

Minutes of the 789th Board Meeting
Board of Trustees
Northwest Mosquito and Vector Control District

Time: 3:00 PM, Thursday, September 18th. 2025

Place: Northwest Mosquito and Vector Control District

1966 Compton Ave. Corona, CA 92881

Zoom Teleconference Meeting ID: 3891558737

Trustees Present:	Dale Welty	Canyon Lake	Board President
	Nancy Jimenez-Hernandez	Corona	Board Vice-President
	Guillermo Silva	Jurupa Valley	Board Secretary
	Brian Tisdale	Lake Elsinore	Trustee
	Gregory Bowen	Norco	Trustee
	Steven Su, Ph.D.	Riverside County	Trustee
	Cint Lorimore	Eastvale	Trustee

Trustees Absent:

Staff Present:	Mark Breidenbaugh	District Manager (DM)
	Nikia Smith	Director of Operations (DOO)
	Eric Ballejos	Interim Director of Administration (DOA)

Others Present: Eric Vega, District Counsel

1. Call to order:

President Welty called the meeting to order at 3:01 PM.

2. Pledge of allegiance:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Jimenez-Hernandez.

3. Roll call and introductions:

At the time of roll call, Trustees Bowen, Lorimore, Su, Welty, Tisdale, Jimenez-Hernandez as well as the District Manager, Director of Operations, and Interim Director

of Administration were present. Trustee Silva participated remotely from Jurupa Valley City Hall, and he joined the meeting at 3:30 PM.

4. Public Comments and introductions:

No public comments.

5. Consent Calendar:

Motion by Trustee Tisdale to approve all items on the Consent Calendar; second by Trustee Su. Passed unanimously by a roll call vote as follows: yes, by Trustees Bowen, Jimenez-Hernandez, Lorimore, Su, Tisdale, and Welty.

6. Presentation:

Update on the District's Sterile Insect Technique (SIT) for mosquito control – Dr. Breidenbaugh gave a presentation on the District's initial foray into the *Aedes aegypti* control method using SIT by releasing sterile males of *Ae. aegypti* in Lake Elsinore beginning in July 2025. Dr. Breidenbaugh discussed how the District's program differed from other mosquito control districts, some of which were much more complicated and expensive, and have yet to be fully implemented. Dr. Breidenbaugh mentioned that he was proud of the District for being one of the first districts to manage a SIT mosquito release and by expediting the process for a relatively economic cost. He thanked former employee, Dr. Caranci, for her leadership on many of the SIT ideas and emphasized the tremendous value for the District as a learning experience from these releases. He presented findings for the control of *Ae. aegypti* populations and explained potential factors as to why there was not clear cut evidence of population suppression in the year-one releases. The District plans to expand SIT to other areas of the District next season.

7. Items for action:

A. Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Gov't Code § 54957)

Position: District Manager

Conference with Labor Negotiators (Gov't Code § 54957.6)

District Representative: Erica Vega, Legal Counsel

Unrepresented Employee: District Manager

Action: The Board of Trustees entered closed session at 3:43 PM and returned to open session at 5:33 PM. No reportable action.

B. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (Gov't Code §

54956.9(d)(2), (e)(1); Significant exposure to litigation: 1 case. No reportable action.

8. Reports:

Board Reports: Trustee Bowen asked the District Manager to give a presentation to the Norco City Council during the slow season for an update. Trustee Jimen-Hernandez thanked the Interim Director of Administration for supporting a presentation given to the Corona City Council on September 17th.

Staff Reports: DM discussed that updates to the Personnel Policy Manual will be brought in November to announce the upcoming position openings. DM announced that if any trustees were interested in attending the MVCAC Annual Meeting, it will be hosted in Rancho Mirage on March 24th-February 1st, 2026.

The Interim Director of Administration (DOA) announced that the City of Riverside had appointed Council Member Philip Falcone as a new trustee. DOA also announced that requests will be sent out to city clerks to retrieve updated certificates for harassment and ethics training. DOA finally announced the birthdays for Trustee Su, Tisdale, Lorimore, and Bowen.

9. Informational:

None

10. Other business:

None

11. Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned by President Welty at 5:43 PM.

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Consent Item#5. A.

I certify that the above minutes substantially reflect the action taken by the Board of Trustees at its meeting held on September 18th, 2025.

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Mark Breidenbaugh, Ph.D., District Manager

Approved as written and/or corrected by the Board of Trustees at its meeting held on November 20th, 2025.

Attest:



Dale Welty, President



Guillermo Silva, Secretary