

MPWMD Redistricting Advisory Commission: Purpose and Formation

(Adopted by the MPWMD Board of Director's on December 13, 2021)

Purpose of Commission

On October 18, 2021, the Board approved formation of the MPWMD Redistricting Advisory Commission charged with making recommendations to the Board of Directors on changes to resident voting division boundaries based on the 2020 Census. The MPWMD Redistricting Advisory Commission (RAC) should recommend at least two significantly different plans (maps) to cause the voter division boundary changes. Although the commission should strive to unanimously endorse one plan, a minority position may be presented to the Board of Directors as an attachment to the commission's final report.

Meetings of the RAC shall comply with the Brown Act, be open and public, and shall allow the public an opportunity to comment. The presiding officer (and parliamentarian) for the RAC shall be designated as the District General Manager, or his appointee, by the Board to serve as a non-voting facilitator and chair for the commission.

Formation of the Commission (as adopted by the Board on 10-18-2021)

Director Appointments

Each Director shall appoint a participant from their division, and the mayoral and county representatives appoint one from an incorporated city or supervisorial district. The Board will ratify the appointments in January 2022.

At-Large Appointments

The Board as a whole agree on two additional "at large" participants at the regularly scheduled meeting in January 2022.

Invitation to Communities of Interest to Participate

Shown below is the list of organizations that were invited to participate in the 2021 redistricting effort. These groups represent either a recognized ethnic organization or an area of specific geographic interest. However, there are variations as to who could sit on the Redistricting Advisory Commission. The public, media, ethnic groups, special interest groups, neighborhood groups, cities, the League of Women Voters and others could be invited to join. *The Board should provide direction to staff on the names of other groups that should be invited to participate.*

Invited Communities of Interest

- League of Women Voters of Monterey County
- NAACP
- LULAC
- Filipino Community Organization of the Monterey Peninsula
- Korean American Organization of Monterey County

- Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce
- Carmel Residents Association
- Carmel Valley Association
- Central Labor and Building Trades Council
- Monterey County Association of Realtors
- Del Monte Forest Property Owners
- Monterey Bay Chinese Association
- Japanese American Citizens League of Monterey Peninsula
- Esselen Tribe of Monterey County
- Costanoan Rumsen Carmel Tribe
- Ohlone/Costanoan-Esselen Nation
- Amah Mutsun Tribal Band
- Indigenous Peoples Consultant Ohlone/Costanoan Esselen Nation
- Rumsen Ohlone Community
- Monterey County Hospitality Association
- Carmel Chamber of Commerce
- Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce
- Other Resident/Neighborhood Association on the Peninsula

1. The city/county representatives shall be appointed to represent interests of that community “at large,” but shall not be a member of the city council, board of supervisors or a paid member of staff of a public entity.
2. Each representative must be a resident of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District.
3. The District shall publish notice that any unrepresented ethnic group may seek appointment to the advisory commission by a letter requesting such representation. Any such letter must be received by the District no later than the close of business on January 7, 2022.
4. Guidelines for conduct of the MPWMD Redistricting Advisory Commission and a charge for the commission are included on the following page.

**RULES OF PROCEDURE
FOR THE
MPWMD REDISTRICTING ADVISORY COMMISSION**
Adopted by the MPWMD Board of Director's on December 13, 2021

1. 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. Although the RAC should strive to unanimously endorse one plan, a minority position may be presented to the Board of Directors as an attachment to the commission's final report.
2. Any plan recommended by the RAC 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. The five voting divisions shall be based on the 2020 census, with an overall total deviation in any division not to exceed ten percent (10%).
3. 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.
4. The presiding officer (and parliamentarian) for the RAC shall be designated as the District General Manager, or his appointee, by the Board to serve as a non-voting facilitator and chair for the commission.
5. Each member of the advisory commission shall represent either an area of specific geographic interest or a recognized social organization.
6. Each RAC member must be a resident of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District. Each RAC member must file a statement of interest or application which must be received by the District no later than close of business on January 7, 2022. Applicants will be notified whether or not they are appointed shortly thereafter.
7. Each person shall be entitled to one vote, even if that person is the representative of more than one organization or area. Due to the number of representatives, alternates shall not be allowed. All decisions of the RAC shall be made by roll call vote. Decisions shall be made by a majority of those present.
8. 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.

9. The RAC shall convene its first meeting in January or early February 2022. A final report shall be made by the commission to the District Board by the March 21, 2022 Board meeting.
10. District staff shall provide necessary and reasonable support to the RAC. Primary staff liaison, support, and media contact shall be provided by Joel G. Pablo, District Board Clerk. Legal services shall be provided to the commission by David C. Laredo, General Counsel to the District.
11. As much as possible, take into account the residences of incumbents so that incumbents are not paired in a division. That is, each director division contains only one director.
12. All expenditures of the RAC shall be subject to the prior review and approval of the Board.
13. Aside from the Facilitator/Chair and staff, all contact with the demographer shall be at and during the public sessions of the Redistricting Advisory Commission. There shall be no individual communication with Lapkoff & Gobalet by either RAC members or members of the Board of Directors.

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