

COASTSIDE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

766 MAIN STREET

HALF MOON BAY, CA 94019

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

January 28, 2020

PUBLIC HEARING

**CONVERSION FROM AN AT-LARGE ELECTORAL SYSTEM
FOR ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
TO ONE BASED ON FIVE (5) ZONES PURSUANT TO
THE CALIFORNIA VOTING RIGHTS ACT**

President Chris Mickelsen opened the meeting and called it to order at 6:09 p.m. Directors Bob Feldman, Ken Coverdell, Jim Larimer, and Vice President Glenn Reynolds were all in attendance. Mr. Miyaki noted that this is a special board meeting and public hearing.

Also present: Mary Rogren, General Manager; Patrick Miyaki, Legal Counsel; Kimon Manolius, Legal Counsel; and JoAnne Whelen Administrative Assistant, Recording Secretary. Consultant Douglas Johnson, President and Founder of National Demographics Corporation, (NDC) was also in attendance. Employees, Cathleen Brennan, Water Resource Analyst, and Gina Brazil, Office Manager, were present and seated in the audience. There were no members of the public in attendance.

President Mickelsen called for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENTATION REGARDING THE CALIFORNIA VOTING RIGHTS ACT, THE
PROCESS OF CONVERSION FROM AN AT-LARGE TO ZONE BASED SYSTEM**

Mr. Johnson began this fourth public hearing by briefly summarizing the schedule for the remainder of this process, which will be concluded with the adoption of the final ordinance, scheduled for February 11, 2020. He also reviewed the Districting rules and goals once again, outlining the federal laws and the transitional redistricting principles. In response to queries from the Board members, Mr. Johnson confirmed that the analysis, presentation, and delivery of information, maps and materials have complied with the objectives of the districting rules and goals. He stated that although NDC did receive input in the way of thoughts and ideas from the District's Board Members with regards to the mapping, no instructions or specific requests were expressed from any of the Board Members during this process. Mr. Johnson reviewed details of the boundaries defined with the Blue Map and the newly drafted alternate map named Blue 2.

Mr. Manolius reiterated that all of the maps that the District is considering are compliant with both federal and state laws.

Director Feldman stated that he is in support of moving the Blue 2 map forward, noting that he believes that this map choice meets the criteria of the law and demonstrates the best way to serve the community going forward given the demographics.

Director Coverdell stated that he feels that the Blue 2 map will allow the District to provide to a group that is purported to be unrepresented with the best and soonest opportunity to be involved in an election and elect a representative to serve on the District's Board of Directors, and to meet the requirements of the federal and state laws.

President Mickelsen agreed, adding that the Blue 2 map addresses a fair distribution, and common-sense approach, while retaining the use of natural boundaries, is legally defensible and has been confirmed by the demographer that it meets all current requirements.

Mr. Miyaki provided a summary of the meeting, reporting that this concludes the fourth public hearing on this subject, there were no members of the public present and no written comments have been submitted to the District on this matter. He also advised that the law requires a final (fifth) public hearing, which is scheduled for Tuesday, February 11th, the same date as the District's Regular Monthly Board of Directors meeting, at which point an ordinance will be presented for the District to consider selection of one of the maps that has been presented, as well as identifying which of the three zones will elect a board member in 2020 and which of the two zones will elect a board member in 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

President Mickelsen adjourned the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Rogren, General Manager
Secretary to the District

Chris Mickelsen, President
Board of Directors