

April 16, 2021

MEETING NOTICE & REQUEST FOR RSVP**TO: REDISTRICTING ADVISORY COMMITTEE****Jurisdiction**District 1
District 2
District 3
District 4
District 5
District 6
District 7**Representative**Juan Miguel Muñoz Morris
Emilie Gatfield
Michael Kraus
Michael Gross
Howard Miller
Alfredo M. Morales
Raven Malone

The orientation meeting of the Redistricting Advisory Committee is scheduled to be held on **Tuesday, April 20, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.**, Join Zoom Meeting

<https://valleywater.zoom.us/j/94601898151>.

Enclosed are the meeting agenda and corresponding materials. Please bring this packet with you to the meeting. Additional copies of this meeting packet are available on our new website at <https://www.valleywater.org/how-we-operate/committees/board-advisory-committees>.

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Further, a quorum must be present on the day of the scheduled meeting to call the meeting to order and take action on agenda items.

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Please confirm your attendance by contacting Ms. Glenna Brambill at 1-408-630-2408, or gbrambill@valleywater.org.

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Redistricting Advisory Committee Meeting

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Santa Clara Valley Water District Redistricting Advisory Committee Meeting

Teleconference - Via Zoom

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ORIENTATION MEETING AGENDA

**Tuesday, April 20, 2021
6:00 PM**

District Mission: Provide Silicon Valley safe, clean water for a healthy life, environment and economy.

REDISTRICTING ADVISORY
COMMITTEE

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Mr. Donald Rocha (Staff Liaison)
Deputy Administrative Officer

Ms. Glenna Brambill
(COBLiaison)
Management Analyst II
gbrambill@valleywater.org

Note: The finalized Board Agenda, exception items and supplemental items will be posted prior to the meeting in accordance with the Brown Act.

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Redistricting Advisory Committee
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3. IMPORTANT NOTICES

This meeting is being held in accordance with the Brown Act as currently in effect under the State Emergency Services Act, the Governor's Emergency Declaration related to COVID-19, and the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 issued on March 17, 2020 that allows attendance by members of the Committee, staff, and the public to participate and conduct the meeting by teleconference, videoconference, or both.

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1. CALL TO ORDER:

1.1. Roll Call.

2. WELCOME

3. INTRODUCTION

4. ELECTION OF CHAIR PRO TEMPORE

5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS:

5.1. Presentation from Office of Government Relations (OGR) and Consultant

5.2. Redistricting Advisory Committee Orientation.

[21-0451](#)

Recommendation: Receive information on the Redistricting Advisory Committee's Roles and Responsibilities, the Redistricting Process, the Federal Voting Rights Act, and Next Steps.

Manager: Donald Rocha, 408-630-2338

Attachments: [Attachment 1: PowerPoint Presentation](#)

Est. Staff Time: 45 Minutes

5.3. Next Steps

6. TIME OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA.

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7. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE REQUESTS.

This is an opportunity for the Clerk to review and obtain clarification on any formally moved, seconded, and approved requests and recommendations made by the Committee during the meeting.

8. ADJOURN:

8.1. Adjourn.



Santa Clara Valley Water District

File No.: 21-0451

Agenda Date: 4/20/2021
Item No.: 5.2.

COMMITTEE AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Redistricting Advisory Committee

SUBJECT:

Redistricting Advisory Committee Orientation.

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive information on the Redistricting Advisory Committee's Roles and Responsibilities, the Redistricting Process, the Federal Voting Rights Act, and Next Steps.

SUMMARY:

The District Act, in addition to federal and state law, requires that the boundaries of the Santa Clara Valley Water District's (Valley Water's) electoral districts shall be adjusted if needed following a decennial federal census.

Adjustments of electoral districts are accomplished through the completion of a redistricting study to ensure that each modified district meets the one-person, one-vote test and to ensure compliance with the federal Voting Rights Act.

To support the Board of Directors (Board) in determining adjusted electoral district boundaries, at the Board meeting of January 26, 2021, the Board approved the establishment of the seven-member Redistricting Advisory Committee (RAC) that will oversee the redistricting study, including receiving public input on electoral district boundaries and recommending draft maps containing adjusted boundaries to the Board for review and adoption. This meeting also approved guidelines, directions, and procedures for the RAC.

This first meeting is the RAC's orientation meeting. During the meeting, the RAC will hear remarks from the Board Chair, followed by introducing the RAC members, staff, and the consultant team that will conduct the study. The RAC will hear several informational items including the role and objectives of the RAC, an overview of the Voting Rights Act and its relation to the RAC, an update on Census Bureau data, next steps in the review process and when the next meeting will be held, which, due to the delay of Census data, likely will be in the summer.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: PowerPoint Presentation

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UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:

Donald Rocha, 408-630-2338



Valley Water Redistricting Advisory Committee (RAC) Orientation

April 20, 2021

Call to Order

Roll Call

Welcome

Board Chair Tony Estremera

Introductions

2021 Redistricting Advisory Committee

- Juan Miguel Munoz-Morris, District 1
- Emilie Gatfield, District 2
- Michael Kraus, District 3
- Michael Gross, District 4
- Howard Miller, District 5
- Alfredo M. Morales, District 6
- Raven Malone, District 7

Valley Water Staff

- Don Rocha, Deputy Administrative Officer/Project Manager
- Jim Webb, Senior Management Analyst
- Lisa Flores, Fellow
- Glenna Brambill, Management Analyst II

Redistricting Partners (Consultant Team)

- Paul Mitchell, Principal Officer
- Chris Chaffee, Chief Operations Officer
- Kimi Shigetani, Project Manager

Election of Chair Pro Tempore

Discussion and Action Items

- Role and Objectives of the Committee
- Voting Rights Act and Its Relation to the Committee
- Update on Census Bureau Data
- Next Steps/Next Meeting

Role and Objectives of the Committee

Committee Role and Objectives

- The role/purpose of the Committee is to act as an advisory body to the Board of Directors on redistricting Valley Water's seven electoral districts.
- The Committee represents the public and will help shape the revised electoral maps the redistricting consultant will prepare and develop for eventual Board review and approval.

Committee Role and Objectives

The Committee will carry out its role by fulfilling the following objectives:

1. Oversee a redistricting study conducted in an inclusive, transparent and comprehensive manner;
2. Use the knowledge of their districts to review the demographic details of the 2020 federal census data presented by the consultant conducting the study;
3. Oversee public outreach meetings (one in each electoral district), including taking oral and written public comment and draft maps submitted by the public on potential revisions to the electoral district boundaries; and
4. Guide the development of the one or more draft maps that will be presented to the Board of Directors for review and approval.

Committee Training

To prepare the Committee to carry out its responsibilities, before holding the public outreach meetings, the Committee will receive training and briefings in several areas, including:

- ✓ The Brown Act
- ✓ Parliamentary Rules
- ✓ Redistricting Overview
- ✓ The Federal Voting Rights Act
- ✓ Communications for Redistricting
- ✓ Valley Water Demographics/Analysis
- ✓ Redistricting Terminology
- ✓ Redistricting Mapping Software Training
- ✓ Communities of Interest
- ✓ The Fair Maps Act

Community Outreach

To encourage community input, a major public outreach effort will be implemented. The effort will include:

- Local print media;
- Local foreign language media;
- Social media (Facebook, Instagram, Next door, etc.)
- Be Heard web page; and
- Community organizations engagement

In addition, a website has been set up to provide information on the redistricting effort, including staff reports, meeting minutes, community participations forms, etc.

The website link is: www.valleywater.org/redistricting



REDISTRICTING PARTNERS

The Voting Rights Act and the Redistricting Advisory Committee

What is Redistricting?

Definition:

Redistricting is the process of adjusting district lines every 10 years after the release of the U.S. Census. The well-known examples are Congress and the legislature.

Within the U.S., redistricting has become an extremely politicized process and been the subject of more high-profile Supreme Court decisions than any other part of our elections system.

What is Redistricting?

In a district-based system, representatives are elected from districts, by the voters that live in each district.

- Currently, the Santa Clara Valley Water District has 7 districts that were drawn in 2011 based on the 2010 census.
- The US Constitution requires districts to have reasonably equal population, no requirement of mathematical exactitude.
- Throughout the redistricting process the RAC must follow the Constitution, the Federal Voting Rights Act, the Fair Maps Act, and other traditional redistricting principles

Principles of the Federal Voting Rights Act

An Overview

Section 2 of the Federal Voting Rights Act prohibits the denial or abridgment of voting rights on the basis of race or language minority status.

- Prohibits practices that have the purpose or effect of discriminating on the basis of race or language minority status.
- The Federal Voting Rights Act applies to all agencies nationwide and must be followed when agencies go through the redistricting process each decade.

Principles of the Federal Voting Rights Act

Vote Dilution

Electoral systems can limit the ability to elect a candidate of choice by a protected class of voters in various ways.

- Cracking – Dividing up a politically viable population concentration so it does not constitute a majority in a district.
- Packing – Drawing high minority population into one district when it could be politically viable in more than one district.

Principles of the Federal Voting Rights Act

Race and Redistricting

Supreme Court opinions have limited the role that race can play in districting.

- Race cannot be the predominant criterion in line drawing.
- Race should not subjugate “traditional district principles.” (Compactness, Contiguity, Communities of Interest)
- District appearance has been important in some cases.

Principles of the Federal Voting Rights Act

Your Charge

- The Committee is obligated to comply with the Voting Rights Act and related state and local measures in carrying out its responsibilities.
- Ultimately, the Committee's work will play a large part in maintaining the integrity of the vote of Valley Water's constituents.

Update on Census Bureau Data

Census Data Update

Expect the unexpected

The Census Bureau announced that the required redistricting dataset will not be released until September 30th.

- This dataset was originally required to be released by March 31st
- This is the first time the Census Bureau has missed its federal deadline
- Recently the Census Bureau announced the release of a “legacy” dataset in mid to late August
- Other datasets: Census Geography (TIGER) and American Community Survey (ACS) have been updated on time.

Census Data Update

Expect the unexpected

This redistricting cycle will be like no other and agencies, the state and counties will be in an enormous time crunch.

- Expect timeframes to change. The census data is late now, and any other problems could add to delays.
- Agencies without June 2022 primaries are not required to submit their final maps to the County Registrar until May of 2022.
- This is why your work can start a little bit later than Santa Clara County or San Jose, who face a December 15, 2021 deadline to submit their final maps

Next Steps

Next Steps

- April Redistricting Advisory Committee Orientation Meeting
- June – Aug Committee Training/Briefings
- Sept – Dec Committee Holds Series of Public Hearings
- Jan 2022 Committee Recommends Map(s) to the Board of Directors
- Feb 2022 Board of Directors meets to discuss recommended map(s)
- March 2022 Board of Directors Meeting to approve final map

Next Meeting

June 2021 (training/briefing)

Questions?



Public Comment

Clerk Review of Formal Action Taken

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