



Staff Report

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**Honorable Mayor and Members of the Hermosa Beach City Council
Adjourned Regular Meeting of November 24, 2020**

**AUTHORIZATION OF CITY CLERK TO CONTINUE ADVERTISING
AND REQUESTING APPLICATIONS FOR A REPRESENTATIVE
TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY WEST VECTOR AND
VECTOR-BORNE CONTROL DISTRICT BOARD**

(City Clerk Eduardo Sarmiento)

Recommended Action:

Staff recommends that City Council direct the City Clerk to continue advertising and requesting applications for a Hermosa Beach representative to the Los Angeles County West Vector and Vector-Borne Control District Board, to be appointed at the Council meeting of January 12, 2021, and interviews to be scheduled prior to the January 12, 2021 meeting if more than one application is received.

Executive Summary:

At its September 8, 2020 meeting, the City Council directed the City Clerk to advertise and request applications for a Hermosa Beach representative to the Los Angeles County West Vector and Vector-Borne Control District Board, to be appointed at the Council meeting of January 12, 2021 for a two-year term ending December 31, 2022. A notice inviting applications was placed on the City's website, posted in the usual Civic Center locations, sent to residents who signed up for e-notifications, and published twice in the Easy Reader (on September 17 and October 24), setting an application filing deadline of Tuesday, November 19, 2020. The only application that has been received is from the City's current delegate, Jim Fasola. Therefore, the City Clerk is recommending to re-advertise with a new application deadline of 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 31, 2020.

Background:

In June 2018, the Beach Cities Health District asked the City to consider appointing a representative to the Los Angeles County West Vector and Vector-Borne Control Disease Board.

Los Angeles County West Vector & Vector-Borne Disease Control District

The Los Angeles County West Vector & Vector-Borne Disease Control District (District) was formed in 1944 and consisted of only five square miles. Over the next 72 years, there have been numerous annexations into the District. At the present time, the District covers over 720 square miles, contains 23 cities and unincorporated territory of the County of Los Angeles, and provides services for over

4,600,000 people. This makes the Los Angeles County West Vector & Vector-Borne Disease Control District the second largest vector control district in the State of California by population served.

The District includes the cities of Agoura Hills, Beverly Hills, Calabasas, Culver City, El Segundo, Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach, Hidden Hills, Inglewood, Lawndale, Lomita, the westerly portion of Los Angeles City, Malibu, Manhattan Beach, Palos Verdes Estates, Rancho Palos Verdes, Redondo Beach, Rolling Hills, Rolling Hills Estates, Santa Monica, Torrance, West Hollywood, Westlake Village, and unincorporated territory of the County of Los Angeles.

The District is governed by a Board of Trustees (Attachment 2). Each city and county within the boundaries of the District has a right to appoint a representative to the Board. The Board of Trustees establishes District policies and makes budget decisions including that of the salaries and benefits of all District employees. Individual Trustees cannot act independently to change policies, guidelines or budget items including salaries and benefits. All policy, guideline, and budget changes must be an act of the full Board at a scheduled and publicly posted meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule

The regular meetings of the Board of Trustees are held once every two months on the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the District's headquarters located at 6750 Centinela Avenue, Culver City. There is a total of six meetings per year (January, March, May, July, September, November).

Appointing a Representative

Each city and county within the boundaries of the District has a right to appoint a representative to the Board. A Trustee must be a resident and an elector (registered to vote) of the city from which he/she is appointed.

Appointment term periods are two years each and permanently preset for each city to provide evenly spaced turnover on the Board of Trustees. The present term for the City of Hermosa Beach began on January 1, 2018 and will end on December 31, 2020. Following this set term, the City Council may reappoint the existing trustee for another two-year term or appoint a new trustee for a two-year term. It is not possible to pre-appoint terms before they expire. Alternatively, the City Council may direct the City Clerk to advertise and request applications for the position. Procedures would be similar to advertising and requesting applications for Board or Commission seats.

Fiscal Implications:

Other than the cost of advertising in the Easy Reader, which is \$150, there are no fiscal impacts associated with the recommended action to the City. Trustees who attend the regularly scheduled meeting are compensated by the District with a payment of \$100 in lieu of expenses. By law, Trustees must attend the meeting to receive this compensation. If additional meetings are necessary

during the month, no additional compensation is awarded. No Trustee can receive more than \$100 per month for serving on the Board regardless of the number of meetings.

Attachments:

1. Trustee Information Sheet
2. Board of Trustees
3. Link to District website

Respectfully Submitted by: Eduardo Sarmiento, City Clerk

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