
REDISTRICTING STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES OF MEETING

“Special Meeting”

May 17, 2011
2:00 p.m.

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

Members Present:

Larry Ward
Jay Orr
Michelle DeArmond
John Field
Robin Hastings
Verne Lauritzen
Dave Stahovich

Chair, Assessor-Clerk Recorder
Co-Chair, Executive Office
4th District
2nd District
5th District
3rd District
1st District

Staff and Guests Present:

Jeremy Clark
Dave Downey
Duane Gang
Tina Grande
David Huff
George Johnson
Damian Laning
JiHong McDermott
Tom Mullen II
Donna Katchadoorian

TLMA
The Californian
The Press-Enterprise
Executive Office
County Counsel
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1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Larry Ward called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m. The roll call was conducted by Donna Katchadoorian.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MAY 10, 2011:

Chairman Larry Ward noted one minor change on Page 3, in the third paragraph. The reference to the 3rd District should be changed to the 5th District.

MOTION: Robin Hastings moved to approve the May 10, 2011 minutes with the correction noted.

Seconded by: Verne Lauritzen

Motion approved unanimously

3. ACTIVITY: MAPPING OF DISTRICT ALTERNATIVES:

Chairman Larry Ward mentioned at the last meeting, Tom Mullen was asked to provide a single map with an overlay showing the 1st and 2nd Districts in different colors.

Tom Mullen informed the committee that the map is being printed, and an electronic version will be presented once the equipment is available. Tom explained that the proposed map will show the combined areas.

John Field suggested that he meet with Dave Stahovich one more time to discuss minor changes. John indicated that they were pretty close.

Dave Stahovich advised the committee that they are making steps in the right direction.

Chairman Larry Ward announced that May 26 is the last day to submit public comment. Larry asked Tina if she had received any public comment this week.

Tina Grande stated that she had not received any additional public comment.

Chairman Larry Ward mentioned that the plan was to adopt a proposal(s) this week. Larry asked Tom if he would have enough time to prepare the maps.

Tom Mullen replied, yes. Tom pointed out if he could get the commonality for both districts, he would be able to provide maps by the close of business Wednesday, and would be able to send copies to the committee by Thursday.

Dave Stahovich explained that the map he presented last week hasn't changed. Dave indicated that John Field is working on a new map. Dave stated that this was the first time he has had a chance to review the revised map.

John Field explained the area in question. The 2nd District takes Highgrove and it goes to Chicago Avenue in the City of Riverside. The area includes part of the Citrus Groves near UCR, which two supervisors have a portion of the UCR property in their districts. It then follows Arroyo and Victoria Avenue to Arlington Avenue.

Dave Stahovich pointed out a couple of small differences. The population is 26,000 including Highgrove. This area is approximately 21,000 to 22,000. The other area is approximately 16,400.

Tom Mullen displayed the data charts for Districts 1 and 2.

Dave Stahovich advised that the total in District 1 goes to 433,500, and District 2 goes to 432,000 with a difference of 1,500.

Tina Grande noted a couple of items that needed to be addressed, which were to include all of Corona in the 2nd District, and to include the Retreat in the city boundary.

John Field informed the committee that the Retreat is currently split between two districts.

Dave Stahovich clarified that Proposal 1, is District 1, and Proposal 2, is District 2. The differences between the two maps are as follows: The 1st District is proposing that Arlington and everything north of Arlington Avenue go into the 2nd District. The 2nd District is proposing to leave that alone and go off Arlington to Victoria Avenue, north to Arroyo.

Jay Orr suggested that Dave Stahovich and John Field discuss the differences and come back next week with one or two maps.

The committee reached consensus on Districts 3, 4 and 5.

Chairman Larry Ward suggested holding a "Special" Meeting to resolve the differences between District 1 and District 2. The committee agreed to meet on Tuesday, May 24, 2011 at 8:30 a.m.

Tom Mullen explained that in order to prepare the maps by Tuesday morning, Tom would require input from Dave Stahovich and John Field by Monday morning.

4. PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Chairman Larry Ward stated that the presentation is scheduled to go to the Board of Supervisors on June 14 with the proposal(s). Larry suggested they use the same format that was used during the public forums, which would include the proposal, an introduction, David Huff providing the legal presentation, and Tom Mullen explaining the proposal of the map(s) highlighting the areas that have changed.

David Huff clarified that the June 14 session will not be a public hearing. Staff recommendation would be to set the matter for public hearing two weeks later on June 28. At that point, the public hearing will be open. David explained that there needs to be at least two public hearings before the Board can take action on the plan. On June 14, the committee can present an overview of the plan(s) as recommended.

Tina Grande suggested that Chairman Larry Ward provide the introduction, David Huff present the legal portion, and Tom Mullen provide input on the maps. The information presented should be clear, concise and brief.

5. OTHER BUSINESS:

Dave Stahovich requested that Tom provide a couple of copies of the maps. Dave suggested that one map reference the east side street areas.

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

No members of the public offered comments.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

A "Special" Redistricting Steering Committee Meeting is set for Tuesday, May 24, 2011 at 8:30 a.m., in the Riverside County Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon Street, 4th Floor, Executive Office, Conference Room C. With no further discussion, the Redistricting Steering Committee Meeting was adjourned at 2:41 p.m.