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September 18, 2023

To: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

RE: <u>Commission Public Meetings Conducted via Zoom Only Effective</u> September 25, 2023

As noticed in the California Gambling Control Commission's (Commission) Industry Notice dated June 1, 2023, the Commission has been conducting all public meetings inperson since July 1, 2023. At times, the Commission operated up to three public meeting locations (Sacramento/Headquarters, Santa Rosa, and Chino) simultaneously in order to ensure compliance with the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act (Act), which requires the Commission to provide an in-person location for all public meetings, and notice the location of all participating Commissioners, in addition to other requirements.

Although not required, in addition to the required in-person locations, the Commission continued providing the benefit and flexibility of public participation in all public meetings via Zoom in lieu of attending in-person.

On September 13, 2023, Governor Gavin Newsom signed Chapter 196, Statutes of 2023 (<u>Senate Bill [SB] 143</u>), which reinstates <u>section 11133</u> of the Government Code¹, providing immediate temporary relief through December 31, 2023, to the existing Act requirements to provide an in-person location for all public meetings and to notice the location of all Commissioners. As such, effective September 22, 2023², the Commission will operate its public meetings solely via Zoom through December 31, 2023.

The Commission continues to monitor pending legislation, <u>SB 544 (Laird)</u>, which proposes amendments to the Act that would take effect on January 1, 2024, and sunset on January 1, 2026. The Commission will send updated information regarding any changes to the format of Commission meetings and evidentiary hearings after December 31, 2023.

The Zoom link for all of the Commission's public meetings will continue to be posted on our website on the <u>Meetings</u> tab.

¹ Government Code section 11133 was previously enacted by Chapter 48, Statutes of 2022 (SB 189), but as previously announced, its provisions sunset on July 1, 2023.

² The Commission will conduct the previously scheduled and properly noticed <u>September 21 Licensing</u> <u>Meeting</u> in-person and via Zoom.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (916) 263-0700 or via email at <u>comments@cgcc.ca.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

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