

San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes October 11, 2024

TRUSTEES PRESENT

Henry Aviles (Alhambra) Sho Tay (Arcadia) Robert Gonzales (Azusa) Emmanuel Estrada (Baldwin Park) Corey Calaycay (Claremont) Jerry Velasco (El Monte) Jackie Doornik (Glendora) Manuel Garcia (Irwindale) Charlie Klinakis (La Puente) 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) John Capoccia (Sierra Madre) Robert Joe (South Pasadena) Allen Wu (Walnut) Lloyd Johnson (West Covina)

TRUSTEES ABSENT

Richard Barakat (Bradbury) Patricia Cortez (Covina) Margaret Finlay (Duarte) Cory Moss (Industry) Meshal Kashifalghita (La Verne) Cynthia Sternquist (Temple City)

STAFF PRESENT

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

GUESTS PRESENT

District Counsel, Kelly Alhadeff-Black

1. Call to Order

Board President Capoccia called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m. Trustee Klinakis 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, Estrada, Calaycay, Velasco, Doornik, Garcia, Klinakis, Saraiya, Shevlin, Leon, Janbek, Sandoval, Armenta, Vienna, Menchaca, Capoccia, Joe, Wu, Johnson
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Barakat, Cortez, Finlay, Moss, Kashifalghita, Sternquist



4. Presentation

4.1 Arial Overview

Director of Operations, Gilbert Holguin, presented an overview of 2024 non-functional swimming pools, distinguishing between maintained and unmaintained pools. He outlined the challenges associated with non-functional pools and detailed the use of aerial surveillance imagery to identify both types. He also explained the program's process for issuing violation notices, including the first, second, and final notices, as well as the warrant investigation process. He acknowledged the contributions of staff members: Customer Service Representative Corey Ganivet, Data Analyst Bryan Sorvillo, and Vector Control Specialist III Antonio Bishop.

Trustee Sandoval praised Mr. Holguin for his presentation.

Trustee Shevlin inquired about the initiation process for warrant investigations and what happens after the warrant is served.

Mr. Holguin explained if residents do not respond, the District will access the property under the warrant and issue an inspection notice for the pool. Mr. Farned highlighted that the District's main objective is to treat the pool to restore its functionality. For non-compliant residents, the District will work with code enforcement.

President Capoccia asked if the number of empty swimming pools has declined over the years and how much they contribute to the mosquito population. Mr. Holguin noted that since the District began aerial surveillance, the number of nonfunctional swimming pools has dropped from 6,500 to 3,400. He added that it's challenging to assess the extent of swimming pools' impact on the mosquito population.

Trustee Doornik asked about the use of mosquitofish in pools.

Mr. Holguin confirmed that the District provides free mosquitofish to properties within the District for placement on their property only. Mr. Farned added that using mosquitofish can be problematic, as residents need to coordinate with the District for inspections, and some cities have regulations against mosquitofish.



5. Consider Resolution 2024-03 Adopting Certain Findings and Approval of an Energy Service Contract for Energy-Related Improvements with Centrica Business Solutions under Government Code 4217.10 to 4217.18

Mr. Farned provided a report on an overview of the proposed energy-related improvements to District facilities. He went into detail on the project scope and financial impact it will have on the District.

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

Motion by Trustee Velasco, seconded by Trustee Calaycay and carried by the following vote to enter into an Energy Service Contract with Centrica Business Solutions. The Resolution will allow the District to finalize the agreement and initiate the energy-related improvements.

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

6. Trustee Terms of Office Ending on December 31, 2024

President Capoccia indicated the following trustees' terms would be ending on 12/31/24: Doornik, Moss, Garcia, Sandoval, Capoccia, Sternquist, Wu. Letters have been sent to the City notifying respective cities of their representative upcoming term expirations.

The Board received and filed this report.

7. District Administration

7.1 Committee Meeting Notifications

Mr. Farned stated that the Finance and Audit and Personnel & Policy Committees would begin after the board meeting adjourns. He mentioned that the District aims to schedule committee meetings immediately following the board meeting to save trustees time in attending them.

7.2 District Update

Mr. Farned noted that Tristan Hallum, the Director of Scientific Programs, attended the SOVE annual conference, while he attended the 2024 CSDA Conference. He shared details about both events and highlighted that he earned a certificate from CSDA after successfully completing the Certified Special District Manager program, including passing the exam and all necessary requirements.

President Capoccia praised Mr. Farned on his achievement.



Mr. Farned provided an update on dengue, noting that the LA County Department of Public Health reported a total of 112 cases, including 106 travel-related and 6 local cases. He indicated that the number of cases has significantly increased compared to last year. Mr. Farned emphasized the need for the District to begin strategizing for this new environment, as it is likely to become the new normal. He also highlighted that the District has been very active in responding to all cases while continuing to fulfill its mission.

8. Committee Reports

None

- 9. Trustee Reports None
- 10. New Business None

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 a.m.