



AGENDA

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MONDAY, March 7, 2022 10:00 A.M. (Teleconference Meeting)

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Conference ID: 615 802 612#

PURSUANT TO AB 361, IERCA BOARD MEETINGS WILL CONTINUE TO BE CONDUCTED THROUGH TELECONFERENCE IN AN EFFORT TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH AND PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19. THERE WILL BE NO PUBLIC LOCATION AVAILABLE FOR ATTENDING THE MEETING IN PERSON.

TELECONFERENCE ACCESSIBILITY FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC:

In all efforts to prevent the spread of COVID-19, until further notice, the Inland Empire Regional Composting Authority will be holding all Board meetings by teleconferencing.

The meeting will be accessible at: [\(415\) 856-9169 / Conf Code: 615 802 612#](tel:+14158569169)

The public may participate and provide public comment during the meeting by calling into the number provided above. Public comments may also be submitted to the Recording Secretary at afernandez@ieua.org no later than 24 hours prior to the scheduled meeting time. Comments will be distributed to the Board of Directors.

CALL TO ORDER OF THE INLAND EMPIRE REGIONAL COMPOSTING AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING

FLAG SALUTE

PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public may address the Board on any item that is within the jurisdiction of the Board; however, no action may be taken on any item not appearing on the agenda unless the action is otherwise authorized by Subdivision (b) of Section 54954.2 of the Government Code. Those persons wishing to address the Board on any matter, whether or not it appears on the agenda, are requested to complete and submit to the Board Secretary a "Request to Speak" form which are available on the table in the Board Room. Comments will be limited to five minutes per speaker. Thank you.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

In accordance with Section 54954.2 of the Government Code (Brown Act), additions to the agenda require two-thirds vote of the legislative body, or, if less than two-thirds of the members are present, a unanimous vote of those members present, that there is a need to take immediate action and that the need for action came to the attention of the local agency subsequent to the agenda being posted.

INTRODUCTIONS

NONE

1. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. COVID-19 UPDATE

2. ACTION ITEMS

A. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2022-03-01

A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Inland Empire Regional Composting Authority, making certain findings and determinations regarding special rules for conducting meetings through teleconference.

3. DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 2, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.

4. ADJOURN

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the Recording Secretary (909-993-1744), 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting so that the Authority can make reasonable arrangements.

Declaration of Posting

I, Adrienne Fernandez, Recording Secretary to the Inland Empire Regional Composting Authority, hereby certify that a copy of this agenda has been posted by 5:30 p.m. at the Los Angeles County Sanitation District 1955 Workman Mill Road, Whittier, CA and at the IERCA's Administrative Building, 12645 Sixth Street, Rancho Cucamonga, CA and at the IEUA's main office, 6075 Kimball Ave., Chino, CA on Wednesday, March 2, 2022.

Adrienne Fernandez
Adrienne Fernandez, Recording Secretary

INFORMATION ITEM

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Date: March 7, 2022

To: Honorable Board of Directors

From: Jeff Ziegenbein
Project Manager

Tony Arellano
IEUA Safety Officer

Subject: COVID-19 Update

RECOMMENDATION

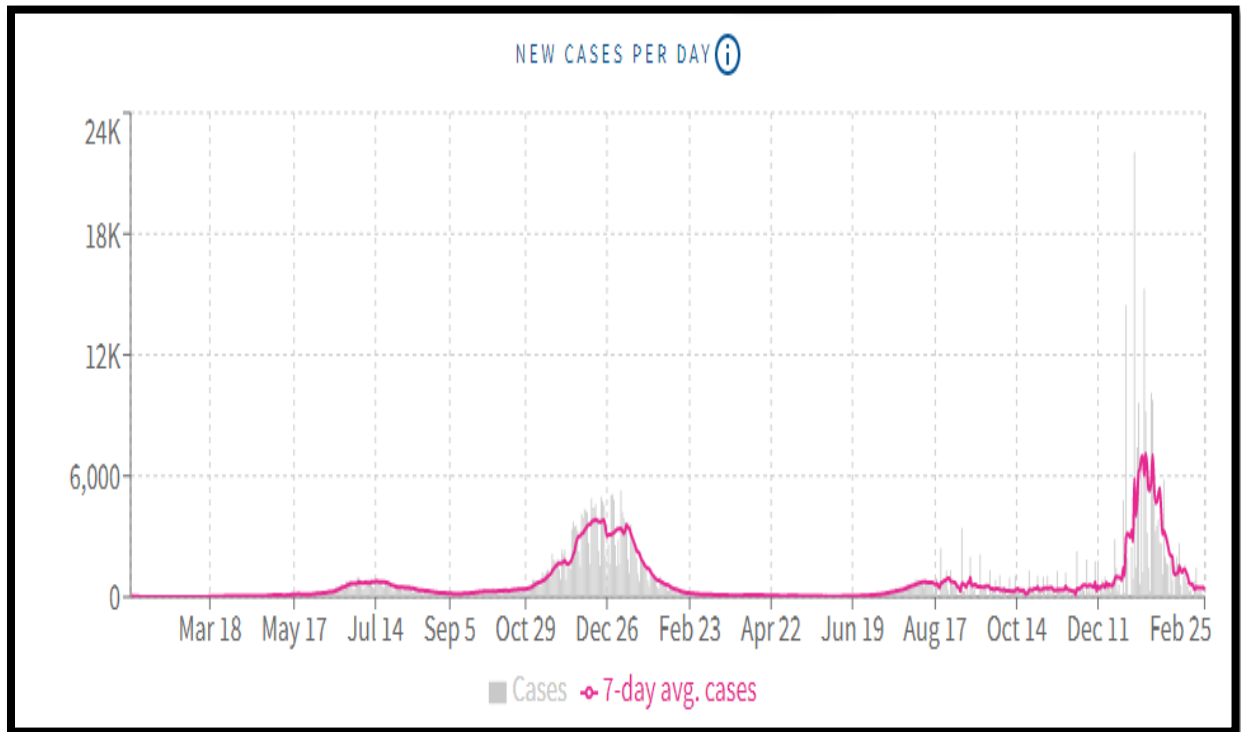
This is an information item for the Board to receive and file.

BACKGROUND

As of February 25, 2022, COVID-19 cases in San Bernardino County continued to decline dropping from a high of 32 percent during the Omicron surge to 8 percent positivity rate per 100,000 population in the past 7 days. As a result, there have been some reductions in masking requirements although continued caution is advised by health officials. Some items of interest:

1. The State of California Department of Public Health has updated their COVID-19 masking guidance, effective March 1, 2022, the requirement for unvaccinated persons to mask in indoor public settings and businesses is being replaced by a strong recommendation that all persons, regardless of vaccination status, continue to mask while in indoor public settings and businesses.
2. IEUA is continuing to follow Cal/OSHA and California Department of Public Health (CDPH) requirements.
3. IEUA Board approved a resolution on March 2, 2022, regarding special rules for conducting board meetings through teleconference.

Chart A shows surges and declines of new COVID-19 case in a daily and 7-day average for San Bernardino County:



PRIOR BOARD ACTION

None.

IMPACT ON BUDGET

None.

ACTION ITEM

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RESOLUTION NO. 2022-03-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE INLAND EMPIRE REGIONAL COMPOSTING AUTHORITY, MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS AND DETERMINATIONS REGARDING SPECIAL RULES FOR CONDUCTING MEETINGS THROUGH TELECONFERENCE

WHEREAS, Inland Empire Regional Composting Authority (“IERCA”) is a joint powers authority formed on February 27, 2002, as a separate public agency from its Members; and

WHEREAS, all meetings of the Board of Directors of IERCA are conducted in open and public settings in compliance with the Ralph M. Brown Act (Brown Act) so that any member of the public may attend, participate and watch the Authority’s Board of Directors conduct their business; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Governor declared a state of emergency pursuant to Government Code section 8625 due to the COVID-19 pandemic and has recommended, together with local officials, measures for social distancing to assist in abating the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order N-29-20 which, among other things, suspended certain Brown Act rules governing the use of teleconferencing of local agency board meetings; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order N-29-20 expired on September 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the California legislature has enacted, and the Governor has signed into law, AB 361 amending portions of Government Code section 54953, allowing for the continued use of teleconferencing for local agency board meetings while suspending the conditions and restrictions of Government Code section 54953(b)(3) if the legislative body of the local agency makes certain findings; and

WHEREAS, on February 7, 2022, the Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 2022-02-07, making certain findings and determinations for conducting meetings through teleconference; and

WHEREAS, due to the recent statewide surge in Covid-19 cases stemming from the Omicron variant, the Board of Directors desires to hold its public meetings by teleconference consistent with Government Code section 54953.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Inland Empire Regional Composting Authority hereby make the following findings and determinations:

SECTION 1. The Governor has proclaimed a state of emergency on March 4, 2020 which continues.

SECTION 2. The Governor and local officials have promoted the use of social distancing as a method to abate the spread of COVID-19 within the community. The Board of Directors finds that conducting in person meetings of the IERCA Board of Directors would be inimical to social distancing and would present imminent risks to the health or safety of the attendees and conducting meetings by teleconference would diminish that risk.

SECTION 3. The Board of Directors will continue to conduct Board meetings by teleconference in compliance with Government Code 54953(e) until such time as the Governor has terminated the state of emergency and the risk to health and safety of meeting attendees is sufficiently diminished or as otherwise required by law. Notice of meetings and posted agendas will contain information which allows members of the public to access the meeting and address the Board of Directors and offer public comment including an opportunity for all persons to attend via a call-in option or an internet-based service option.

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall be effective for 30 days or until such time as the Board of Directors adopts a subsequent resolution in accordance with Government Code 54953(e)(3) to extend the time during which meetings of the Board of Directors may be conducted by teleconference without compliance with Government Code 54953(3)(b).

Resolution No. 2022-03-01
Findings and Determinations Regarding
Teleconference Meetings
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ADOPTED this 7th day of March 2022,

Jon Blickenstaff Chairperson of the Inland
Empire Regional Composting Authority

ATTEST:

Paul Hofer
Vice Chairperson

