

San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes July 12, 2024

TRUSTEES PRESENT

Sho Tay (Arcadia)

Robert Gonzales (Azusa)

Richard Barakat (Bradbury)

Corey Calaycay (Claremont)

Jerry Velasco (El Monte)

Jackie Doornik (Glendora)

Cory Moss (Industry)

Anish Saraiya (L.A. County)

Charlie Klinakis (La Puente)

Meshal Kashifalghita (La Verne)

Becky Shevlin (Monrovia)

Rachel Janbek (Pasadena)

Tim Sandoval (Pomona)

Sandra Armenta (Rosemead)

Denise Menchaca (San Gabriel)

John Capoccia (Sierra Madre)

Robert Joe (South Pasadena)

Cynthia Sternquist (Temple City)

Allen Wu (Walnut)

Lloyd Johnson (West Covina)

TRUSTEES ABSEN

Henry Aviles (Alhambra)

Emmanuel Estrada (Baldwin Park)

Patricia Cortez (Covina)

Margaret Finlay (Duarte)

Manuel Garcia (Irwindale)

Joseph Leon (Monterey Park)

Ryan Vienna (San Dimas)

STAFF PRESENT

Jason Farned

Cecilia Contreras

Tristan Hallum

Gilbert Holquin

Anais Medina Diaz

Jerry Mireles

GUESTS PRESENT

District Counsel, Kelly Alhadeff-Black

1. Call to Order

Board President Capoccia called the meeting to order at 7:01 a.m. Trustee 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 Trustee Sandoval, seconded by Trustee Shevlin and carried by the following vote to approve Items 3.1- 3.8 of the Consent Calendar.

AYES: Tay, Gonzales, Barakat, Calaycay, Velasco, Doornik, Moss, Saraiya, Klinakis,

Kashifalghita, Shevlin, Janbek, Sandoval, Armenta, Menchaca, Capoccia, Joe,

Sternquist, Wu, Johnson

NOES: None ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Aviles, Estrada, Cortez, Finlay, Garcia, Leon, Vienna



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4. Presentation

4.1 Truck Mounted Treatments

District Manager, Jason Farned, presented on how the district operates truck mounted treatments, emphasizing the process and impact. He discussed a press release where the District detailed performing two treatments in select areas of Monterey Park and Bassett. These treatments involve aerial-wide pesticide applications conducted by a team operating a truck-mounted Ultra Low Volume spray unit. The goal is to target flying adult mosquitoes potentially carrying the West Nile Virus. This method effectively reduces the mosquito population and can disrupt active disease transmission. These treatments are initiated reactively based on specific triggers.

Mr. Farned highlighted that these treatments are driven by data, aiming to inform residents and stakeholders about the process. He provided an overview to the Trustees, outlining the triggers for initiating truck-mounted treatments, which include adult mosquito abundance and the presence of West Nile Virus. He also discussed mandatory response criteria, historical trap data, and the notification process involved.

Trustee Armenta asked if they could include multiple languages on the notification signs. Mr. Farned responded that most languages are accessible through the QR code on the sign.

Trustee Barakat suggested that the sign indicate the availability of more languages if one scans the QR code. Mr. Farned agreed to include that information.

Trustee Shevlin inquired about the recent truck applications. Mr. Farned mentioned they conducted a few last year in the City of Covina near areas with West Nile virus clusters that were virus-driven.

Trustee Sandoval sought clarification on the trigger for the response in Monterey Park. Mr. Farned clarified that it was due to an increase in the mosquito population.

5. 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, District Counsel, Director of Administrative Services, and Clerk of the Board entered closed session. The Board recessed at 7:32 a.m. and reconvened at 7:57 a.m. At the conclusion of the closed session, President Capoccia requested District Counsel Black report out any required public disclosure action. District Counsel Black indicated that the direction is to provide a second amendment to the district manager contract at the next board meeting on August 9, 2024.



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6. District Administration

6.1 District Update

Mr. Farned mentioned that he attended the CSDA Annual Leadership Summit on June 24 and 25. He noted that the sunshine report is included in the agenda packet and spoke positively about the conference.

He also mentioned that the CDC issued a health advisory regarding an increased risk of dengue virus in the United States. He noted that Puerto Rico declared a state of emergency with over 1,500 cases reported, and 745 travel related cases have been reported in the U.S. since January.

Additionally, he mentioned that the black fly population in the foothills has been higher than normal, and staff have been actively working to mitigate the problem. He announced that the Sante Fe Dam has been releasing water full time, which reduces the effectiveness of treatment and creates challenges.

Lastly, he shared the PSAs were recorded a month ago and acknowledged Trustees Klinakis and Joe for having the most views and Trustee Shevlin for receiving the most likes.

7. Committee Reports

7.1 Solar Project Ad Hoc Committee Meeting – June 14, 2024

Mr. Farned shared the conclusions of the Solar Project ad hoc committee with the board. He provided an update on the next steps, and the committee directed staff to proceed with Centrica Business Solutions.

8. Trustee Reports

None

9. New Business

None

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 a.m.