
Jerry Velasco (El Monte)  
Jackie Doornik (Glendora)  
Cory Moss (Industry)  
Manuel Garcia (Irwindale)  
Charlie Klinakis (La Puente)  
Meshal Kashifalghita (La Verne)  
Anish Saraiya (L.A. County)  
Becky Shevlin (Monrovia)  
Joseph Leon (Monterey Park)  
Rachel Janbek (Pasadena)  
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)  
Lloyd Johnson (West Covina)

## **TRUSTEES ABSENT**

Emmanuel Estrada (Baldwin Park)  
Patricia Cortez (Covina)  
Tim Sandoval (Pomona)

## **STAFF PRESENT**

Jason Farned  
Cecilia Contreras  
Anais Medina Diaz  
Tristan Hallum  
Gilbert Holguin  
Jerry Mireles

## **GUESTS PRESENT**

District Counsel, Kelly Alhadeff-Black  
Ken Hoving, Centrica Business Solutions  
Derek Brosch, Centrica Business Solutions

### **1. Call to Order**

Board President Capoccia called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m. Trustee Gonzales 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 Velasco, seconded by Trustee Johnson and carried by the following vote to approve Items 3.1- 3.8 of the Consent Calendar.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Estrada, Cortez, Sandoval



## 4. Presentation

### 4.1 Proposed Solar Project

District Manager, Jason Farned, presented on the proposed contract with Centrica Business Solutions, outlining the ad hoc committee's efforts in exploring energy-related improvements. He also mentioned Ken Hoving and Derek Brosch from Centrica Business Solutions to answer any remaining questions. These efforts included roof replacement/repair and the installation of solar photovoltaic panels to reduce electricity costs. He reviewed the selection process of the contractor and the project scope, with an estimated total cost of \$627,963. Farned highlighted the financial benefits and noted that \$300,000 has been allocated in the 24/25 budget for roof repairs and solar installation.

Trustee Barakat inquired about the Inflation Reduction Act, specifically asking if the funds are guaranteed to the district, whether unspent funds could be rescinded by Congress or the President, and what the total cost would be if the act were eliminated. He expressed concerns about the potential elimination of the Inflation Reduction Act.

Ken Hoving responded that the current provisions of the Inflation Reduction Act guarantee funding, but it is set to expire in three years. After that, Congress or the President could propose changes to the statute.

Mr. Farned noted that he would follow up with the total cost estimate in the unlikely event that the refund from the Inflation Reduction Act is not available.

Trustee Shevlin inquired whether the District anticipates any future services or programs that would impact electrical usage.

Mr. Farned responded that the District does not foresee any significant increase in electrical usage in the near future, though long-term projections are difficult to determine.

Trustee Shevlin then asked if the proposed system allows for expansion in case of a dramatic increase in usage.

Mr. Farned confirmed that the system can be expanded, and investing in future capacity is an option. The District can revisit this issue if conditions change.

Trustee Barakat asked about the lifespan of the panels, specifically regarding their degradation rate by the year 2050.

Mr. Hoving explained that the panels experience a 2% degradation in the first year, followed by a 0.5% annual decrease thereafter. By the end of the system's life cycle, the panels would still be producing at 87% efficiency.



**5. Consider Resolution 2024-04, Approving an Energy Services Contract with Centrica Business Solutions in the amount of \$627,963.00 and Authorizing the District Manager to Execute the Agreement**

After further discussion during the presentation, the Board reached a consensus.

Motion by Vice President Kashifalghita, seconded by Trustee Menchaca and carried by the following vote to approve Resolution No. 2024-04, authorizing the execution of the Energy Services Contract with Centrica Business Solutions in the amount of \$627,963.00. The Resolution also grants the District Manager, Jason Farned, the authority to sign the contract and manage the project's execution to ensure timely and efficient completion.

AYES: Aviles, Tay, Gonzales, Calaycay, Velasco, Doornik, Moss Garcia, Klinakis, Kashifalghita, Saraiya, Shevlin, Leon, Janbek, Armenta, Vienna, Menchaca, Capoccia, Joe, Sternquist, Wu, Johnson  
NOES: Barakat  
ABSTAIN: Finlay  
ABSENT: Estrada, Cortez, Sandoval

**6. Authorization for District Manager's Signature on the 2025 Cooperative Agreement with the California Department of Public Health**

District Manager Farned provided an overview of the item.

Motion by Trustee Shevlin, seconded by Trustee Sternquist and carried by the following vote to authorize the District Manager to renew and sign the 2025 CDPH Cooperative Agreement.

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

**7. Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California (MVCAC) 93<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference**

District Manager Farned informed the Trustees about the MVCAC 93<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference. He emphasized that any Trustee wishing to attend the conference must submit the statement of interest form by December 2, 2024.



## 8. District Administration

### 8.1 Committee Meeting Notifications

Mr. Farned stated that the Finance and Audit Committee would begin after the board meeting adjourns.

### 8.2 District Update

Mr. Farned reported that the mosquito population has significantly decreased due to weather conditions and is already below the 5-year average. As the population continues to decline, mosquito control efforts will also be reduced. West Nile virus cases have decreased, with no positive results in mosquitoes or birds, and only one human case reported by the City of Pasadena in mid-October. The state of California reported 344 travel-related dengue cases, up from 250 at the same time last year, and 13 locally transmitted cases, compared to 3 last year, showing a significant increase. There has been extensive media coverage of dengue, and Director of Communications Anais Medina Diaz commended the Operations and Communications teams for their extra effort in managing the increased attention.

Mr. Farned concluded by praising the City of Baldwin Park and El Monte for their cooperation and responsiveness in addressing the dengue activity. Finally, a full cost analysis of the dengue response will be provided to the board in the coming months. He also reminded the board about the holiday breakfast scheduled for 7:00 a.m. at the December board meeting.

Trustee Finlay requested that District Manager Farned provide a report of all District activities from the past month for her to share with her City Council.

## 9. Committee Reports

None

## 10. Trustee Report

None

## 11. New Business

None

## 12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 a.m.