Staff Report

for the Board of Directors Meeting of September 11, 2019

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Remleh Scherzinger, P.E., MBA, General Manager

Kris Stepanian, MBA, Board Secretary

DATE: September 5, 2019

SUBJECT: Redistricting Project (FATR #2311)

______ADMINISTRATION

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive presentation from Redistricting Partners to provide an overview, preliminary findings and an updated timeline.

BACKGROUND:

Redistricting Partners provided a similar presentation to the Board of Directors at the August 28, 2019 Board meeting. Slight variations to this presentation will be discussed, including an update to the time-line for completion. Redistricting Partners is assisting the District in conducting an update to the by-district election system, in order to comply with the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA).

Under California Elections Code Division 21, Chapter 8, Section 22000.c it states "At the time of, or after, any annexation of territory to the district, the board of directors shall designate, by resolution, the division of which the annexed territory shall be a part." As a result of Section 22000, this action will cause an imbalance in representation, resulting in the need for redistricting.

This item is in alignment with Goal No. 2 of the District's Strategic Plan, as it supports stewardship of District resources and requires a collaborative and responsive relationship with our Local and Regional community.

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

There is no budgetary impact at this time. Annexation consulting fees were budgeted in the 2019 Budget (10115-52603).

Attachment: Presentation from Redistricting Partners



Redistricting Overview Nevada Irrigation District



What is Redistricting

definition

Redistricting is the process of adjusting district lines every 10 years after the release of the US Census. The well known examples are Congress and the legislature.

Within the US, redistricting has become an extremely politicized process and been the subject of more high-profile Supreme Court decisions than any other part of our elections system.



The Gerrymander

The term Gerrymander came from a cartoon depicting a rather serpentine looking district created by Governor Elbridge Gerry in Massachusetts.

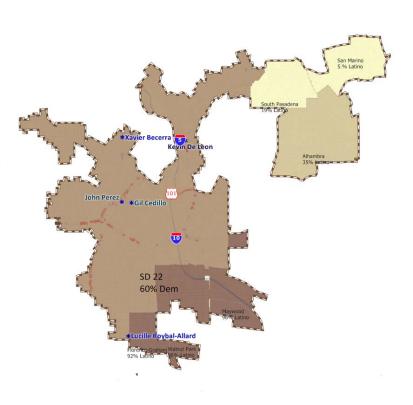




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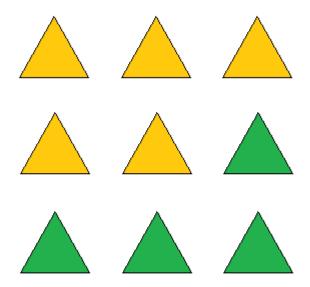
There are more recent examples of gerrymandering, even in California.

This 2001 Senate District is a great example.



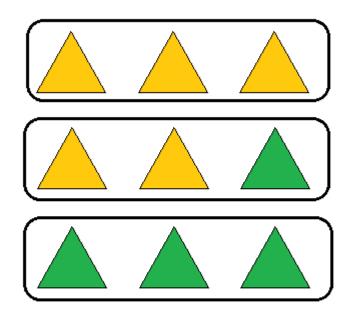


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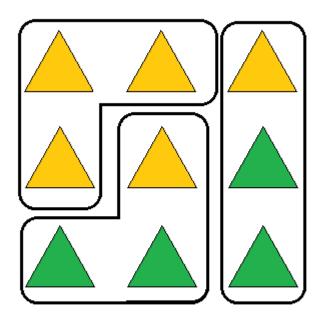


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Bringing like people together for representation

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- Communities covered by the Voting Rights Act
 - Latinos
 - Asians
 - African Americans

While race is a community of interest, it cannot be the *predominant factor* in drawing districts.



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- Other Communities, example are:
 - People living near an industry (farming, higher education, manufacturing)
 - Senior Citizens or Students
 - Downtown / Urban
 - Rural or Agricultural
 - Homeowners or Renters



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Preliminary Findings

Based on GIS Files received by from the district the 2010 Census population is 100,366.

This population is used for the determination of the target size of a district, and the "equal population" calculations that should not exceed 10% from the largest to smallest District.

Median Population: 20,073



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Preliminary Findings

For determining ethnicity of a district we use the American Community Survey calculations of Citizen Voting Age Population or "CVAP" which is also sometimes called "eligible voters population"

• CVAP: 82,684

Asian CVAP: 1,361

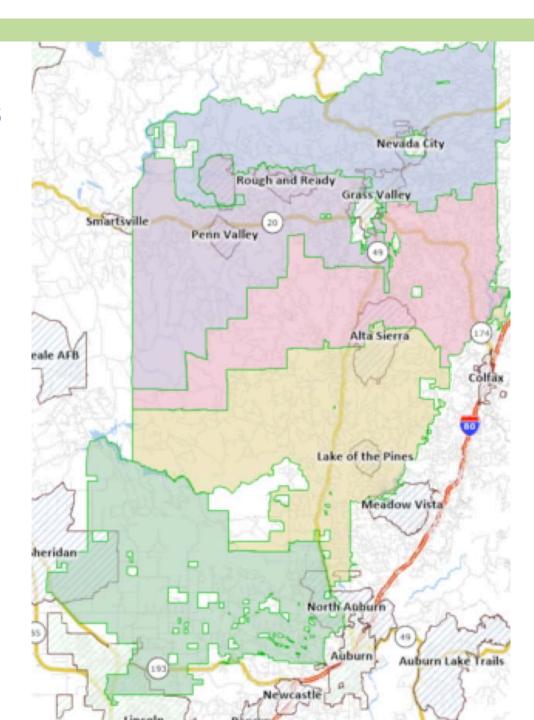
Latino CVAP: 5,152

Black CVAP: 518

White CVAP: 73,713



District Boundaries





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What's Next

Public meetings will be held to obtain input on communities of interest and receive feedback on potential districting plans prior to board adoption

Input can be provided in public meetings or using our "Community of Interest Worksheet".

REDISTRICTING PARTNERS Community of Interest Worksheet Your input is needed to shape the own districts for the North Marin Water District Board of Directors, and one way Your input its needed to shape the new distincts for the North Marin Water Listinct Board of Directors, and one will you can be helpful is by assisting the board in developing a lot of "communities of interest" or "CO!" that can be utilized in districting. nitry of Interest is any cohesive group of people that live in a geographically definable area and should be There are some communities of interest that are considered "protected classes" in that they have rights through that or federal cities rights laws. "Some examples of protected classes in districting would be ethnic and racial minorities the a concentration of Laino, Asian or African Americans within a congressional district, twice review of the control of the control of Laino, Asian or African Americans within a congressional district, wherever applicable to define those area's and make sure that they are not being harmed by the district of boundaries. There are other COt that can also be considered in districting, but don't have the higher legal requirement as in ethnic or racial minorities, but still are critical to the process. There could be charter of sensor officer in one community, or a group of colleges students bring in a detently progulated area near a campus, or people who live in a featurement area or billionic, assistantial, urban, or even oncode who share conferent such as transcontation. community, or a group or connege supposes brong in a denivery populated area near a Campus, or prespectively a downstoom area or histoise, agricultural, urban, or even people who share concerns such as transportation, airport noise, dog parks, etc... versax is true instruct on time source on the contemporal interests of your community are, and only or how they are important. Where is your community located? You can define it by drawing it on a map or describing it by natural or What is the rationale for your community of interest to be used in this districting? You can describe how what is the rationale for your community of interest to be used in this districting? You can excrete it,
the community interacts with the agency being districted, and how the issues before the board have a unique. impact on that community. Attend one of the informational meetings or hearings! Go to named.com to learn more. Email the information to: info@mentd.com in your own words or complete the attached worksheet Mail or drop it off at: North Marin Water District, 999 Rush Creek Pt, Novato, CA 94945

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Aug 28	1 st Public Meeting - Completed		
Sept 11	2 nd Public Meeting		
Sept 18	Initial draft maps published		
Oct 9	3 rd Public Meeting. Draft Map Review		
Oct 16	Publish amended draft maps (if any)		
Oct 23	4 th Public Meeting		
Nov 6	Publish final map		
Nov 13	Adoption		

