

# San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes September 13, 2024

## TRUSTEES PRESENT

Henry Aviles (Alhambra)

Sho Tay (Arcadia)

Robert Gonzales (Azusa)

Emmanuel Estrada (Baldwin Park)

Richard Barakat (Bradbury)

Corey Calaycay (Claremont)

Patricia Cortez (Covina)

Jerry Velasco (El Monte)

Jackie Doornik (Glendora)

Cory Moss (Industry)

Manuel Garcia (Irwindale)

Charlie Klinakis (La Puente)

Meshal Kashifalghita (La Verne)

Becky Shevlin (Monrovia)

Rachel Janbek (Pasadena)

Tim Sandoval (Pomona)

Sandra Armenta (Rosemead)

John Capoccia (Sierra Madre)

Robert Joe (South Pasadena)

Cynthia Sternguist (Temple City)

Allen Wu (Walnut)

Lloyd Johnson (West Covina)

#### 1. Call to Order

Board President Capoccia called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m. Trustee Wu 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 Shevlin, seconded by Trustee Sandoval and carried by the following vote to approve Items 3.1- 3.7 of the Consent Calendar.

AYES: Aviles, Tay, Gonzales, Estrada, Barakat, Calaycay, Cortez, Velasco, Doornik,

Moss, Garcia, Klinakis, Kashifalghita, Shevlin, Janbek, Sandoval, Armenta,

Capoccia, Joe, Sternquist, Wu, Johnson

NOES: None ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Finlay, Saraiya, Leon, Vienna, Menchaca

## **TRUSTEES ABSENT**

Margaret Finlay (Duarte)

Anish Saraiya (L.A. County)

Joseph Leon (Monterey Park)

Ryan Vienna (San Dimas)

Denise Menchaca (San Gabriel)

### **STAFF PRESENT**

Jason Farned

Cecilia Contreras

Tristan Hallum

Gilbert Holquin

Anais Medina Diaz

Jerry Mireles

### **GUESTS PRESENT**

Ken Hoving, Centrica Business Solutions Brett Watson, Centrica Business Solutions



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#### 4. Presentation

# 4.1 Proposed Solar Project

Ken Hoving and Brett Watson, representing Centrica Business Solutions, delivered a presentation covering roof replacement and solar. They provided an overall assessment of the condition of the roof, provided project summary, solar installation features and benefits and detailed ongoing services that they will provide. They further went into detail regarding the project financials, financing agreement and detailed the next steps on the proposal.

President Capoccia asked if failing to clean the panels would impact the warranty and whether having them cleaned is cost-effective.

Mr. Hoving responded that while a warranty is not required, it is related to the performance guarantee aimed at optimizing productivity. He noted that issues with solar panels typically arise from converters or electrical components rather than dirt on the panels. He added that the agreement includes ongoing system monitoring and the option to train staff for cleaning.

Trustee Barakat asked about the generation meter and how it ensures proper generation.

Mr. Watson explained that the machine is equipped to report on performance and capacity, helping to maximize efficiency.

Trustee Barakat inquired whether the roof would be stripped down to the wood during repairs and how many layers currently exist.

Mr. Watson responded that they won't strip it down and they will inspect the wood but maintain the existing roof structure, applying asphalt over it. He confirmed there is only one layer of roofing.

Trustee Wu inquired about who is accountable for ensuring compliance with government regulations and County minimum wage rates, as well as overseeing the project's scope of work.

District Manager Jason Farned responded that Centrica will serve as the Project Manager, responsible for overseeing the project. Mr. Watson confirmed that the County wage rates will be adhered to and that certified payroll will be maintained.

Trustee Joe asked if there is a backup system in place for the solar energy system, and how the district would obtain electricity in case of a solar failure.

Mr. Watson clarified that there is no backup system, such as batteries, and that the district would rely on Edison for standard electricity usage if solar production fails.

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### 5. Consideration of Solar Project Management with Centrica Business Solutions

Mr. Farned provided further details on the next steps and emphasized that the approval will allow the District to proceed with the proposed contract.

Motion by Trustee Wu, seconded by Trustee Shevlin and carried by the following vote to proceed with the proposed solar project that will enable the District to move forward with required public hearing noticing and to prepare a Resolution for Board adoption to execute an Energy Services Contract with Centrica Business Solutions and secure associated financing.

AYES: Aviles, Tay, Gonzales, Estrada, Barakat, Calaycay, Cortez, Velasco, Doornik,

Moss, Garcia, Klinakis, Kashifalghita, Shevlin, Janbek, Sandoval, Armenta,

Capoccia, Joe, Sternquist, Wu, Johnson

NOES: None ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Finlay, Saraiya, Leon, Vienna, Menchaca

#### 6. District Administration

#### **6.1 District Update**

Mr. Farned reported a locally acquired dengue case in Baldwin Park. This year, the District has recorded 15 travel-related dengue cases. To enhance surveillance, the District has increased mosquito traps and testing frequency to detect mosquito-borne diseases in local populations. Field staff are also conducting door-to-door inspections and treatments to reduce adult mosquito numbers and breeding sites. The District has acted swiftly to improve surveillance, educate residents, and control mosquito populations, including two truck-mounted treatments on September 10th and 11th.

President Capoccia inquired about tracking the decrease in mosquito populations to combat the Dengue case. Mr. Farned confirmed that this is included in the enhanced surveillance, and results are currently being processed. These results will help evaluate the effectiveness of their response, allowing for necessary adjustments.

Overall mosquito abundance remains in line with the five-year average, with numbers in Monterey Park showing a decline. In August, testing for West Nile Virus included 148 mosquito pools, with 13 new positives, and 5 birds tested positive, but no human cases reported at this time.

# 7. Committee Reports

None

#### 8. Trustee Reports

None

#### 9. New Business

None

#### 10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 a.m.