



MONTEREY PENINSULA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Overview of Redistricting Advisory Commission

The Monterey Peninsula Water Management District seeks applicants to serve on its Redistricting Advisory Commission. This Commission will be responsible for determining the District's voter division area boundaries for the 2022 election. The 2020 Census counts show that more than a technical adjustment is needed to balance the District's total populations by voter division.

Prior to 1993, the District used "at-large" elections, in which the District's five Board members were elected by all voters within the District. By Board Resolution No. 93-05 adopted on April 21, 1993, the Board agreed to establish five resident voting divisions. In a by-division area election, the District is divided into five district areas; voters in each division elect one Director, who must live within that district area.

The division area map for the 2020 Board election was approved by the then current Board. The current Board agreed that the voting division map for the 2022 Board election would be prepared in consultation with Lapkoff and Gobalet Demographic Research, Inc. and a Redistricting Advisory Commission to be appointed by the Board. New voter division boundaries are to be proposed for the Board's consideration and approval. The map will then be used for future Board elections.

The Commission will consist of 9 members. Each Director will appoint a participant from their division, and the mayoral and county representatives appoint one each from their city or supervisorial district, and the Board as a whole will agree on two additional "at-large" participants. The Commission will meet beginning January 2022 and shall complete its duties by April 2022. It is expected that the Commission will meet a total of at least three times.

Any plan recommended by the Commission shall comply with the legal requirements for districting under the United States Constitution, the California Constitution, the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, the California Voting Rights Act of 2001, and the California Elections Code and shall promote representation of the diverse geographic and social interests in our community.

Members of the public are invited and encouraged to submit their statement of interest for the Commission. This is a volunteer position. District staff will forward received statements of interest to the Board for consideration and final selection. Statements are due by January 7, 2022 to Joel G. Pablo, Board Clerk via U.S. Mail or by e-mail at joel@mpwmd.net

Overview of the Redistricting Process

Every ten years, local governments use new census data to redraw their division lines to reflect how local populations have changed. Assembly Bill 849 (2019) requires cities and counties to engage communities in the redistricting process by holding public hearings and/or workshops and doing public outreach, including to non-English-speaking communities.

What is redistricting?

Every ten years, division lines must be redrawn so that each district is substantially equal in population. This process, called redistricting, is important in ensuring that each district represents about the same number of constituents. The Monterey Peninsula Water Management District is responsible for drawing voter divisions.

Redistricting is done using U.S. Census data, which was released around March 31, 2021. For the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, the redistricting process must be completed by April 17, 2022.

Why does redistricting matter to me?

Redistricting determines which neighborhoods and communities are grouped together into a division for purposes of electing a director.

The Board of Directors will seek input in selecting the next district map for the different divisions of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District. You have an opportunity to share with the Board of Directors how you think division boundaries should be drawn to best represent your community.

What do the existing voter divisions look like?

You can find a map of the City's current voter divisions here:

Division 1: <https://www.mpwmd.net/wp-content/uploads/Division-1Enhanced.jpg>

Division 2: <https://www.mpwmd.net/wp-content/uploads/Division-2Enhanced.jpg>

Division 3: <https://www.mpwmd.net/wp-content/uploads/Division-3Enhanced.jpg>

Division 4: <https://www.mpwmd.net/wp-content/uploads/Division-4Enhanced.jpg>

Division 5: <https://www.mpwmd.net/wp-content/uploads/Division-5-OverviewEnhanced.jpg>

Division 5 (Northern Portion): <https://www.mpwmd.net/wp-content/uploads/Division-5-NorthEnhanced.jpg>

What criteria will our Board of Directors use when drawing voter division lines?

To the extent practicable, voter division lines will be adopted using the following criteria:

- (1) Geographically contiguous divisions (each Board of Directors district should share a common border with the next),
- (2) The geographic integrity of local neighborhoods or communities shall be respected in a manner that minimizes its division,
- (3) Geographic integrity of a city shall be respected in a manner that minimizes its division,
- (4) Easily identifiable boundaries that follow natural or artificial barriers (rivers, streets, highways, rail lines, etc.), and
- (5) Lines shall be drawn to encourage geographic compactness. In addition, boundaries shall not be drawn for purposes of favoring or discriminating against a political party.

How will our Board of Directors notify the public about redistricting?

The Board of Directors will reach out to local media to publicize the redistricting process. Also, we will make a good faith effort to notify community groups of various kinds about the redistricting process. A Redistricting Advisory Commission of public volunteers will be established to recommend revised maps. The Board of Directors will notify the public about a redistricting workshop to review the recommendations of the Commission, post proposed maps online before adoption, and create a dedicated web page for all relevant information about the redistricting process.