Los Angeles County West Vector Control District

Meeting Topic: Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees Meeting Time: May 5, 2023 - 04:00 PM

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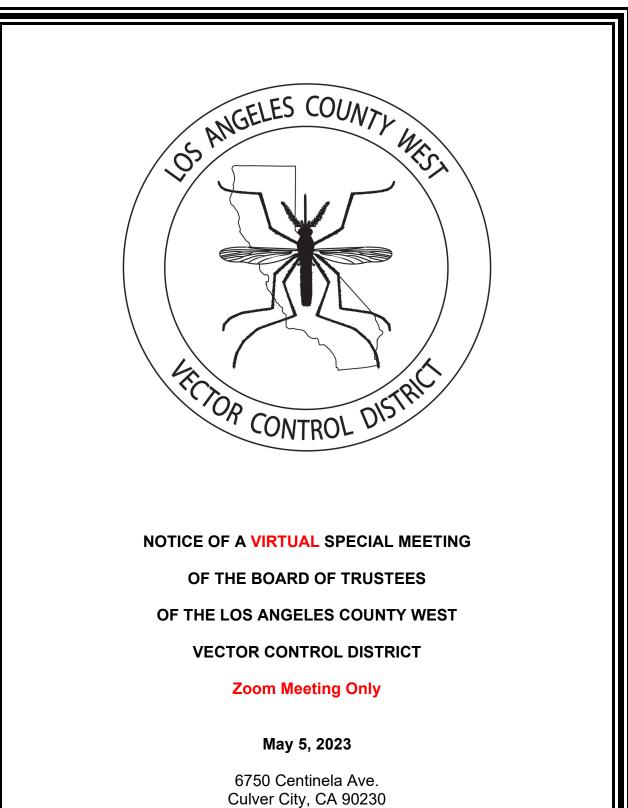
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4:00 p.m.

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> May 5, 2023 4:00 p.m.

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 May 5, 2023 4:00 p.m.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Due to COVID-19, and in compliance with AB 361 the scheduled meeting will be held remotely. See instructions on the District's website (<u>www.lawestvector.org</u>) under the Board of Trustees section.

Residents who live or own property within the District 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 Chairperson 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

1. Authorization to Hold Board Meetings by Teleconference in Compliance with AB 361

	Aaron Arugay, Executive Director
Recommended Action:	Approve

2. Motion to Adjourn Recommended Action: Approve

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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: May 5, 2023

<u>For authorization</u>: 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 that have been recommended.

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 in compliance with Government Code section 54953(b)(3), the Board 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 April 27, 2023, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health has reported 36,199 residents of Los Angeles County have died from the virus.

On April 27, 2023, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health reported a weekly COVID case count of 2,659, a 7-day average of 275 hospitalizations as well as 44 weekly deaths. Public Health also reported a new COVID-19 strain known as "Arcturus" has been confirmed in Los Angeles County and may account for 8% of new COVID-19 cases in California.

On December 15, 2022, the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board voted to adopt non-emergency COVID-19 prevention regulations. These regulations took effect on February 3, 2023 and will remain in effect for two years after the effective date, except for the record-keeping subsections that will remain in effect for three years. Under the new non -emergency standards that went into effect 2-3-2023 it states:

"(2) When determining measures to prevent COVID-19 transmission and to identify and correct COVID-19 hazards, employers shall review applicable orders and guidance related to COVID-19 from the State of California and the local health department with

jurisdiction over the workplace and shall treat COVID-19 as an airborne infectious disease. COVID-19 prevention controls include remote work, physical distancing, reducing the density of people indoors, moving indoor tasks outdoors, implementing separate shifts and/or break times, restricting access to the work area, and other prevention measures, in addition to the requirements of this section"

If the authorization to continue 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 continue to hold meetings 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, and (ii) state or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

Motion: Second:

Ayes: Noes: Abstentions:

2. Motion to Adjourn	
Recommended Action:	Approve