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# REDISTRICTING STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

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## MINUTES OF MEETING

April 12, 2011  
2 p.m.

County Executive Office  
4080 Lemon Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Conference Room C

**Members Present:**

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

Chair, Assessor-Clerk Recorder  
Co-Chair, Executive Office  
4<sup>th</sup> District  
2<sup>nd</sup> District  
3<sup>rd</sup> District  
1<sup>st</sup> District

**Members Absent:**

Robin Hastings

5<sup>th</sup> District

**Staff and Guests Present:**

Jeremy Clark  
Dean Deines  
Dave Downey  
Erica Felci  
Eric Gosch  
Tina Grande  
David Huff  
George Johnson  
John Kopp  
Damian Laning  
Emily Lee  
JiHong McDermott  
Tom Mullen II  
Tori Richardson  
Ray Smith  
Donna Katchadoorian

TLMA  
Executive Office  
The Californian  
The Desert Sun  
Hemet-San Jacinto Action Group  
Executive Office  
County Counsel  
TLMA  
Eastvale Resident  
TLMA  
TLMA  
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Registrar of Voters  
Executive Office  
Executive Office

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

The Redistricting Steering Committee Meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. The roll call was conducted by Donna Katchadoorian.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE “SPECIAL MEETING” ON MARCH 29, 2011:**

**MOTION: John Field moved to approve the March 29, 2011 minutes as stated.**

**Seconded by: Verne Lauritzen**

**Motion approved unanimously**

**3. PUBLIC FORUM UPDATE:**

Chairman Larry Ward informed the committee that the meetings for the evening forums have been scheduled.

Tina Grande announced the following dates and locations of the three meetings:

- Wednesday, April 20, the CAC Board Chambers.
- Thursday, April 21, the French Valley Airport in the terminal.
- Wednesday, April 27, the Desert Hot Springs Senior Center.

Tina Grande noted that all the meetings will be held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Setup time for staff will commence at 6 p.m. EDA has been assisting the Executive Office in setting up the meetings and there will be no cost to the county. EDA will be providing refreshments. The dates, times and locations for each meeting will be posted on the county redistricting website. The meetings will be recorded, but not transcribed.

Chairman Larry Ward requested that the Redistricting Steering Committee members try to attend all the meetings.

Chairman Larry Ward noted that he and Tom Mullen recently attended the State Redistricting Hearing in Orange Terrace. Legal issues and GIS programs were discussed. An attorney from Norco mentioned holding several forums with one in the desert and one in Riverside.

**4. REVIEW PUBLIC SUBMITTALS:**

Chairman Larry Ward mentioned receiving the e-mail notification for each submittal. One additional submittal came in late today. A copy of the submittal was distributed to the committee members.

Chairman Larry Ward suggested that since the information came in late that this item should be discussed at the next meeting. As submittals come in, Tina Grande will distribute copies to each committee member.

Jay Orr pointed out that it is not necessary to have comments and discussion on each submittal. The information will be distributed to the committee and if there are comments then the item can be discussed.

Chairman Larry Ward mentioned that it was determined at the March 29 meeting that each district would set up a meeting with Tom Mullen and his staff to discuss changes within their district.

Tom Mullen mentioned his meeting with each representative from the five districts. Each had an opportunity to build out independently an ideal district. Tom displayed the map on the table. Each independent effort has been included on an overlay to make one single map. The map depicts five independent builds of each district. These areas have been moved by one or more districts. The areas between Districts 4 and 5 shows a commonality of movement of the incorporated areas from the 5<sup>th</sup> District into the 4<sup>th</sup> District. Those suggestions have now been incorporated into the map and the border has been moved, which the map now shows the ramifications of that move. The same was done for the other districts. The interaction between the districts are now represented on the map. The areas on the map with hash marks show where they were moved by one district. Menifee was moved by both the 3<sup>rd</sup> District and the 5<sup>th</sup> District. Romoland, areas of Highgrove, and parts of the City of Riverside were left independent through individual efforts. These were left so the committee could determine how to move forward. The green areas on the map were moved twice. They were moved by one or more districts. They are sharing a border.

Tom Mullen provided the committee with a Working Assumptions chart, which shows each district as they look today, encompassing the green areas. The hashed areas are removed from District 1 through District 5. They are represented as unassigned. This shows the commonalities, and the areas that still need to be addressed.

Dave Stahovich pointed out that the chart was misleading. In District 1, the revised population is 410,936. The variance from the target is 6.2 percent and the change needed to reach the target is 437,928. Originally, the 1<sup>st</sup> District was 3.6 percent off. To reach the zero target, this chart shows District 1 is farther off than it was originally. Dave mentioned his meeting with Tom. The district remained the same, with the exception of picking up the Meadowbrook, the Good Hope area from the 5<sup>th</sup> District, and a small portion of the University City area, an unincorporated area between Moreno Valley/Riverside, along the 215 freeway.

Tom explained that there was consensus on the bordering districts shown in green. The non-consensus is shown in the hashed areas. The chart represents what is in the district. Tom indicated that the map shows the similarities and the differences between the individual efforts. The map is represented to allow you to review each district and provide input and discussion.

**5. ACTIVITY: MAPPING OF DISTRICT ALTERNATIVES:**

Michelle DeArmond mentioned District 4. The map shows the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Districts have consensus. The only logical way for the 4<sup>th</sup> District to add the 41,000 people would be to go to the west and pick up some incorporated areas, while leaving the 5<sup>th</sup> District with an unincorporated county piece in the Coachella Valley. This would keep Desert Hot Springs whole. Desert Hot Springs will flip from the 5<sup>th</sup> District to the 4<sup>th</sup> District. Michelle emphasized the importance of keeping communities of interest together.

Verne Lauritzen provided the committee with a couple of scenarios to consider. The first was to transfer Hemet/San Jacinto Valley into the 5<sup>th</sup> District, but the numbers were more than what was needed to lose and there would have been the need to make several adjustments to get that to work. The second is the area which includes Menifee/Canyon Lake and if that area stayed with the city boundaries of Menifee it was almost an exact wash. The object is to not separate the two.

Dave Stahovich explained that the 1<sup>st</sup> District needs to gain between 10,000 to 20,000 people. The 5<sup>th</sup> District needs to give up Highgrove, the Good Hope Meadowbrook area and Canyon Lake. The biggest concern is making major changes to the district if it is not necessary. Dave suggested the committee see a large map, which encompasses the whole county and then a district by district map that shows the current boundaries.

Chairman Larry Ward suggested that David Huff meet with Dave Stahovich to address any concerns. The chairman thanked Tom for meeting with each district and mentioned that the meetings have been very productive.

**6. OTHER BUSINESS:**

Tina Grande discussed the timeline. June 14 is the date that was previously set to present the plan or plans to the Board of Supervisors. The maps and submittals, along with the report, need to be completed by June 1 in order to ensure that the item is included on the board's agenda. Tina suggested the committee consider setting a deadline for presenting public submittals to the committee.

David Huff pointed out that the form 11 that is going to the June 14 board session is the form 11 that will be setting the matter for public hearing on June 28. The plans will need to be ready by June 14.

The Committee unanimously agreed that May 26, 2011 would be the deadline to receive submittals.

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

John Kopp, an Eastvale resident, mentioned residing in supervisorial District 2. John mentioned the March 15 and March 29 minutes and the various deadline dates. He indicated that the website should include these important dates. The public comments should also be included. The website and the calendar should be more user friendly in

terms of expressing when these dates are coming up. John suggested holding a weekend meeting for people that work.

**8. ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION: Chairman Larry Ward moved to adjourn the meeting.**

**Seconded by: Jay Orr seconded.**

**Motion carried unanimously**

A "Special Meeting" of the Redistricting Committee is set for April 18, 2011 at 2:30 p.m. in the Riverside County Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Conference Room C. With no further discussion, the Redistricting Steering Committee Meeting was adjourned at 2:57 p.m.