

September 17, 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**Swanee Edwards
Emilie Gatfield
Michael Kraus
Michael Gross
Hon. Howard Miller
Alfredo M. Morales
Raven Malone

The outreach meeting of the Redistricting Advisory Committee is scheduled to be held on **Wednesday, September 22, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.**, Join Zoom Meeting <https://valleywater.zoom.us/j/82398761452>.

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 website at <https://www.valleywater.org/how-we-operate/committees/board-advisory-committees> or

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

Enclosures



Redistricting Advisory Committee Meeting

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Santa Clara Valley Water District Redistricting Advisory Committee Meeting

Teleconference Zoom Meeting

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MEETING - DISTRICT 7 AGENDA

Wednesday, September 22, 2021

1:30 PM

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

**REDISTRICTING ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**

Hon. Howard Miller, Committee Chair
Ms. Emile Gatfield, Committee Vice
Chair

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Mr. Don Rocha (Staff Liaison)
Deputy Administrative
Officer

Ms. Glenna Brambill
(COBLiaison)
Management Analyst II
gbrambill@valleywater.org
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Note: The finalized Board Agenda, exception items and supplemental items will be posted prior to the meeting in accordance with the Brown Act.

**Santa Clara Valley Water District
Redistricting Advisory Committee**

**MEETING - DISTRICT 7
AGENDA**

Wednesday, September 22, 2021

1:30 PM

Teleconference Zoom Meeting

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-08-21 issued on June 11, 2021, 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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

2.1. Approval of Meeting Minutes.

[21-0892](#)

Recommendation: Approve the September 15, 2021, Meeting Minutes.

Manager: Candice Kwok-Smith, 408-630-3193

Attachments: [Attachment 1: 09152021 RAC DRAFT Mins](#)

Est. Staff Time: 5 Minutes

3. ACTION ITEMS:

3.1. Outreach meeting for District 7.

[21-0893](#)

Recommendation: Receive information on the newly released Census data for District 7.

Attachments: [Attachment 1: Redistricting Partners Outreach Hearing Presentati](#)

Est. Staff Time: 60 Minutes

3.2. Next Meeting and Agenda Items.

[21-0894](#)

Recommendation: Discuss and confirm next meeting date and agenda items.

Manager: Candice Kwok-Smith, 408-630-3193

Attachments: [Attachment 1: Schedule](#)

Est. Staff Time: 5 Minutes

4. 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.

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

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Speakers comments should be limited to two minutes or as set by the Chair. The law does not permit Committee action on, or extended discussion of, any item not on the agenda except under special circumstances. If Committee action is requested, the matter may be placed on a future agenda. All comments that require a response will be referred to staff for a reply in writing. The Committee may take action on any item of business appearing on the posted agenda.

6. ADJOURN:

7.1. Adjourn to Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m., on Wednesday, September 29, 2021, to be called to order in compliance with the State Emergency Services Act, the Governor's Emergency Declaration related to COVID-19, and the Governor's Executive Order N-08-21.



Santa Clara Valley Water District

File No.: 21-0892

Agenda Date: 9/22/2021
Item No.: 2.1.

COMMITTEE AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Redistricting Advisory Committee

SUBJECT:

Approval of Meeting Minutes.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the September 15, 2021, Meeting Minutes.

SUMMARY:

A summary of Committee discussions, and details of all actions taken by the Committee, during all open and public Committee meetings, is transcribed and submitted for review and approval.

Upon Committee approval, minutes transcripts are finalized and entered into the District's historical records archives and serve as historical records of the Committee's meetings.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: 09152021 RAC Draft Meeting Minutes

UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:

Candice Kwok-Smith, 408-630-3193



REDISTRICTING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

DRAFT MINUTES

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2021
6:00 PM**

A Census Bureau data meeting of the Redistricting Advisory Committee was held on September 15, 2021, Teleconference via Zoom in San Jose, California.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Hon. Howard Miller called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

1.1 ROLL CALL

Quorum of 6 was established.

Members in attendance were:

Jurisdiction

District 1
District 2
District 3
District 4
District 5
District 6
District 7

Representative

Swanee Edwards
Emilie Gatfield
Michael Kraus
Michael Gross
Hon. Howard Miller
Alfredo Morales
Raven Malone*

Staff in attendance were: Roseryn Bhudsabourg, Glenna Brambill, Lisa Flores, Rachael Gibson, Andy Gschwind, and Don Rocha.

Consultants (Redistricting Partners) in attendance were: Sophia Garcia and Paul Mitchell.

Public in attendance was: Diana, Ellen Forbes, Director Barbara Keegan (District 2), Doug Muirhead, Shayne S., and J. Webb.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2.1. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

It was moved by Ms. Emilie Gatfield, second by Ms. Swanee Edwards, and by roll call and unanimous vote approved the August 18, 2021, Redistricting Advisory Committee meeting minutes, as presented.

3. ACTION ITEMS:
3.1 MEETING ON CENSUS BUREAU DATA RELEASE ON EXISTING DISTRICTS AND NEW POPULATIONS

Mr. Paul Mitchell reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda.

*Ms. Raven Malone logged on at 6:14 p.m.

The Redistricting Advisory Committee (Ms. Swanee Edwards, Hon. Howard Miller, Mr. Michael Kraus, Ms. Emilie Gatfield, Mr. Michael Gross, Mr. Alfredo Morales, and Ms. Raven Malone) discussed the following: prison populations data (State Department of Corrections), deviations, aligning the maps and data to reflect the best outcome, having a definite rationale of any decisions made, looking at the Plan-the total sum of the deviation (absolute value), legacy data, possibly looking at what other agencies (example the County, City, and School Districts) are doing with redistricting, reviewing/drawing of the maps, potential undercounting concerns, communities of interest, growth percentages within the 7 districts, unincorporated areas/well owners/agricultural populations, the committee consensus is that more information is needed prior to making any final decisions.

The Redistricting Advisory Committee took no action.

3.2 NEXT MEETING AND AGENDA ITEMS

Committee Chair Hon. Miller and Mr. Don Rocha gave a quick overview of the schedule and potential agenda items. The October 6, 2021, meeting is rescheduled to Tuesday, October 5, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

The Committee was reminded that they are to attend all meetings and to advise Valley Water staff if unable to attend. A quorum for each meeting is needed to conduct RAC business.

The Redistricting Advisory Committee took no action.

4. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE REQUESTS TO THE BOARD

Ms. Glenna Brambill reported there were no action items for Board consideration.

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

There was no one present who wished to speak.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Committee Chair Hon. Howard Miller adjourned at 7:05 p.m. to the regular meeting on Wednesday, September 22, 2021, at 1:30 p. m. to be called to order in compliance with the State Emergency Services Act, the Governor's Emergency Declaration related to COVID-19, and the Governor's Executive Order N-08-21.

Glenna Brambill
Board Committee Liaison
Office of the Clerk of the Board

Approved:



Santa Clara Valley Water District

File No.: 21-0893

Agenda Date: 9/22/2021
Item No.: 3.1.

COMMITTEE AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Redistricting Advisory Committee

SUBJECT:

Outreach meeting for District 7.

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive information on the newly released Census data for District 7.

SUMMARY:

This meeting will focus on District 7 and provide insight on the Census data changes that occurred within the District. The meeting will provide community members the opportunity to create their own map that satisfies the one-person, one-vote test and ensures compliance with the federal Voting Rights Act. This meeting will also serve as an opportunity for the consultants to take note of any comments or suggestions the public may want to be reflected in the final map submission to the Valley Water Board.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: Outreach presentation

UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:

Don Rocha, 408-630-2338

Santa Clara Valley Water District
2021 Redistricting
Community Outreach Meetings



Welcome

Redistricting Advisory Committee

The seven-member Committee is appointed by the Board of Directors

District 1

Swanee Edwards

District 2

Emilie Gatfield

District 3

Michael Kraus

District 4

Michael Gross

District 5

Howard Miller

District 6

Alfredo M. Morales

District 7

Raven Malone

Agenda

Things we will cover:

- Redistricting Basics
- Redistricting Advisory Committee
- Traditional Redistricting Principles
- Communities of Interest
- Map Tool Demonstration
- Public Testimony on Communities of Interest
- Public Hearing Schedule

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 Congressional and State Legislative Districts, but local governments also must do redistricting.

- The Santa Clara Valley Water District also must go through this process, as it did in 2011, to ensure the districts are rebalanced after the decennial census.
- Beyond creating districts of equal population, redistricting also serves to empower local communities and preserve voting rights.

Redistricting Advisory Committee

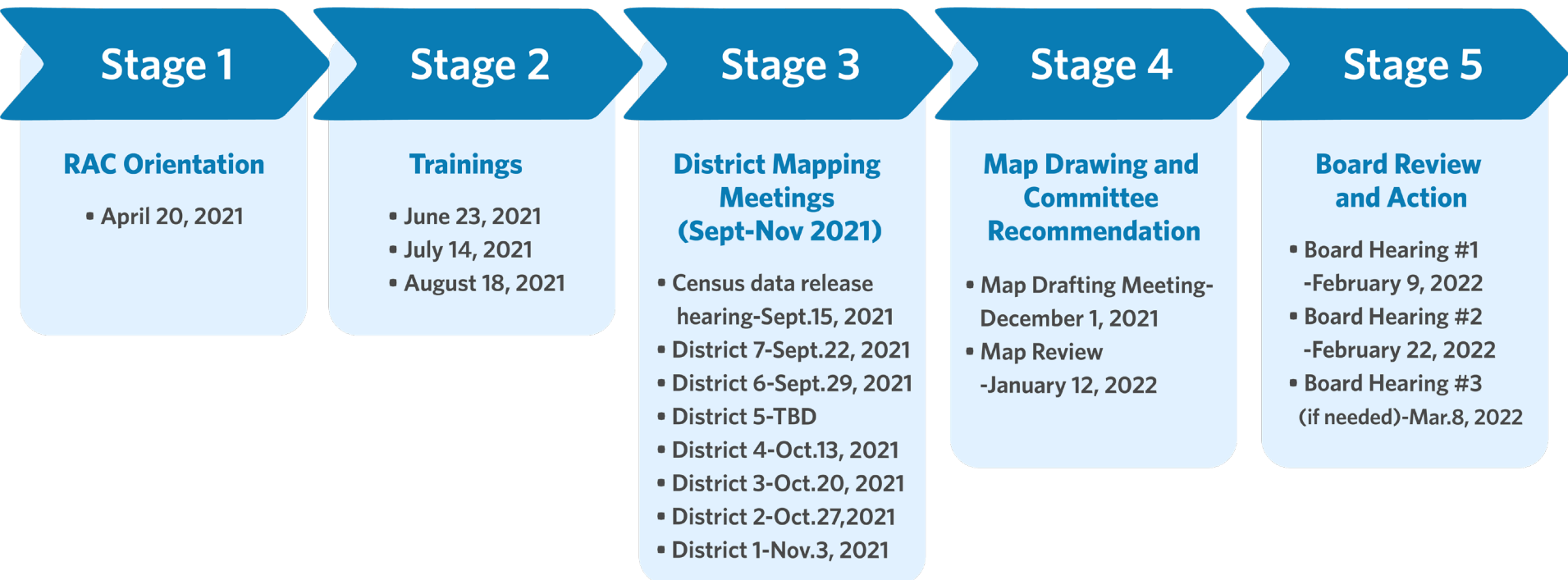
Structure

Valley Water's Board of Directors appointed a seven-member Redistricting Advisory Committee (RAC) to assist them in conducting community outreach.

Goals of the RAC are:

- Conduct Community Outreach Hearings
- Identify communities of interest from public input
- Report to the Board with public input gathered by the RAC

Redistricting Timeline



Traditional Redistricting Principles

Preventing a District from Becoming a Gerrymander

There are a number of criteria that have been used nationally and upheld by courts.

- Relatively equal size - people, not citizens
- Contiguous – districts should not hop/jump
- Maintain “*communities of interest*”
- Follow city/county/local government lines
- Keep districts compact – appearance/function

Traditional Redistricting Principles

Drawing New Valley Water Districts for Fair Representation

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Communities of Interest

Bringing like people together for representation

Communities of interest are the building blocks of districts.

A community of interest includes ethnic and language minorities and other groups.

- Subjective
- Open-ended to be as inclusive as possible

Communities covered by the Voting Rights Act

- Latinos
- Asians
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While communities of interest may include race, it cannot be the *predominant factor* in drawing district boundaries.

Communities of Interest

Bringing like people together for representation

- Historical communities
- Economic interests
- Racial composition
- Ethnic Areas
- Cultural amenities
- Religious facilities
- Immigrant communities
- Languages spoken
- Geographic features
- Neighborhoods
- Economic opportunity zones
- Tourism Areas
- School districts
- Outdoor recreation areas
- Communities defined by natural resource features
- Downtown / Urban
- Rural or Agricultural
- Homeowner or Renters
- Creative arts communities
- Media markets
- *Many, many more*

What is NOT a Community of Interest

Preventing a Districting from Becoming a Gerrymander

The Fair Maps Act explicitly prohibits these groups from being considered as communities of interest

- Political party affiliation
- Incumbents
- Political candidates

It also is hard, in redistricting to truly consider:

- *Groups of similarly minded people who do not share a similar geographic location.*
- *Communities of Interest that are countywide.*

Communities of Interest

Three Critical Questions in Defining YOUR Community

- Does the community have a shared culture, characteristics or bond?
- Is the community geographic in nature? Is the community able to be mapped?
- Who would you describe the community's relationship with the jurisdiction, and how is your community affected by the policy decisions made by the elected officials?

Is this a Community of Interest?

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Would this be considered a *Community of Interest*?

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Would this be considered a *Community of Interest*?

YES! This group of residents can easily to be mapped in a distinct area AND they share a common policy interest, which can be addressed through legislation or public services.

Is this a Community of Interest?

A neighborhood association in a historic part of East San Jose organizes and submits testimony on why their neighborhood should not be separated.

Would this be considered a *Community of Interest*?

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Would this be considered a *Community of Interest*?

YES! Historical communities and neighborhoods are recognized as communities of interest and should be considered when drawing maps.

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A group of mushroom and spinach farmers, concentrated in the rural unincorporated areas of the county, focused on ensuring they have enough water for their crops.

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Would this be considered a *Community of Interest*?

YES! This is a group of people in a shared geographic location who have similar needs for public services.

Is this a Community of Interest?

A statewide group for people who are fans of San Francisco Giants testifies to the Valley Water Redistricting Advisory Committee.

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NO! It is important that a community of interest is distinct enough to draw on a map. This group overlaps throughout the entire state, and it is unlikely that a governing agency has any say over these issues.

Community of Interest Forms

Submitting Your COI Form

- Input can be provided in public hearings or using our “Community of Interest Worksheet.”
- This can be provided on the website as a part of overall community engagement strategy.
- Some agencies convert these to a webform or survey instrument.



Map Submissions

Online Map Submissions will be available in the coming month after the Valley Water completes development / hosting of the Online Redistricting software

Two types of expected input:

- Community of Interest Maps (August – End of Process)
- District Plans Based on 2021 Data (Release of Data – Final Adoption)

Communities of Interest

Drawing YOUR Communities of Interest

Valley Water will be using DistrictR as a public mapping tool to allow residents to draw their own Communities of Interest.



You draw the lines.

https://districtr.org/event/santa_clara_water

Redistricting Advisory Committee

Timeline for Upcoming Meetings

Sept. 22 nd	Outreach Meeting #1 – District 7
Sept. 29 th	Outreach Meeting #2 – District 6
Oct. 5 th	Outreach Meeting #3 – District 5
Oct. 13 th	Outreach Meeting #4 – District 4
Oct. 20 th	Outreach Meeting #5 – District 3
Oct. 27 th	Outreach meeting #6 – District 2
Nov. 3 rd	Outreach meeting #7 – District 1

Redistricting Advisory Committee

Timeline for Upcoming Meetings

Dec. 1 st	Map Drafting Meeting
Jan. 12 th	RAC Meeting to Review and select Final Map(s)
Feb. 9 th	Board Meeting on RAC Recommended plan(s) #1
Feb. 22 nd	Valley Water Board Meeting to vote on Final Maps #2
March 8 th	Valley Water Board Meeting #3 (if needed) to vote on Final Maps

Santa Clara Valley Water Redistricting Website

<https://www.valleywater.org/how-we-operate/redistricting>



REDISTRICTING PARTNERS

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Santa Clara Valley Water District

File No.: 21-0894

Agenda Date: 9/22/2021
Item No.: 3.2.

COMMITTEE AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Redistricting Advisory Committee

SUBJECT:

Next Meeting and Agenda Items.

RECOMMENDATION:

Discuss and confirm next meeting date and agenda items.

SUMMARY:

Review schedule for upcoming meeting dates in 2021-2022.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: Schedule

UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:

Candice Kwok-Smith, 408-630-3193



2021-22 Redistricting Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule

Activity	Category	Date
<p>RAC elects permanent Chair and Vice Chair and receives presentations on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of draft redistricting “manual” outlining different terminology, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Voting Rights Act ○ rules of redistricting, ○ the census, ○ communities of interest ○ map creation ○ Fair Maps Act • Introduction of BeHeard effort 	Training	June 23, 2021 6 pm
<p>Presentations on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brown Act • Conduct of Meetings Rules • Adoption of bylaws • Governance process 	Training	July 14, 2021 6 pm
<p>Presentations on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DistrictR Redistricting software and training for public and committee • process for outreach hearings • mapping tools • Outreach plan overview 	Training	August 18, 2021 6 pm
<p>Presentation on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Census Data Release Meeting with presentation to RAC on existing districts and new populations 	Public Meeting	September 15, 2021 6 pm
Outreach Meeting #1 for District 7	Public Meeting	September 22, 2021 1:30 pm



Outreach Meeting #2 for District 6	Public Meeting	September 29, 2021 6 pm
Outreach Meeting #3 for District 5	Public Meeting	October 5, 2021 6 pm
Outreach Meeting #4 for District 4	Public Meeting	October 13, 2021 6:00 pm
Outreach Meeting #5 for District 3	Public Meeting	October 20, 2021 6 pm
Outreach Meeting #6 for District 2	Public Meeting	October 27, 2021 6 pm
Outreach Meeting #7 for District 1	Public Meeting	November 3, 2021 6 pm
Map Drafting meeting – live map drawing with direction from the Committee	Public Meeting	December 1, 2021 6 pm
RAC Meeting to review and select Final Map(s)	Public Meeting	January 12, 2022 6 pm
Board Meeting on RAC Recommended plan(s) #1	Public Meeting	February 9, 2022



		1:00 pm
Board Meeting to vote on Final Maps #2	Public Meeting	February 22, 2022 6 pm
Board Meeting #3 (if needed) to vote on Final Maps	Public Meeting	March 8, 2022 1 pm

