

**MINUTES**  
**SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT**  
**REDISTRICTING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**May 17, 2011**

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

A regular meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water District Redistricting Advisory Committee was held on May 17, 2011, at 6:05 p.m. in the Sunnyvale Community Center, Recreation Center Building Neighborhood Room, 550 East Remington Drive, Sunnyvale, California.

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call:** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m., with the following members in attendance, constituting a quorum of the Committee:

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

Also in attendance were District staff members Rick Callender, Rachael Gibson, Lin Moore, Stan Yamamoto, and consultants D. Johnson, National Demographics Corporation, and M. Leoni, Nielsen, Merksamer, Parrinello, Gross & Leoni, LLP.

**2. 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.

**3. Approval of Minutes:** The Committee considered the April 19, 2011, minutes.

It was moved by Mr. Chu, seconded by Mr. Baron, and carried by 6:7 vote to approve the April 19, 2011, minutes as presented. Ms. Cauble noted that she had been absent from the April 19, 2011, meeting and abstained from voting on approval of its minutes.

**4. Committee Member/Consultant Reports:** Chairperson Becker opened the floor for Committee member and Consultant reports and the following reports were provided: Rev. Moore reported discussing redistricting with various community members; Mr. Baron reported discussing redistricting with District Chairperson Don Gage; Mr. Wilson reported discussing redistricting with District Director Joe Judge and former District Director Sig Sanchez; Mr. Chu reported discussing redistricting with various community members and members of the Sunnyvale Rotary Club; Mr. Lucero reported no redistricting related discussions; Ms. Cauble reported having obtained redistricting information from District Clerk's office; Chairperson Becker reported discussing redistricting with District Management Analyst Rachael Gibson; and Mr. Doug Johnson, National Demographics Corporation, reported having discussed redistricting with District staff as necessary to prepare today's meeting materials.

There were no other reports.

**5 a i-ii. Old Business – Responses to Committee Member Requests from the April 19, 2011 Meeting:** Ms. Marguerite Leoni, Nielsen, Merksamer, Parrinello, Gross & Leoni, LLP, and Mr. Johnson, reviewed the information on this item, per the attached agenda memo.

The Committee noted the presentation without comment or discussion.

**6 a. Discussion of Redistricting Approach: Fine-Tuning Existing Boundaries vs. Establishing New Electoral Boundaries:** The Committee discussed Mr. Chu's request for discussion of a redistricting approach.

Ms. Trish Mulvey, Palo Alto resident, requested that the Committee consider pursuing new district boundaries vs. fine-tuning the existing District boundaries; expressed a preference for 2010 Redistricting Advisory Committee Map Plan T; and expressed concern that the District's existing boundaries were the least favored among the 2010 Redistricting Committee and public recommendations to the Board.

It was moved by Ms. Cauble, seconded by Mr. Moore, and unanimously carried that the Committee approach redistricting with a focus on fine-tuning the existing boundaries in Map Plan Q to meet applicable criteria, and continue fine-tuning Map Plans S and T to generate alternatives.

**6 b. Discussion on Number of Final Plan(s) to Present to the SCVWD Board of Directors:** The Committee discussed Mr. Baron's request for discussion on the number of final Map Plans to present to the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Baron, seconded by Mr. Chu, and unanimously carried that the Committee strive to produce one, single map as their final recommendation to the Board.

**6 ci-ii. Committee Work Session on Redistricting Plans:** Mr. Johnson reviewed the information on this item, per the attached agenda memorandum.

Mr. Chu suggested that Japantown be kept intact as a community of interest, and that Mr. Johnson come back with two revised versions of each of the Map Plans Q, S, and T, that demonstrates Japantown as part of District 2 in one revision, and as a part of District 3 in the other revision, with corresponding demographic information for each map scenario.

Ms. Cauble requested that staff include additional columns in future demographics charts that identify: (1) constituents unable to vote in the 2010 District Board election as a result of 2010 redistricting effort boundary movements; (2) constituents anticipated to be unable to vote in the 2012 District Board election as a result of proposed 2011 boundary movements; and (3) constituents, if any, whose ability to vote in District Board elections would be impacted in both the 2010 and 2012 elections, as a result of boundary movements from both redistricting efforts.

Mr. Chu requested that future maps include an asterisk or other symbol that identifies the census blocks where existing Board members' reside.

It was moved by Mr. Chu, seconded by Ms. Cauble, and unanimously carried that the Committee accept the presentation.

It was moved by Chairperson Becker, seconded by Ms. Cauble, and unanimously

carried that the Committee direct Mr. Johnson to come back with the requested revisions to Map Plans Q, S, and T, and the corresponding demographics information, as described above.

**6 d. Public Participation Kits:** Chairperson Becker requested that public participation kits be made available to the public by Friday, May 20, 2011.

**6 e. Redistricting Correspondence:** Mr. Rick Callender, Government Relations Manager, confirmed that there had been no redistricting-related correspondence received since the last meeting.

**6 f. Status Report on Other Redistricting Efforts in Santa Clara County:** Mr. Callender advised the Committee of information contained within the attached agenda memorandum, and the Committee noted the information without comment or discussion.

**6 g. Media Articles on Redistricting Process:** Mr. Callender reported that there had been no redistricting-related media articles published since the last meeting.

**6 h. Informational Items Related to Redistricting:** Mr. Callender explained that this item had been carried over from a previous meeting at the request of the Committee, to provide Ms. Cauble the opportunity to comment.

Ms. Cauble confirmed that she had no comments on the item.

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

- That the Committee approach redistricting with a focus on fine-tuning the existing boundaries in Map Plan Q to meet applicable criteria, and continue fine-tuning Map Plans S and T to generate alternatives.
- That the Committee strive to produce one, single map as their final recommendation to the Board.
- That the Committee recognize Japan Town as a community of interest and direct Mr. Johnson to come back with two revised versions of each of the Map Plans Q, S, and T, that demonstrates Japan Town as part of District 2 in one revision, and as a part of District 3 in the other revision, with corresponding demographic information for each map scenario.
- That the Committee direct Mr. Johnson to include additional columns in future demographics charts that identify:
  - 1) Constituents unable to vote in the 2010 District Board election as a result of 2010 redistricting effort boundary movements;
  - 2) Constituents anticipated to be unable to vote in the 2012 District Board election as a result of proposed 2011 boundary movements; and
  - 3) Constituents, if any, whose ability to vote in District Board elections would be impacted in both the 2010 and 2012 elections, as a result of boundary movements from both redistricting efforts.

- That the Committee direct Mr. Johnson to include an asterisk or other symbol that identifies the census blocks where existing Board members' reside, on all future maps.
- That public participation kits be made available to the public by Friday, May 20, 2011.

Additionally, Rev. Moore requested that the Committee discuss Roberts Rules of Order, and Ms. Cauble requested that conformed copies of meeting handouts be added to on-line Committee meeting packages.

**g. Adjournment.** Chairperson Becker adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m., to the next regularly secheduled meeting at 6:00 p.m. on May 31, 2011, at the Berryessa Union School District Board Room, 1376 Piedmont Road, San Jose, California, 95132.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lin Moore  
Board Administrative Assistant

Approved: