

EAST BAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT

DATE: December 9, 2021

MEMO TO: Board of Directors

THROUGH: Clifford C. Chan, General Manager *CCC*

FROM: Rischa S. Cole, Secretary of the District *RC*

SUBJECT: Redistricting Ad Hoc Committee Minutes – November 23, 2021

President Doug A. Linney called to order the Redistricting Ad Hoc Committee meeting at 9:03 a.m. He announced that in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e), this meeting would be conducted by webinar and teleconference only. A physical location was not provided for this meeting. Directors John A. Coleman and Marguerite Young were present at roll call. All Directors participated remotely. Staff participants included General Manager Clifford C. Chan, General Counsel Derek T. McDonald, Assistant General Counsel Lourdes Matthew, Senior Software Engineer George F. McQuary, Executive Assistant II Robyn S. Johnson, and Secretary of the District Rischa S. Cole.

Public Comment. None.

Presentations/Documentation. 1) Presentation entitled “2021-2022 Redistricting Update – Redistricting Proposals,” dated November 23, 2021; and 2) Memo to Board of Directors from Rischa S. Cole, Secretary of the District dated November 18, 2021 regarding the 2021-2022 Redistricting Update (revised November 22, 2021).

2021-2022 Redistricting Efforts and Update. Secretary of the District Rischa S. Cole and Senior Software Engineer George F. McQuary provided the update. Ms. Cole reviewed the October 26, 2021 Redistricting Ad Hoc Committee meeting during which staff responded to questions from the September 28, 2021 Committee meeting and Senior Software Engineer George F. McQuary presented final ward population data as well as three proposals to adjust the boundaries between Wards 5 and 7. Each proposal would bring the populations in both wards within three percent of the target ward population of 211,060. During the October 26 meeting, the Committee voted to submit Proposal 1 to the Board for consideration at the November 23 Board meeting and staff was asked to consider holding an in-person public meeting in the San Leandro/San Lorenzo area to update residents on the three redistricting proposals. Staff researched potential meeting locations and determined none of the prospective agencies were accepting reservations for in-person meetings for January or February 2022.

To provide an additional opportunity for public comment on the three proposals, staff recommended conducting the November 23 meeting before the Board makes its determination on a final proposal to present at public hearings in February and March 2022. The District conducted targeted outreach to residents in San Leandro/San Lorenzo and posted information on Nextdoor for the entire service area regarding today’s meeting. Next, Mr. McQuary reviewed ward population data and presented updated maps showing the three proposals presented to the Committee on October 26.

- **Proposal 1:** move an area of San Lorenzo that is east of Highway 880 from Ward 5 to Ward 7. This area is south of San Lorenzo Creek between 880 and the Southern Pacific Railroad and has a population of 4,637. This proposal would decrease the Ward 5 population from 217,878 to 213,241 and increase the Ward 7 population from 207,016 to 211,653.
- **Proposal 2:** move an area of San Lorenzo that is east of Highway 880 and south of Lansing Way from Ward 5 to Ward 7. This area is a subset of Proposal 1 and would move one census block with a population of 508 from Ward 5 to Ward 7. This proposal would decrease the Ward 5 population from 217,878 to 217,370 and increase the Ward 7 population from 207,016 to 207,524.
- **Proposal 3:** move the Greenhouse Marketplace area in San Leandro from Ward 5 to Ward 7 which extends along San Lorenzo Creek. The City of San Leandro is already divided between Wards 5 and 7 by Highway 880. This proposal would decrease the Ward 5 population from 217,878 to 217,271 and increase the Ward 7 population from 207,016 to 207,623.

The Committee thanked staff for the updated maps and commented on the updated staff report for today's meeting. Ms. Cole said the staff report was updated to correct transposed numbers in the descriptions of the proposals and that a revised copy had been provided to the Board. Addressing the Committee was Kelly Abreu who commented on the FAIR Maps Act and the city of San Ramon being split between Wards 2 and 7. It was moved by Director Young, seconded by Director Coleman and carried (3-0) by roll call vote to reaffirm the Committee's recommendation to review Proposal 1 during the District's public hearings on redistricting in February and March 2022. Staff will present all three proposals to the Board for review and consideration at its meeting on January 11, 2022.

Adjournment. President Linney adjourned the meeting at 9:28 a.m.

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