



Honorable Mayor and Members of the Hermosa Beach City Council

APPOINTMENT OF A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY WEST VECTOR AND VECTOR-BORNE DISEASE CONTROL DISTRICT BOARD

(City Clerk Myra Maravilla)

Recommended Action:

Staff recommends City Council:

1. Review the application of Jim Fasola (**Attachment 1**); and
2. Consider appointing Jim Fasola as the Hermosa Beach representative to the Los Angeles County West Vector-Borne Disease Control District Board for a two-year term ending December 31, 2026.

Executive Summary:

At its September 10, 2024 meeting, City Council City 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, and return on or before November 12, 2024 with a presentation of the applicants with the option to make an appointment on the same date. Staff received one application from Jim Fasola (**Attachment 1**) and recommends City Council review the presented application and consider appoint Jim Fasola a two-year term ending December 31, 2026.

Background:

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. Presently, 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. 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.

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).

Past Board, Commission and Council Actions

Meeting Date	Description
September 10, 2024	City Council directed the City Clerk to advertise the upcoming vacancy through October 30, 2024 and report back on or before November 12, 2024 with the applications submitted.

Discussion:

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 in the city from which they are 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, 2022 and will end on December 31, 2024.

A notice inviting applications was placed on the City’s website, posted to the City’s bulletin board, sent to residents who signed up for e-notifications, and published in the Easy Reader on September 19, 2024. The filing deadline to submit an application was Wednesday, October 30, 2024. Staff received an application from the City’s current representative, Jim Fasola (**Attachment 1**).

General Plan Consistency:

This report and associated recommendation have been evaluated for their consistency with the City’s General Plan. Relevant Policies are listed below:

Governance Element

Goal 1. A high degree of transparency and integrity in the decision-making process.

Policies:

- **1.1 Open meetings.** Maintain the community's trust by holding meetings in which decisions are being made, that are open and available for all community members to attend, participate, or view remotely.
- **1.4 Consensus oriented.** Strive to utilize a consensus-oriented decision-making process.
- **1.7 Diversity of representation.** Strive to reflect a comprehensive cross-section of the community in appointments to Commission and Advisory Committees.

Goal 2. The community is active and engaged in decision-making process.

Policies:

- **2.3 Public participation guidelines.** Establish parameters and guidelines to ensure public participation is promoted through diverse methods.
- **2.6 Responsive to Community needs.** Continue to be responsive to community inquiries, providing public information and recording feedback from community interactions.

Fiscal Impact:

Trustees, who attend the regularly scheduled meetings, are compensated an in-lieu travel expense of \$100 per meeting by the District. 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.

Attachment:

Jim Fasola Application

Respectfully Submitted by: Ariana Rodriguez, Office Assistant

Concur: Myra Maravilla, City Clerk

Legal Review: Patrick Donegan, City Attorney

Noted for Fiscal Impact: Brandon Walker, Administrative Services Director

Reviewed by: Angela Crespi, Deputy City Manager

Approved: Suja Lowenthal, City Manager