



Tell Us About Your Community

Help shape the future of Santa Clara Valley Water’s Board of Directors Districts

Every ten years, U.S. Census data is used to redraw Santa Clara Valley Water Board of Director district boundaries. This ensures the districts are balanced for changes in population. Complete this form to tell the Valley Water Redistricting Advisory Committee (RAC) about your **community of interest** – keeping communities of interest together is a high-ranking criteria in the redistricting process.

What is a Community of Interest?

A Community of Interest is a group of people in the same geographically definable area who share common social and economic interests. Some examples of Communities of Interest are:

- Senior citizens
- LGBTQIA+ communities
- College students living near campus
- People who live downtown or in a neighborhood
- Dog park community
- Residents who share a common language
- People that use the same transportation systems

What criteria will help the Redistricting Advisory Committee (RAC) understand the importance of your community in the redistricting process?

When documenting your community it is important to address the following questions to assist the RAC in the redistricting process:

1. Does your community have a shared culture, characteristics, or bond?
2. Is your community geographic in nature? Is your community able to be mapped? Is there density within your community?
3. Describe your community’s relationship with Valley Water and how it is affected by policy decisions made by the Valley Water Board of Directors.

The public can submit any testimony, but it is important to remember that your input can be best used if it addresses all three of these questions.

What Can You Do to Further Participate in the Redistricting Process?

1. Provide your comments on your community of interest by completing this worksheet and return it by email to Roseryn Bhudsabourg with the Office of Government Relations at rbhudsabourg@valleywater.org or drop off a hard copy to the Valley Water Redistricting Advisory Committee, 5750 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, CA 95118, or attend a public hearing and read your comments to the Committee.
2. Attend one of the Committee’s public meetings listed on the Redistricting Advisory Committee’s website: www.valleywater.org/accordion/redistricting-advisory-committee.



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Questions or comments?

We want to hear from you. Email the Valley Water Redistricting Advisory Committee at rbhudsabourg@valleywater.org or visit our webpage at www.valleywater.org/how-we-operate/redistricting.

Document Your Community of Interest

1. What are the common interests in your community? Describe how they are important:

2. Explain the geographical location of your community of interest. What are the physical boundaries?

3. What is the rationale for your community of interest to be used in the Board of Directors redistricting process? Please describe how the issues before the Board of Directors have an impact on your community.

4. What else would you like to tell us about your community?

Community of Interest Form

Providing the following information is optional. If you provide an email address, we will send you information on the process.

First name:

Email:

Which district do you live in? If you're not sure, write your address and we'll look it up:

- District 1
 District 2
 District 3
 District 4
 District 5
 District 6
 District 7