



## FINAL MINUTES

### Redistricting Advisory Commission of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District Monday, February 14, 2022

#### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:36 pm by Chair Dave J. Stoldt. *Pursuant to AB 361 (Rivas), the meeting was conducted with virtual participation via Zoom.*

#### Commissioners Present: (By Roll-Call Vote)

Susan Schiavone, *Division 1*  
Esther Malkin, *Division 2*  
Nancy Selfridge, *Division 3 (Joined at 6:33 p.m.)*  
Tama Olver, *Division 4*  
Myrleen Fisher, *Division 5*  
Troy Ishikawa, *County Representative*  
Steven Lilley, *City Representative*  
Marc Eisenhart, *At-Large Member*  
N. Monica Lal, *At-Large Member*

#### Commissioners Absent:

None

#### Staff Members Present:

David J. Stoldt, General Manager  
Joel G. Pablo, Board Clerk

#### District Counsel Present:

David Laredo, Esq. with De Lay and Laredo

#### Demographers Present:

Shelley Lapkoff, Ph.D and Jeanne Gobalet, Ph.D with  
Lapkoff and Gobalet Demographic Research, Inc.

#### Additions and Corrections to the Published Agenda:

None

#### Introductions

#### Introductions Made by:

Dave J. Stoldt, General Manager  
Dave Laredo, Esq.  
Shelley Lapkoff, Ph.D and Jeanne Gobalet, Ph.D.  
Members of the Commission

#### Comments from the Public:

No public comments were directed to the Commission.

## Action Items

### 1. Review and Approve the Redistricting Advisory Commission Meeting Schedule

*Opened Public Comment; No Comments were directed to the Commission on Item No. 1*

Joel G. Pablo, Board Clerk briefed the Commission on the proposed meeting schedule. The Commission reviewed the proposed meeting scheduled and agreed to modify the schedule by striking out February 23, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. and adding in Thursday, March 17, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. (if needed).

A motion was made by Eisenhart with a second by Schiavone to amend the proposed meeting schedule by striking out February 23, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. and adding in Thursday, March 17, 2022 (if needed). The motion carried on a roll-call vote of 7-Ayes (Schiavone, Malkin, Olver, Ishikawa, Lilley, Eisenhart and Lal), 1-Absent (Selfridge) and 0-Noes.

*Commissioner Fisher was present during the virtual meeting and no vote was captured/recorded during the meeting.*

## Discussion Item

### 2. RAC Rules of Procedure and Brown Act Considerations

*Opened Public Comment; No Comments were directed to the Commission on Item No. 2*

Joel G. Pablo, Board Clerk highlighted a few points on the Redistricting Advisory Commission Rules of Procedure and Brown Act Considerations and presented via MS PowerPoint. *A copy of the presentation is on file at the District office and can be viewed on the District website.*

### 3. Redistricting Orientation and Review of 2020 Census Data

*Opened Public Comment; No Comments were directed to the Commission on Item No. 3*

Jeanne Gobalet, Ph.D. delivered and presented via MS PowerPoint presentation entitled Post-2020 Census Redistricting: Redistricting Advisory Commission (RAC) Meeting #1. *A copy of the presentation is on file at the District office and can be viewed on the District website.* Gobalet provided an overview of her firms work and on past redistricting efforts in 1991 and 2011 with the District. Gobalet covered the rationale for conducting the redistricting process, reviewed current Election Districts (adopted in 2002), the Federal/State legal requirements Demographers must follow, provided the definition of and examples of communities of interest, noted that the current election district populations are not balanced and Division - Director boundaries need to be adjusted.

#### Highlights from the PowerPoint include:

- a. Redistricting involves the demographic evaluation of Division – Director areas using the 2020 Federal Census data to determined equal population in each area.
- b. Redistricting is required every 10 years
- c. Current Directors complete their terms of office even if they no longer live in the Area they were elected to represent.
- d. Gobalet reviewed the 2020 population of each Division – Director area by:
  - i. Total Population
  - ii. Voting Age Population, Age 18 and over

- iii. Citizens of Voting Age
- iv. Registered Voters
- v. Actual Voters (by Spanish and Asian Surname)
- e. Provided an overview and a brief explanation of the Federal Voting Rights Act and the CA Elections Code
- f. Communities of Interest (COI): COIs are contiguous areas where people share common social and economic interests and should be in a single Director- Division or be considered when drawing Director – Division boundaries.

#### **4. Presentation of Draft Maps, Commission Discussion and Feedback**

Shelley Lapkoff, Ph.D reviewed/presented Draft Plan 1 and 2 Maps and discussed possibilities with the commissioners via MS PowerPoint presentation entitled Post-2020 Census Redistricting: Redistricting Advisory Commission (RAC) Meeting #1. *A copy of the presentation is on file at the District office and can be viewed on the District website.*

##### Presentation of Draft Plan 1 Highlights include:

- a. Minimum change, with options to include:
  - i. Boundary between District 1 and 2 could be moved from Phoenix Street to San Pablo, which would lower the Districts' deviation.

Move District 3's Eastern Boundary to Sloat

- b. Reviewed and Compared the Current Districts 2002 Adopted Maps with Proposed Plan 1 (Colored-coded maps 2002 census and black lines 2020 Census)
- c. Provided an overview of Plan 1 Population Data Tables showing: Total Population, Age 18+ (voting age) population and citizens of voting age (CVAP) percentages. Noting that the Standard Deviation for all Division – Director Boundaries are still within the legal requirements and are under 10%.

##### Presentation of Draft Plan 2 Highlights:

- a. Seaside's LatinX population concentrated in one district
- b. District 3, 4 and 5 same as in Plan 1
- c. District 2 Boundaries based on Seaside's LatinX community of interest: LatinX are 58% of total population; 30% of CVAP
- d. District 1 includes other parts of Seaside
- e. Reviewed and Compared the Current Districts 2002 Adopted Maps with Proposed Plan 2 (Colored-coded maps 2002 census and black lines 2020 Census)
- f. Provided an overview of Plan 2 Population Data Tables showing: Total Population, Age 18+ (voting age) population and citizens of voting age (CVAP) percentages. Noting that the Standard Deviation for all Division – Director Boundaries are still within the legal requirements and are under 10%.

##### Draft Plan Ideas and Commission Discussion Highlights:

- a. Commissioner Malkin: Requested Income Driven Data and Census Tracking Maps of Medium Income Households and information on renter populations.

*In response to Malkin, Gobalet noted that information can be provided, and the American Community Survey does provide estimates of renter vs. owner occupied groups.*

- b. Commissioner Schiavone: Asked for and concurred with Commissioner Malkin and emphasized the need for income driven data, specifically low-income as it relates to the rental population.
- c. *In response to Commissioner Eisenhart's question*, Lapkoff explained that current incumbents with Draft Plans 1 and 2 as presented were considered and the current incumbents are all still within their respective districts.

In addition, Laredo responded to Commissioner Eisenhart on separate question. District Counsel Laredo stated he believes each of the draft plans as presented would be judged not against each other, but rather under the criteria of each of the draft plans as laid out by the District's Demographers, *if challenged in court*.

- d. Further discussion and deliberation amongst the Commission members centered on: Plans 1 and 2 (specifically Division- Director Districts 1 and 2) and the need for rental, low and medium-income households, business vs. residential communities and ethnicity.
- e. Shelley and Jeanne focused in and requested each of the Commissioners look at Division-Director Districts 3, 4 and 5 and direct any comments or questions to Joel Pablo, Board Clerk prior to the March 7, 2022 Commission Meeting.

*Opened Public Comment; No Comments were directed to the Commission on Item No. 4*

## **5. Live mapping, if desired**

Discussed and not required by the Commission.

## **Suggest Items to be Placed on Future Agendas**

- Demographers will prepare and provide a report in response to the Commissioners' discussions. Draft plans will be reviewed at the March 7, 2022 Commission Meeting.

## **Adjournment**

The Commission adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

/s/ Joel G. Pablo, Board Clerk to the MPWMD Redistricting Advisory Commission

Reviewed and Approved by the MPWMD Redistricting Advisory Commission on March 7, 2022  
Received by the MPWMD Board of Directors on March 21, 2022