
REDISTRICTING STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES OF MEETING

“Special Meeting”

March 15, 2011
2 p.m.

County Executive Office
4080 Lemon Street, 4th Floor
Conference Room C

Members Present:

Michelle DeArmond	4 th District
John Field	2 nd District
Robin Hastings	5 th District
Verne Lauritzen	3 rd District
Jay Orr	Executive Office (Co-Chair)
Dave Stahovich	1 st District
Larry Ward	Assessor-Clerk Recorder (Chair)

Staff and Guests Present:

Olivia Barnes	3 rd District
Dean Deines	Executive Office
Dave Downey	The Californian
Duane Gang	The Press-Enterprise
Tina Grande	Executive Office
David Huff	County Counsel
George Johnson	TLMA
Darcy Kuenzi	5 th District
Damian Laning	TLMA
JiHong McDermott	TLMA
Tom Mullen II	TLMA
Ray Smith	Executive Office
Kari Verjil	Registrar of Voters
Donna Katchadoorian	Executive Office

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Redistricting Steering Committee Meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m. The roll call was conducted by Donna Katchadoorian.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 8, 2011:

MOTION: Robin Hastings moved to approve the February 8, 2011 minutes as stated.

Seconded by: John Field

Motion approved unanimously

3. WEBSITE STATUS AND LATEST INFORMATION:

Tom Mullen announced that the website has been officially launched and is available at <http://www.rivcoredistricting.org/>. The website will continue to include past/current minutes and agendas, important calendar dates and FAQ's. At the last meeting, discussion focused on including a Spanish language translation software. TLMA is currently evaluating a couple of appropriate software packages to comply with the request for Spanish and other languages. The website is now ready to accept written comments, as well as separate components including GIS based files, TIF files, pdf files and additional formats. Tom agreed to work with Ray Smith, the Public Information Officer, to produce an appropriate press release after the meeting.

Dave Stahovich, from the 1st District and Ray Smith joined the meeting.

Tom Mullen provided a brief overview of the website. The U.S. Census data was released last week. The component for Riverside County was extracted last Tuesday. There has been a phenomenal growth within the county. In the year 2000, Riverside County had 1.5 million residents. In 2010 the population was 2,189,641 with a growth of 644,254 people. This is significant, because Riverside County grew more than L.A. and San Bernardino counties combined during the past 10 year cycle. The Hispanic/Latino population has grown numerically. The Asian population has grown at a greater rate. Additionally, the over 18 year old population increased substantially adding 493,000 to that age group. There has also been a significant growth in the high density areas, particularly in District 2 along the border of Eastvale, Jurupa Valley and the southern part of the county. In the year 2000 the target number per district was 309,077 people. Due to the growth throughout the decade the 2010 target number is 437,928 people. This is the amount of gain or loss that needs to occur in each district in order to achieve the recommended target number. This will enable a 2.5 percent target for each district so the variance is not more than 5 percent between districts.

4. RELEASE OF THE 2010 CENSUS DATA:

Tom Mullen indicated that the data files from Caliper are being loaded into the system. A training session is scheduled for Thursday and it is anticipated that the team will be fully functional and ready to go by Wednesday, March 23.

5. REDISTRICTING TIMELINE:

Chairman Larry Ward spoke with David Huff, from County Counsel, and requested that David provide a proposed timeline for the committee to consider adopting.

David Huff provided the committee with significant guidelines to follow for the timeline. On June 14, 2011 a Form 11 will be presented to the Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors will set the initial public hearings to begin on June 28, 2011. There are a minimum of at least two public hearings on June 28, July 12 and July 26, 2011 that would allow for public testimony, submission of written comments and discussion by the Board of Supervisors with regards to the plan(s) under consideration. The last hearing date is the time the motion would be made to close the hearing and would include the appropriate redistricting plan and direct staff to prepare an implementing ordinance for introduction in August or September. The ordinance would be introduced on August 16 or September 13, depending on when the legal description information becomes available from the Transportation Survey staff. The Board of Supervisors must adopt the implementing ordinance no later than September 30, 2011 in order to meet the October 31, 2011 deadline. The ordinance becomes legally effective 30 days after adoption for adjustment of supervisorial district boundaries as indicated by California Elections Code Section 21501.

MOTION: John Field moved to approve the 2011 Proposed Dates for the BOS Redistricting Timeline.

Seconded by: Dave Stahovich

Motion approved unanimously

Dean Deines noted that the timeline will be incorporated into the website along with the maps provided by TLMA.

Dave Stahovich suggested that disclaimers be included on the website.

David Huff agreed to work with Tom Mullen to include the appropriate language for the disclaimers and appropriate format.

6. OTHER BUSINESS – TIMING AND LOCATION OF COMMUNITY FORUMS:

Chairman Larry Ward mentioned meeting with Jay Orr, David Huff and Supervisor Ashley, the liaison with the board, a couple of weeks ago. At the meeting, discussion focused on holding community meetings. Supervisor Ashley is in favor of community forums where this committee would meet with the public, provide an overview of the process, include a presentation of the redistricting maps, and David Huff would be available to discuss the legal issues that must be followed. The committee discussed holding the public forums at three separate locations.

Jay Orr suggested holding the town hall forums in Riverside, Menifee and Desert Hot Springs. The committee agreed to hold the forums on April 20, 21 and 27. Dean Deines will organize the times and locations for each meeting.

MOTION: Robin Hastings moved to adopt holding the town hall forums in Riverside, Menifee and Desert Hot Springs on April 20, 21 and 27.

Seconded by Verne Lauritzen

Motion carried unanimously

7. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA:

No members of the public presented comments.

Tom Mullen pointed out that the team will be prepared to begin drawing lines for the committee next week. Tom asked the committee for direction on how they wanted to interact with the software team.

Chairman Larry Ward suggested that the committee hold a "Special" Meeting on Tuesday, March 29, 2011. At this meeting, the data will be reviewed and the committee will see how the data is incorporated into the system.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

The Committee agreed to hold a "Special" Redistricting Steering Committee Meeting to be held on Tuesday, March 29 at 11:30 a.m. With no further discussion, the Redistricting Steering Committee Meeting was adjourned at 3:04 p.m.