

Exhibit to Agenda Item #1

Adopt criteria to adjust SMUD Ward boundaries using the 2020 data released by the U. S. Census Bureau and set schedule for public redistricting workshops.

Board Energy Resources & Customer Services Committee and Special SMUD Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, July 13, 2021, immediately following the Finance & Audit Committee meeting scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting (online)

Redistricting Ward Boundaries

- SMUD must redistrict its ward boundaries every 10 years
 - Municipal Utility District (MUD) Act § 11823;
 - Elections Code § 22000
- Ward boundaries are redrawn based on U.S. Census Bureau data.
- By Code, SMUD's redistricting must be completed by May 6, 2022, which is 180 days before the next general election.

Redistricting Requirements

- Federal Law
 - U.S. Constitution: Adjust ward boundaries to substantially equal population (maximum 10% deviation between largest and smallest ward populations); boundaries cannot be drawn based on race
 - Compliance with Voting Rights Act of 1985
- State Law
 - Consider (1) topography, (2) geography, (3) cohesiveness, contiguity, integrity, and compactness of territory, and (4) communities of interest (contiguous populations with common social and economic interests, excluding political party, incumbent and candidate relationships)

COVID-related Delays

- COVID-19 significantly delayed census operations.
- U.S. Census Bureau opted to commit to one single national delivery of data rather than staggering delivery of data to each state (release currently estimated for mid-August 2021).
- Official California data is estimated for release approximately six weeks after receipt of official federal data.
- Added delay is to allow California data to be adjusted to reflect last known place of residence of incarcerated individuals rather than the location of the incarcerating institution.

Recommended Criteria

- Adjust ward boundaries to result in wards of substantially equal population. The population deviation between the largest and smallest wards will not exceed 10 percent.
- Retain communities of interest within a single ward where practicable.
- Consider geography and topography, as well as cohesiveness, contiguity, integrity and compactness of territory.

Recommended Process and Schedule

- Develop 2-3 alternative maps based on criteria.
- Public Workshop #1: Late October/Early November 2021.
 - Develop preferred alternative map based on public input.
- Public Workshop #2: Late November 2021.
 - Refine preferred alternative map as necessary.
- Final Map Recommendation – December 7, 2021, Finance & Audit Committee.
- Board Adopts Final Map – December 9, 2021

Public Outreach

- Extensive multi-channel outreach to customers, community groups and local governments.
- Website: deploy mapping tool to allow customers to locate which proposed wards would encompass their residences.
- Hard copy maps of proposed wards displayed at Headquarters and Customer Service Center.