

**MINUTES**  
**SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT**  
**REDISTRICTING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**April 19, 2011**

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

A regular meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water District Redistricting Advisory Committee was held on April 19, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. in the Roberto Cruz Alum Rock Library, 3090 Alum Rock Avenue, San Jose, California.

**I. Call to Order/Roll Call:** The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m., with the following members in attendance, constituting a quorum of the Committee:

Bill Baron  
Lou Becker  
Dean Chu  
Andrew Lucero  
Rev. Jethroe Moore  
Larry Wilson

Ms. Debra Cauble was absent.

Also in attendance were District staff members S. Yamamoto, District Counsel, R. Callender, R. Gibson, and L. Moore, and consultants D. Johnson, National Demographics Corporation, and M. Leoni, Nielsen, Merksamer, Parrinello, Gross & Leoni, LLP.

**II. Public Comment:** Chairperson Becker declared time open for public comment on any subject not on the agenda. There was no one present who wished to speak.

**III. Approval of Minutes:** The Committee considered the March 15 and April 5, 2011, minutes.

It was moved by Rev. Moore, seconded by Mr. Chu, and carried to approve the March 15, 2011, minutes with Mr. Lucero abstaining.

Chairperson Becker requested that the April 5, 2011, minutes be revised to reflect a 3:2:1 vote tally on the motion to rescind its March 15, 2011, motion to elect Mr. Baron as Chair, with Mr. Baron and Rev. Moore voting in opposition, Mr. Lucero abstaining, and Mr. Chu absent. Chairperson Becker also requested that the April 5, 2011 minutes be revised to reflect a 4:0:2 vote tally on the motion to elect himself as Chair, with Mr. Becker and Mr. Lucero abstaining, and Mr. Chu absent.

It was moved by Mr. Baron, seconded by Mr. Lucero, and carried to approve the April 5, 2011, minutes as amended. Mr Chu abstained.

Mr. Baron requested that discussion be added to the next regular Committee meeting agenda a single map to present as a final recommendation to the Board.

**IV. Committee Member/Consultant Reports:** Chairperson Becker opened the floor for Committee member and Consultant reports.

Rev. Moore reported having discussed the Redistricting Advisory Committee during the April 17, 2011, Unity in the Community event, and requested that staff redact from the April 5, 2011, minutes the reference in his Committee Member Reports statement that his conversation with Mr. Ben Fields was subject to attorney/client privilege.

Mr. Becker reported speaking with Ms. Rachael Gibson, Management Analyst II, with Mr. Stan Yamamoto, District Counsel and with Mr. Doug Johnson, National Demographics Corporation, in regards to calculation errors found in the originally posted materials for tonight's meeting. He reported having attended a preparatory briefing for tonight's meeting with Ms. Gibson and Mr. Rick Callender, Government Relations Manager, and reported having received an email from Ms. Cauble, explaining her absence.

Chairperson Becker acknowledged having received copies of the attached, corrected meeting materials, and confirmed that copies of the corrected materials had been distributed to the Committee and made available to the public.

There were no other reports.

**V a i-vi. Committee Work on Redistricting Plans, Responding to Committee Member Requests from the March 15, 2011, Meeting:** Mr. Johnson provided an overview of the following responses to the following Committee member requests resulting from the March 15, 2011, meeting: i. Review of Current Boundaries and Demographics; ii. Review of Demographics for Map S; iii. Review of Demographics for Map T; iv. Review of Population and Growth Since 2000; v. Review of Water Retailer Service Areas (including Hetch Hetchy); and vi. Review of Watershed Areas.

Mr. Lucero requested that the consultant come back with a list of definitions for the acronyms used in the attached map demographics sheets; and Chairperson Becker requested that staff come back with a comprehensive list of legal guidelines and requirements for redistricting, that is formatted similarly to the Committee's existing list of Board adopted redistricting criteria.

Mr. Chu requested that the consultant come back with a presentation of actual demographic deviations realized within each of the existing seven electoral districts, identified in the Board approved final 2010 Map Plan Q and compare with the current census change in each district.

Mr. Baron and Mr. Chu requested that the consultant come back with revisions to the 2010 Redistricting Advisory Committee's Map Plan S, the 2010 Redistricting Advisory Committee's Map Plan T, and the Board approved final 2010 Map Plan Q, that include adjustments that correct over-populations in Districts 1 and 3, and under-populations in Districts 4 and 6, and maintains electoral district boundaries around freeways, thoroughfares, and other existing community markers.

Chairperson Becker declared time open for public comment. There was no one present who wished to speak.

**V b. Update on Filipino Surname Issue and Review of Draft Letter to the State of**

**California:** Mr. Johnson discussed the March 15, 2011, comments made by Ms. Leslie Bulbuk, Office of Assembly Member Paul Fong, regarding assistance available from Assembly Member Fong in keeping with his role as California State Assembly Elections and Redistricting Committee Chair.

Chairperson Becker declared time open for public comment. There was no one present who wished to speak.

It was moved by Mr. Baron, seconded by Rev. Moore, and unanimously carried that the Committee authorize Chairperson Becker to sign the attached letter to Assembly Member Fong.

**V c. Information Regarding the California State Redistricting Commission:** Mr. Johnson advised the Committee of the California State Redistricting Commission May 23, 2011, preliminary public meeting in San Jose, the June 10, 2011, scheduled release of a draft initial redistricting plan, and the June 25, 2011, Commission return to San Jose for an additional public meeting. He advised the Committee that more information on the State redistricting effort would be presented as it became available.

**VI a. Public Participation Kits:** Mr. Johnson reported that the Public Participation Kits would be ready and available to the public prior to the May 17, 2011 meeting.

**VI b. Redistricting Correspondence:** Mr. Callender acknowledged receipt of the attached correspondence items, and the Committee noted the items without discussion.

Chairperson Becker declared time open for public comment. There was no one present who wished to speak.

**VI c. Media Articles on the Redistricting Process:** The Committee noted the attached media articles without discussion.

Chairperson Becker declared time open for public comment. There was no one present who wished to speak.

**VI d. Informational Items Related to Redistricting:** Mr. Callender advised the Committee that District staff would be tracking and reporting to the Committee on City of San Jose and the County of Santa Clara redistricting efforts.

Mr. Baron requested that staff also keep the Committee apprised of San Jose Unified School District redistricting efforts.

Chairperson Becker declared time open for public comment. There was no one present who wished to speak.

**VII. Review of Action Items:** Ms. Lin Moore, Board Administrative Assistant, read the following action items into the record:

- That discussion be added to the next regular Committee meeting agenda on a proposed single map to present as a final recommendation to the Board. (B. Baron)
- That staff redact from the April 5, 2011, minutes the reference in Rev. Moore's Committee Member Report statement that his conversation with Mr. Ben Fields was

subject to attorney/client privilege. (Rev. Moore)

- That the consultant come back with a list of definitions for the acronyms used in the attached map demographics sheets. (A. Lucero)
- That staff come back with a comprehensive list of legal guidelines and requirements for redistricting that is in a bulleted summary format. (L. Becker)
- That the consultant come back with a presentation of actual demographic deviations realized within each of the existing seven electoral districts, identified in the Board approved final 2010 Map Plan Q. (D. Chu)
- That the consultant come back with revisions to the 2010 Redistricting Advisory Committee's Map Plan S, the 2010 Redistricting Advisory Committee's Map Plan T, and the Board approved final 2010 Map Plan Q, that include adjustments that correct over-populations in Districts 1 and 3, and under-populations in Districts 4 and 6, and maintains electoral district boundaries around freeways, thoroughfares, and other existing community markers. (B. Baron/D. Chu)
- That staff keep the Committee apprised of redistricting efforts of school districts in Santa Clara County in addition to the County of Santa Clara and the City of San Jose. (B. Baron)

Mr. Chu requested that agenda Item 5 be continued to the next regular Committee meeting, and suggested that Committee members consider and come prepared at the next meeting for a discussion on establishing new electoral district boundaries vs. fine tuning the existing electoral districts.

**VIII. Adjournment:** Chairperson Becker adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m., to the next regularly scheduled meeting at 6:00 p.m. on May 17, 2011, at the Sunnyvale Community Center Recreation Building, Neighborhood Room, 550 East Remington Avenue, Sunnyvale, California.

Respectfully submitted,

Lin Moore  
Board Administrative Assistant