

SPECIAL NOTICE REGARDING CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) AND PARTICIPATION IN PUBLIC MEETINGS

On March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom declared a State of Emergency resulting from the threat of COVID-19. On September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed Assembly Bill No. 361 into law. Assembly Bill No. 361 amends Government Code section 54953(e) by adding provisions for remote teleconferencing participation in meetings by members of a legislative body, without the requirements of Government Code section 54953(b)(3), subject to the existence of certain conditions. The San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District adopted a resolution determining, by majority vote, that, as a result of the declared State of Emergency, a meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees. Accordingly, it has been determined that all Board and Workshop meetings of the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District will be held pursuant to the Brown Act and will be conducted via teleconference. There will be no public access to the meeting venue.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS WORKSHOP MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2022 – 2:30 P.M.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public participation is welcome and encouraged. You may participate in the March 14, 2022, meeting of the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District online and by telephone as follows:

Dial-in Info: (877) 853 5247 US Toll-free Meeting ID: 753 841 573 PASSCODE: 3802020

https://sbvmwd.zoom.us/j/753841573

If you are unable to participate online or by telephone, you may also submit your comments and questions in writing for the District's consideration by sending them to comments@sbvmwd.com with the subject line "Public Comment Item #" (insert the agenda item number relevant to your comment) or "Public Comment Non-Agenda Item". Submit your written comments by 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 13, 2022. All public comments will be provided to the Chair and may be read into the record or compiled as part of the record.

IMPORTANT PRIVACY NOTE: Participation in the meeting via the Zoom app is strongly encouraged. Online participants MUST log in with a Zoom account. The Zoom app is a free download. Please keep in mind: (1) This is a public meeting; as such, the virtual meeting information is published on the World Wide Web and available to everyone. (2) Should you participate remotely via telephone, your telephone number will be your "identifier" during the meeting and available to all meeting participants; there is no way to protect your privacy if you elect to call in to the meeting.



SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

380 E. Vanderbilt Way, San Bernardino, CA 92408

BOARD OF DIRECTORS WORKSHOP

AGENDA

2:30 PM Monday, March 14, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

1) <u>INTRODUCTIONS</u>

2) PUBLIC HEARING

2.1 Review and Discussion of Draft Redistricting Maps (Page 2)
 Public Notice - Redistricting of Division Boundaries
 Staff Memo - Review and Discussion of Draft Redistricting Maps

3) PUBLIC COMMENT

Any person may address the Board on matters within its jurisdiction.

4) ADJOURNMENT

PLEASE NOTE:

Materials related to an item on this Agenda submitted to the Board after distribution of the agenda packet are available for public inspection in the District's office located at 380 E. Vanderbilt Way, San Bernardino, during normal business hours. Also, such documents are available on the District's website at www.sbymwd.com subject to staff's ability to post the documents before the meeting. The District recognizes its obligation to provide equal access to those individuals with disabilities. Please contact Melissa Zoba at (909) 387-9228 two working days prior to the meeting with any special requests for reasonable accommodation.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

PUBLIC HEARING ON REDISTRICTING OF THE SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS DIVISION BOUNDARIES AND DIVISION MAP(S).

NOTICE is hereby given that the SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT (SBVMWD) Board of Directors will hold public hearings on the composition of divisions and proposed map(s) in accordance with Elections Code Section 22001. The purpose of the hearings will be to invite and solicit public comment on the draft division maps which are being published by the District prior to the SBVMWD Board of Directors considering adoption of a new division map.

The draft division maps to be discussed at the hearings will be published as part of each hearing agenda and also made available at www.sbvmwd.com.

Election Code Section 22000 requires SBVMWD to adjust division boundaries after each federal decennial census, and using that census as a basis, adjust the boundaries of its Board of Director divisions so that the divisions are, as far as practicable, equal in population and in compliance with Section 10301 of Title 52 of the United States Code. Additional information on SBVMWD's redistricting process and/or the public hearing may be obtained by contacting Melissa Zoba, Chief Information Officer at (909) 387-9228 or on the SBVMWD website located at www.sbvmwd.com.

The Board of Directors of SBVMWD will hold the hearings on the following dates at 2:00 p.m. or as soon after 2 p.m. as is reasonably practicable, via teleconference only.

Dates of the public hearings and potential hearings, if needed, are as follows:

Board of Directors Workshop – Engineering – February 8, 2022
Board of Directors Workshop – Engineering – March 8, 2022
Board of Directors Workshop – March 14, 2022
(2:30pm in-person and teleconference)
Board of Directors Regular Meeting – April 5, 2022

To participate in the Public Hearing for the Redistricting of Division Boundaries please use the following meeting link ID and passcode. Online participants MUST log in with a Zoom account. The Zoom app is a free download. Telephone participants may dial in using the dial-in information provided:

https://sbvmwd.zoom.us/j/753841573

Dial-in Info: (877) 853 5247 US Toll-free

Meeting ID: 753 841 573

PASSCODE: 3802020

Written comments on the Redistricting of Division Boundaries may be submitted via email to comments@sbvmwd.com by 5:00 pm on March 11, 2022. Public comment may also be provided at the public hearing.

If you have any questions regarding Valley District's Redistricting of Division Boundaries or public hearing meeting, please contact Melissa Zoba at (909) 387-9228 or melissaz@sbvmwd.com.



DATE: March 14, 2022

TO: Board of Directors' Workshop

FROM: Melissa Zoba, Chief Information Officer

SUBJECT: Review and Discussion of Draft Redistricting Maps

Staff Recommendation

Staff is requesting the Board discuss and provide input on the four (4) redistricting map scenarios developed by Redistricting Insights, LLC. Staff also recommends that if the Board reaches a consensus on a preferred redistricting map scenario, the Board place an item on the April 5, 2022, Board meeting agenda to adopt the updated division boundaries.

The draft maps are available for review using an online mapping tool in Google Maps. https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/edit?mid=1x8HId0Eqt-5FPdCOx5SQbls8U8nvT-f9&usp=sharing

Summary

At the January 11th Board of Directors' Engineering Workshop, consultant Redistricting Insights (RI) provided an overview of the redistricting process and current requirements of rebalancing the District's division boundaries. A public hearing was conducted at this time to solicit input from the Board and members of the public. All comments were documented by staff and RI.

On February 8th, a second public hearing was conducted at Board of Directors' Engineering Workshop where three (3) draft scenarios were presented by the consultant. Additional comments and feedback from the Board was documented by RI and were taken into consideration in the development of revised draft scenarios.

A third public hearing was conducted at the March 8th Board of Directors' Engineering Workshop where eight (8) map scenarios were presented for comment and feedback. After discussion and

input by the Board, four (4) of the maps were eliminated from consideration and the remaining maps will be reviewed at the workshop today based on input received at the March 8th public hearing. Comments and feedback at today's workshop will be used to refine a map or maps that will be forwarded to the Board for consideration and adoption. To date, the District has not received any comments, feedback, or map submissions by any member of the public.

SB 594 provides that special districts with a regular election on the same day as the 2022 statewide general election must adopt adjusted division boundaries no later than April 17, 2022. The following meeting schedule and resources were developed to inform and facilitate the redistricting process to meet the April 17th deadline.

Public Hearing/Meeting Schedule

- January 11, 2022 Board of Directors' Workshop Engineering
- February 8, 2022 Board of Directors' Workshop Engineering
- March 8, 2022 Board of Directors' Workshop Engineering
- March 14, 2022 Board of Directors Workshop
- April 5, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors (adoption of final division map and resolution)

Public Outreach

- Redistricting 2020 information, draft maps, and public input/submission resources can be found on the District's website at www.sbvmwd.com
- Online mapping tool
- Social media channels
- Valley District press release
- Public hearing notification in nine (9) local newspaper outlets

Submission of Comments and Maps by Members of the Public

- Written comments: SBVMWD Administration office or via email to melissaz@sbvmwd.com
- **Oral comments:** During public hearings (Zoom/virtual only)
- Public map submissions: Download from District website and submit via mail or email

Background

California Elections Code Section 22000 requires each special district to adjust division boundaries after each decennial census, and using that census as a basis, adjust the boundaries of any divisions so that the divisions are, as far as practicable, equal in population.

Using the 2020 census data released in September 2021, staff calculated the total population of Valley District to be 709,704 which represents an increase of 48,158 from the 2010 census. Based on this total, the target population for each of the five divisions is 141,941.

In November 2021, at the direction of the Board, an RFP was released to engage the services of a professional consultant to analyze and rebalance the division boundaries to reflect changes in population and demographics. In January 2022, following an analysis and interviews by staff, entering into an agreement with Redistricting Insights was recommended by staff and approved by the Board.

A meeting schedule and public outreach resources have been developed to ensure the process will meet the requirements of the process within the timeline defined by SB594.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact to this item as this is an informational presentation only.

Attachments

1) Notice of Public Hearing