



REDISTRICTING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

---

# MINUTES

---

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, 2021  
6:00 PM**

A training meeting of the Redistricting Advisory Committee was held on June 23, 2021, Teleconference via Zoom in San Jose, California.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Committee Chair Pro Tempore Hon. Howard Miller called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

**1.1 ROLL CALL**

Quorum of 7 was established.

**Members in attendance were:**

Jurisdiction

District 1  
District 2  
District 3  
District 4  
District 5  
District 6  
District 7

Representative

Swanee Edwards  
Emilie Gatfield  
Michael Kraus  
Michael Gross  
Hon. Howard Miller  
Alfredo Morales  
Raven Malone

Staff in attendance were: Roseryn Bhudsabourg, Glenna Brambill, Lisa Flores, Rachael Gibson, Paola Giles, Andy Gschwind, Albert Le, Carlos Orellana, Michael Potter, Don Rocha, and Jim Webb.

Consultants (Redistricting Partners) in attendance was: Chris Chaffee.

Public in attendance were: Laurie Alaimo, Norma Callender, Karen Delaney, Virginia Roberts. Elizabeth Stitt, Diana, Kris, and Shayne.

**2. INTRODUCTIONS:**

Newest Member Ms. Swanee Edwards, replacement for Mr. Juan Miguel Muñoz Morris of District 1 introduced herself and background.

Mr. Don Rocha introduced the new Valley Water Staff:

- Mr. Andy Gschwind, Assistant District Counsel,
- Mr. Carlos Orellana, new District Counsel, and
- Ms. Roseryn Bhudsabourg, Program Administrator - Office of Government Affairs.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**3.1. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

It was moved by Mr. Michael Gross, second by Ms. Swanee Edwards, and by roll call and unanimous vote approved the April 20, 2021, Redistricting Advisory Committee meeting minutes, as presented.

**4. ACTION ITEMS:**

**4.1 ELECTION OF CHAIR/VICE CHAIR**

It was moved by Mr. Alfredo Morales, second by Ms. Emile Gatfield to nominate Hon. Howard Miller as the Committee Chair. It was moved by Ms. Emile Gatfield, second by Mr. Mike Kraus to nominate Ms. Emile Gatfield as the Committee Vice Chair. The Committee unanimously by roll call voted Hon. Howard Miller as Chair and Ms. Emile Gatfield as Vice Chair.

**4.2 REDISTRICTING ADVISORY COMMITTEE TRAINING SESSION #1**

Mr. Chris Chaffee reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda. Mr. Michael Potter made a brief presentation on social media BeHeard and how Valley Water is using it to publicize the redistricting process and the public may give their feedback on the Redistricting Advisory Committee page. ([BeHeard@valleywater.org](mailto:BeHeard@valleywater.org)) and <https://www.valleywater.org/how-we-operate/redistricting>.

The Redistricting Committee discussed the following: minority/racial groups, gerrymandering, water wells, delivery of water, city drawing lines, commonly used data sets, modifying of groups may be caused by population growth, a look at golf courses, and agricultural water users, public input, redistricting 'drivers,' social media and using ways to reach those in underserved/unincorporated areas to receive information.

The Redistricting Advisory Committee took no action.

**4.3 NEXT MEETING AND AGENDA ITEMS**

Mr. Don Rocha gave a quick overview of the schedule and potential agenda items. These are subject to change depending on available data.

The Redistricting Advisory Committee took the following action:

It was moved by Ms. Emile Gatfield, second by Ms. Swanee Edwards to switch the July and August agenda items. The Committee unanimously by roll call voted to approve the change.

The Redistricting Committee discussed the following: live maps drawing, in-person meetings, still use of zoom meetings, committee members attending all meetings as part of their charter, brown act and avoiding serial meetings, Mr. Andy Gschwind explained being open and transparent in public meetings.

**5. TIME OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA**

There was no one present who wished to speak.

**6. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE REQUESTS TO THE BOARD**

Ms. Glenna Brambill reported there were no action items for Board consideration

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

Committee Chair Hon. Howard Miller adjourned at 7:41 p.m. to the regular meeting on Wednesday, July 14, 2021, at 6:00 p. m. to be called to order in compliance with the State Emergency Services Act, the Governor's Emergency Declaration related to COVID-19, and the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20.

Glenna Brambill  
Board Committee Liaison  
Office of the Clerk of the Board

Approved: 7-14-2021