



REDISTRICTING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

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# MINUTES

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**TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 2021  
6:00 PM**

An orientation meeting of the Redistricting Advisory Committee was held on April 20, 2021, Teleconference via Zoom in San Jose, California.

**1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Board Committee Liaison Ms. Glenna Brambill called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

**Members in attendance were:**

Jurisdiction

District 2  
District 3  
District 4  
District 5  
District 6  
District 7

Representative

Emilie Gatfield  
Michael Kraus  
Michael Gross  
Hon. Howard Miller  
Alfredo Morales  
Raven Malone

**Member not in attendance was:**

Jurisdiction

District 1

Representative

Juan Miguel Muñoz Morris

Board Member in attendance was: 2021 Board Chair Director Tony Estremera-District 6, Board Representative.

Staff in attendance were: Glenna Brambill, Rick Callender, Lisa Flores, Rachael Gibson, Michael Potter, Don Rocha, and Jim Webb.

Consultants (Redistricting Partners) in attendance were: Chris Chaffee, Paul Mitchell, and Kimi Shigetani.

Public in attendance were: Director Nai Hsueh (District 4), Director Richard P. Santos (District 3), and Director John L. Varela (District 1).

**2. WELCOME**

Board Chair Director Tony Estremera opened with remarks, welcoming and thanking the Committee for their participation and commitment to the redistricting process.

**3. INTRODUCTIONS:**

Mr. Don Rocha introduced the other Board Members in attendance:

- Director Nai Hsueh-District 5,
- Director Richard P. Santos-District 3, and
- Director John L. Varela-District 1

Mr. Don Rocha introduced himself as the Deputy Administrative Officer - Office of Government Affairs, and other Valley Water Staff:

- Ms. Rachael Gibson - Chief of External Affairs,
- Mr. Jim Webb - Senior Management Analyst - Office of Government Affairs,
- Ms. Lisa Flores - Fellow - Office of Government Affairs, and
- Ms. Glenna Brambill - Management Analyst II - Office of the Clerk of the Board

The Consultants of Redistricting Partners:

- Mr. Paul Mitchell - Principal Officer,
- Mr. Chris Chaffee - Chief Operations Officer, and
- Ms. Kimi Shigetani - Project Manager

The Committee Members introduced themselves and gave a quick overview of their backgrounds/experiences:

- Ms. Emilie Gatfield – District 2,
- Mr. Michael Kraus – District 3,
- Mr. Michael Gross – District 4,
- Hon. Howard Miller – District 5,
- Mr. Alfredo Morales – District 6, and
- Ms. Raven Malone – District 7

**4. ELECTION OF CHAIR PRO TEMPORE:**

The Committee unanimously by roll call voted Hon. Howard Miller as Chair Pro Tempore.

**5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS:**

**5.1 PRESENTATION FROM OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS (OGR) AND CONSULTANT**

Mr. Don Rocha reported on the role and objectives of the Office of Government Relations and Consultants.

The Redistricting Committee discussed the following: Redistricting Advisory Committee's roles and responsibilities, the redistricting process, the Federal Voting Rights Act, update on census bureau data, schedule of meetings and receiving information in a timely manner, necessary training, Brown Act, redistricting overview, training on redistricting map software, the Fair Maps Act, and community outreach.

The Redistricting Advisory Committee took no action.

## **5.2 REDISTRICTING ADVISORY COMMITTEE ORIENTATION**

Mr. Paul Mitchell reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda.

The Redistricting Committee discussed the following: the redistricting process, the principles of the Federal Voting Rights Act, update on census bureau data, and receiving information in a timely manner.

Director Tony Estremera and Mr. Don Rocha were available to answer questions.

The Redistricting Advisory Committee took no action.

## **5.3 NEXT STEPS**

Mr. Don Rocha gave a quick overview of a tentative schedule:

- June 2021-training, September through December-public meetings/hearings,
- January-Committee's maps recommendation goes to the Board,
- February 2022-Board meets and discusses the Committee's recommendation, and
- March 2022-the Board will make a decision on Committee's recommendations.

## **6. TIME OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA**

There was no one present who wished to speak.

## **7. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE REQUESTS TO THE BOARD**

Ms. Glenna Brambill reported there were no action items for Board consideration

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Pro Tempore Hon. Howard Miller adjourned at 7:10 p.m. to be called to order in compliance with the State Emergency Services Act, the Governor's Emergency Declaration related to COVID-19, and the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20.

Glenna Brambill  
Board Committee Liaison  
Office of the Clerk of the Board

Approved: 6-23-2021