
REDISTRICTING STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES OF MEETING

November 9, 2010
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 Lauritson	3 rd District
Larry Ward	Assessor-Clerk Recorder (Chair)

Members Absent:

Jay Orr	Executive Office (Co-Chair)
Dave Stahovich	1 st District

Staff and Guests Present:

Olivia Barnes	3 rd District
Dean Deines	Executive Office
David Huff	County Counsel
George Johnson	TLMA
John Kavorinos	TLMA
Damian Laning	TLMA
JiHong McDermott	TLMA
Donna Katchadoorian	Executive Office

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Redistricting Steering Committee Meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. Self-introductions were given by those present.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 26, 2010:

MOTION: Verne Lauritzen moved to approve the October 26, 2010 minutes as stated.

Seconded by: Robin Hastings

Motion approved unanimously

3. REDISTRICTING SOFTWARE PRESENTATION (TLMA):

Chairman Larry Ward introduced Damian Laning and JiHong McDermott, from TLMA.

Damian Laning presented the committee with an overview of the redistricting software. The software is an ESRI product which uses the existing functionality of the GIS software currently in place. The software will enable the use of the current aerial imagery and the existing supervisorial boundaries. For demonstration purposes, Damian used the 2000 census data for his presentation. The software has a wide variety of reporting and allows up to 10 variables.

JiHong McDermott provided the committee with a copy of the Summary Tables Outline Report, which noted 291 variables. Reports can be generated based on the attributes provided by the census data.

Verne Lauritzen questioned whether ethnicity would be factored into the report?

David Huff pointed out that ethnicity does play a role. David mentioned a prominent case in Los Angeles County. Because of the unique characteristics, Los Angeles County has a sizable ethnic community which was formed into a supervisorial district. This case may not be applicable to other counties where the population is more evenly mixed, but it is a factor to consider. David mentioned the voting rights act, which protects minorities.

Damian Laning announced that Citygate/ESRI was the other vendor under consideration, but pointed out that the software would not be released until the end of next month. Citygate was twice the price of Caliper. Damian noted that approximately three or four licenses would be required. The licensing fee for Caliper is \$3,500. The licensing fee for Citygate is \$6,800.

Dean Deines informed the committee that a recommendation is necessary from the committee to direct TLMA and the Executive Office to proceed with the purchase of the software.

MOTION: Robin Hastings moved to recommend the purchase of the Caliper Software.

Seconded by John Field

Motion approved unanimously

4. OTHER BUSINESS:

Dean Deines suggested that the next agenda should include a recommendation to develop criteria for the boundary changes. Provide a report to the BOS, which would include the committee's recommendation to proceed with the purchase of the Caliper Software.

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

No members of the public presented comments.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

The next regularly scheduled Redistricting Steering Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 14, 2010 at 2 p.m.

With no further comments, Chairman Larry Ward adjourned the meeting at 2:25 p.m.