



Coachella Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District

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Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, July 14, 2026

6:00 p.m.

AGENDA

Materials related to an agenda item that are submitted to the Board of Trustees after distribution of the agenda packets are available for public inspection in the Clerk of the Board's office during normal business hours and on the District's website.

This meeting will be conducted by video and/or teleconference as well as in person at the District office located at the address listed above. To view/listen/participate in the meeting live, please join by calling 1-888-475-4499 (toll-free), meeting ID: [847 1941 0493](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84719410493), or click this link to join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84719410493>.

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Our Mission, Vision, and Values

Mission Statement We protect public health with our communities through proven scientific, educational, and sustainable vector control programs.

Vision We envision our communities free of mosquito and vector-borne disease.

Values Integrity and Trust | Collaboration | Dedication and Service | Respect

1. Call to Order – Benjamin Guitron, IV, President

A. Roll Call

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Confirmation of Agenda

4. Public Comments

Members of the public may provide comments in person or remotely at the time of the meeting as set forth in the agenda. Public comments may also be sent by E-mail to the Clerk of the Board by 2:00 p.m. on July 14, 2026, at mscarborougheckel@cvmosquito.org. E-mails received prior to 2:00 p.m. on the day of the Board meeting will be made part of the record and distributed to the Board. This method is encouraged as it gives the Board of Trustees the opportunity to reflect upon your input. E-mails will not be read at the meeting.

- A. PUBLIC Comments — NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** This time is for members of the public to address the Board of Trustees on items of general interest (a non-agenda item) within the subject matter jurisdiction of the District. The District values your comments; however, pursuant to the Brown Act, the Board cannot take action on items not listed on the posted Agenda. **Comments are limited to a total of three (3) minutes per speaker for non-agenda items.**

- B. PUBLIC Comments — AGENDA ITEMS:** This time is for members of the public to address the Board of Trustees on agenda items (Open and Closed Sessions). **Comments are limited to three (3) minutes per speaker per agenda item.**

All comments are to be directed to the Board of Trustees and shall be devoid of any personal attacks. Members of the public are expected to maintain a professional, courteous decorum during public comments.

5. Public Hearing Regarding Resolution 2026-09 Approving Engineer’s Report, Confirming Diagram and Assessment, and Ordering the Levy of Assessments for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 for the Coachella Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District Mosquito, Fire Ant, and Disease Control Assessment — David l’Anson, Administrative Finance Manager

A. Staff Report — David l’Anson, Administrative Finance Manager

B. Open Public Hearing — Benjamin Guitron, IV, Board President

- C. Public Comment – Resolution 2026-09 Approving Engineer’s Report, Confirming Diagram and Assessment, and Ordering the Levy of Assessments for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 for the Coachella Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District Mosquito, Fire Ant, and Disease Control Assessment
- D. Close Public Comment
- E. Close Public Hearing — **Benjamin Guitron, IV, Board President**
- F. Deliberation and Consideration of the Approval of Resolution 2026-09 Approving the Engineer’s Report, Confirming Diagram and Assessment, and Ordering the Levy of Assessments for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 for the Coachella Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District Mosquito, Fire Ant and Disease Control Assessment

Staff recommends that the Board of Trustees adopt Resolution No. 2026-09 Approving the Engineer's Report, Confirming the Diagram and Assessment, and Ordering the Levy of Assessments for Fiscal Year 2026–2027 for the Coachella Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District Mosquito, Fire Ant, and Disease Control Assessment in accordance with applicable legal requirements and supports continued funding for mosquito and vector surveillance, disease prevention, invasive species control, public outreach, and related public health protection services throughout the District's service area.

6. Announcements, Presentation, and Written Communications

- A. Vector Control Joint Powers Agency (VCJPA) Insurance Overview — **Yahaira Velasquez, Executive Director/Administrator**

7. Items of General Consent

The following items are routine in nature and may be approved by one blanket motion upon unanimous consent. The President or any member of the Board of Trustees may request an item be pulled from Items of General Consent for a separate discussion.

- A. Minutes for June 9, 2026, Board Meeting
- B. Approval of expenditures for June 5, 2026, to July 9, 2026
- C. Approval of Resolution 2026-10 Adopting Employee Pay Schedule, in conformance with California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Sections 570.5 and 571 —**Crystal Garcia Moreno, MSIOP, Human Resources Risk Manager**

Staff recommends that the Board of Trustees adopt Resolution No. 2026-10 Adopting the Employee Pay Schedule in Conformance with California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Sections 570.5 and 571, thereby ensuring the District maintains compliance with CalPERS reporting requirements and applicable state regulations governing publicly available pay schedules.

- D. Approval of Resolution 2026-11 Authorizing Attendance at Professional Development Conferences and Meetings by members of the Board of Trustees and Employees of the District for Fiscal Years 2026-2027 — **Jeremy Wittie, MS, CSDM, General Manager**

Staff recommends that the Board of Trustees adopt Resolution No. 2026-11 Authorizing Attendance at Professional Development Conferences and Meetings by Members of the Board of Trustees and Employees of the District for Fiscal Year 2026–2027 to support continuing education, professional development, and compliance with applicable laws, regulations, and industry best practices while ensuring the prudent use of District resources.

- E. Informational Items:

- Financials — **David I'Anson, Administrative Finance Manager**
- Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting — **David I'Anson, Administrative Finance Manager**
- Approval of Resolution 2026-12 Biennial Adoption of a Conflict-of-Interest Code — **Megan Scarborough-Eckel, Clerk of the Board**
- District Travel for the Board of Trustees — **Megan Scarborough-Eckel, Clerk of the Board**
- Semi-annual research reports from the Mount Sinai School of Medicine; University of California, Irvine; University of California, Riverside; and the USDA for 2026 — **Jennifer A Henke, MS, BCE, Laboratory Manager**

8. Action Items

- A. Accept the resignation of Trustee Steve Downs — **Jeremy Wittie, MS, CSDM, General Manager**

Staff recommends that the Board of Trustees accept the resignation of Trustee Steve Downs, effective June 18, 2026, and recognize his dedicated service and contributions to the Coachella Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District during his tenure on the Board of Trustees.

- B. Approval after the fact for immediate cleanup of pigeon feces on the long carport in the amount of **\$30,092.63**, performed by Clean Harbors — **Jeremy Wittie, MS, CSDM, General Manager, Executive Committee, and David I’Anson, Administrative Finance Manager**

Staff recommends that the Board of Trustees approve, after the fact, the emergency cleanup of pigeon feces on the District's long carport in the amount of \$30,092.63, performed by Clean Harbors, to address an immediate health and safety concern, mitigate potential environmental and regulatory risks, and protect District facilities and personnel.

9. Committee and Trustee Reports

- A. Executive Committee — **Benjamin Guitron, IV, Board President**

Executive Committee oral report

- B. Finance Committee — **Frank Figueroa, EdD, Board Treasurer**

Finance Committee oral report and minutes from June 9, 2026, Finance Committee Meeting

- C. Trustee Comments, Requests for Future Agendas Items, Travel, and/ or Staff Actions

The Board may not legally take action on any item presented at this time other than to direct staff to investigate a complaint or place an item on a future agenda unless (1) by a majority vote, the Board determines that an emergency exists, as defined by Government Code Section 54956.5, or (2) by a two-thirds vote, the board determines that the need for action arose subsequent to the agenda being posted as required by Government Code Section 54954.2(a). Each presentation is limited to no more than three minutes.

10. Reports

- A. General Manager

- i. General Manager’s Report — **Jeremy Wittie, MS, CSDM, General Manager**

- B. Staff

- i. Arbovirus Risk and Response update (as necessary) — **Jennifer A Henke, MS, BCE, Laboratory Manager, Greg Alvarado, Operations Manager, and Robert C Gaona, MPA, Public Information Manager**

- C. General Counsel

Questions and/or comments from Trustees regarding the reports

11. Closed Session

Closed Session (s):

A. Public Employee Performance Evaluation pursuant to Government Code Section 54957

Title: General Manager

12. Adjournment

At the discretion of the Board, all items appearing on this agenda, whether or not expressly listed for action, may be deliberated and may be subject to action by the Board.

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Certification of Posting

I certify that on July 10, 2026, I posted a copy of the foregoing agenda near the regular meeting place of the Board of Trustees of the Coachella Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District and on the District's website, said time being at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting of the Board of Trustees (Government Code Section 54954.2)

Executed at Indio, California, on July 10, 2026

Megan Scarborough-Eckel

Megan Scarborough-Eckel, Clerk of the Board