



Valley Water 2021 Redistricting Process (2020 Census)

January 26, 2021

At the December 8, 2020 Board meeting, the Board:

- ✓ Approved the establishment of a 7-Member Redistricting Advisory Committee (RAC) and a process for appointment
- ✓ Adopted criteria to guide the redistricting process
- ✓ Approved a schedule and an appointment process for the RAC

New Actions for Board Consideration/Approval:

- A. Approve nominations for appointment to the RAC
- B. Approve additional recommended guidelines, directions and procedures
- C. Approve the agenda for the RAC's first meeting

Nominations from the Board for Appointment to the RAC

Alfredo M. Morales *(nominated by Chair Tony Estremera)*

Raven Malone *(nominated by Vice Chair Gary Kremen)*

Juan Miguel Munoz-Morris *(nominated by Director John Varela)*

Emilie Gatfield *(nominated by Director Barbara Keegan)*

Michael Kraus *(nominated by Director Richard Santos)*

Michael Gross *(nominated by Director Linda LeZotte)*

Howard Miller *(nominated by Director Nai Hsueh)*

Criteria for Nominees for Appointment to the RAC

Each person nominated for the RAC meets the following requirements:

- Resides in the electoral district of the appointing Director
- Registered voter
- Understands the time commitment needed to serve on the RAC

Adoption of Additional Guidelines and Procedures

1. Follow all applicable Federal and State laws in addition to the criteria established by the Board of Directors
2. The RAC shall provide the sole and only direction to Valley Water staff and supporting for any and all changes to the redistricting maps
3. All maps created by any member of the public shall be considered
4. Meetings are open/accessible to the public
5. The RAC may establish subcommittees for specific activities or goals

Adoption of Additional Guidelines and Procedures (continued)

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6. RAC will be subject to the requirements of the Brown Act
7. As a standing meeting agenda item, the Committee members shall disclose any and all conversations with any parties, internal or external of Valley Water
8. All emails, letters, phone calls and other official communications regarding redistricting will be documented and copies will be provided to the Committee as part of every agenda
9. No member of Valley Water staff or Board of Directors shall attempt to influence the Committee while the RAC is engaged in the process of maps being sent to the Board of Directors for their consideration and deliberation

Next Steps

Following the Board's actions today, staff will undertake the following steps:

- Notify the nominees of their appointment to the Committee
- Initiate an extensive outreach effort to encourage public participation
- Make preparations for the first Committee meeting now tentatively scheduled for March 17, 2021 **(date likely to be adjusted)**

First RAC Meeting Delay Due to Unforeseen Factors:

- Anomalies in the Census data
- President Biden Executive Order
- Analysis of the prison population that is now mandated by the State of California
- These factors will impact the scheduled release of data, likely resulting in a delay in the Committee's start date
- First meeting in April or May

RECAP – QUESTIONS?

Staff requests Board approval on the following recommendations:

- A. Approve nominations for appointment to the RAC
- B. Approve recommended additional guidelines, directions and procedures for the RAC, Valley Water staff and the Board of Directors
- C. Approve the agenda format for the RAC's first meeting

QUESTIONS?