



RULES OF PROCEDURE AND BROWN ACT CONSIDERATIONS

Rules of Procedure (Highlights)

- As a result of the 2020 census, the District's voter division boundaries must be reassessed for balance. The MPWMD Redistricting Advisory Commission (RAC) is charged to make recommendations to the Board of Directors on changes to resident voting division boundaries based on the 2020 Census...
- Comply with the legal requirements for redistricting 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.
- Each meeting of the RAC shall comply with the Brown Act, be open and public, and shall allow the public an opportunity to comment. Members of the Board of Directors of the District, however, shall neither serve on the RAC, nor make presentations to the RAC, nor participate in RAC discussions.
- A final report shall be written and approved by the RAC. Although the RAC should strive to unanimously endorse one plan, any group or individual who has a minority position may present that position in writing to the Board of Directors as an attachment to the final report.
 - *Recommendation to the Board in March 2022*
 - *Approval of Draft Map / Final Maps by or prior to April 17, 2022*

Brown Act Considerations

- The RAC is required to conduct its business at open and public meetings.
- To avoid creating "serial" meetings, which are prohibited by the Brown Act, RAC members must not communicate about a matter of RAC business outside of RAC meetings, no matter how the communication occurs--whether in-person, through intermediaries, via telephone, email, social media, or any other method of communication.
- Agendas for regular meetings must be posted at the District Office and on its website at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting and must include:
 - *the date, time, and location of RAC meetings,*
 - *the issues to be addressed at each meeting, and*
 - *an opportunity for the public to address the RAC.*
- The RAC may not discuss or take action on any item not appearing on the posted agenda, except:
 - *to ask questions for clarification; or*
 - *to ask District staff or the demographers to report back at a subsequent meeting on an item not appearing on the current agenda.*

Brown Act Considerations

- Items may not be added to the meeting agenda once it has been posted.
- Public Comments
 - *Members of the public may address the RAC on any item within its subject-matter jurisdiction. Public comments about items on the agenda must be heard before or during the RACs consideration of each item.*
 - *Members of the public cannot be required to give their names.*
 - *Reasonable time limits may be imposed.*
- The RAC agenda and meeting materials, including writings distributed for consideration at a public meeting to RAC members, are public records.



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