

## **L.A. County West Vector Control District**

**Topic: Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees - February 10, 2023- 5:30 pm**

**Time: Feb 10, 2023 05:30 PM**

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**NOTICE OF A **VIRTUAL** SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY WEST  
VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT**

**Zoom Meeting Only**

**February 10, 2023**

6750 Centinela Ave.  
Culver City, CA 90230  
5:30 p.m.

# Los Angeles County West Vector Control District

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## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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## NOTICE OF A VIRTUAL SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY WEST VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT

**February 10, 2023**  
**5:30 p.m.**

**BARBARA BARSOCCHINI**  
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**LOS ANGELES COUNTY WEST VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**6750 Centinela Ave.  
Culver City, CA 90230**

**Virtual Meeting on Zoom  
February 10, 2023  
5:30 p.m.**

To the members of the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles West Vector Control District:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board President has called a Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles West Vector Control District to be held virtually from various locations at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, February 10, 2023, pursuant to Government Code section 54956.

**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC**

Due to COVID-19, and in compliance with AB 361 the scheduled meeting will be held remotely to encourage social distancing and safety. See instructions on the District's website ([www.lawestvector.org](http://www.lawestvector.org)) under the Board of Trustees section.

Individuals who wish to comment on any of the listed agenda items are encouraged to attend the meeting virtually. Individuals will be allowed to address the Board at the time specified for comments on the agenda. Comments can only be made on items listed on the agenda for action by the Board. Pursuant the Brown Act, Government Code Section 54950 et seq., the Board may not take action or discuss any item that is not listed on the agenda. The Board President has set a limit of three minutes each for those who wish to address the Board. Those who wish to speak to items being considered in Closed Session will be given the opportunity to do so prior to the Board going into closed session.

- i. Call to Order**
- ii. Roll Call**
- iii. Public Comments**

<b>1. Authorization to Hold Board Meetings by Teleconference in Compliance with AB 361 and Discuss Continuance of Remote Meetings</b>	
Staff Report:	Aaron Arugay, Executive Director
Recommended Action:	Approve

<b>2. Appointment of General Counsel</b>	
Staff Report:	Aaron Arugay, Executive Director
Recommended Action:	Approve

<b>3. CLOSED SESSION</b>	
<p><u>Recess to Closed Session:</u> This time has been set aside for the Board to meet in closed session to discuss matters pursuant to Government Code section 54957(b)(1).</p> <p>PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE</p>	

<b>4. CLOSED SESSION REPORT</b>	
General Counsel for the District will make a report regarding the action taken during closed session.	

<b>5. Motion to Adjourn</b>	
Recommended Action:	Approve

<b>1. Authorization to Hold Board Meetings by Teleconference in Compliance with AB 361 and Discuss Continuing with Remote Meetings</b>	
Staff Report:	Aaron Arugay
Recommended Action:	Approve

**Authorization to Hold Board Meetings by Teleconference  
in Compliance with Assembly Bill 361**

**To: Board of Trustees**

**From: Aaron Arugay, Executive Director**

**Date: February 10, 2023**

For authorization: Consider finding by a majority vote pursuant to Government Code sections 54953 (e) that the Board continue to have teleconferencing meetings due to the dangers posed by the COVID-19 pandemic and the measures to promote social distancing and that have been recommended.

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Under AB 361, local agencies can hold meetings without a public meeting space and without providing notice of the board members' teleconference locations if there is a Governor-proclaimed state of emergency and either (1) state or local officials are imposing or recommending measures to promote social distancing or (2) the Board determines that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees. These findings were made by the Board on January 12, 2023.

To continue meeting remotely without compliance with Government Code section 54953(b)(3), must make the following findings every 30 days pursuant to Government Code section 54953(e)(3):

- (A) The Board must reconsider the circumstances of the state of emergency and
- (B) Determine that any of the following circumstances exist:
  - (i) The state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person, or
  - (ii) State or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

As of February 3, 2023, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health has reported 35,325 residents of Los Angeles County have died from the virus.

On February 3, 2023 in Los Angeles County alone, 687 people were reported as hospitalized with COVID-19, along with 1,417 new positive cases and 19 new deaths.

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, in its "Guidance for Businesses and Employers" recommends social distancing including to:

- "Reduce indoor crowding" one example offered is to host, "...meetings outdoors or virtually"
- "Continue, where feasible, to offer telework options for employees."
- "...indoor public settings and businesses: masks are strongly recommended."

If the authorization to meet by teleconference is approved by a majority vote, the next board meeting will also be held remotely unless facts on the ground change significantly. In accordance with AB 361, the ability to hold meetings by teleconference will need to be reauthorized every 30 days.

**Recommendation:**

Move that the board hold this meeting via teleconference pursuant to Government Code section 54953(e) and find that (i) it has reconsidered the circumstances of the COVID-19 state of emergency, (ii) the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person, and (iii) state or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

Motion:  
Second:

Ayes:  
Noes:  
Abstentions:

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<b>2. Appointment of General Counsel</b>	
Staff Report:	Aaron Arugay, Executive Director
Recommended Action:	Approve

### **Appointment of Trevor Rusin as General Counsel**

**To: Board of Trustees**  
**From: Aaron Arugay, Executive Director**  
**Date: February 10, 2023**

For approval: Appoint Trevor Rusin to serve as General Counsel for the Los Angeles West Vector Control District.

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Since March 10, 2001, Michael Jenkins has served as the General Counsel for the District. He has recently retired from his position as City Attorney for the cities of West Hollywood, Hermosa Beach, and Rolling Hills Estates. He now desires to retire from his position as General Counsel and recommends that the District appoint Trevor Rusin to be its new General Counsel.

Trevor Rusin is a partner with Best, Best & Krieger and serves as the City Attorney for the cities of Lomita and Palos Verdes Estates, and the interim City Attorney for the City of Malibu. He has a long history of working with the District and extensive experience in the area. Further materials are attached describing his background and experience.

#### **Recommendation:**

Move that the Board appoint Trevor Rusin as General Counsel for the Los Angeles County West Vector Control District and authorize the Executive Director to take any action/amend any agreement or materials required to implement this change.

Motion:  
Second:

Ayes:  
Noes:  
Abstentions:

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Recommended Action:	Approve