

COASTSIDE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

766 MAIN STREET

HALF MOON BAY, CA 94019

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

December 10, 2019

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 OR DISTRICTS PURSUANT TO THE
CALIFORNIA VOTING RIGHTS ACT**

- 1) **ROLL CALL** - President Ken Coverdell called the meeting to order 6:03 pm. Present at roll call: Directors Jim Larimer, Bob Feldman, Glenn Reynolds and Vice President Chris Mickelsen.

Also present: Mary Rogren, General Manager; Patrick Miyaki, Legal Counsel; Kim Manolius, Legal Counsel; and JoAnne Whelen, Administrative Assistant, Recording Secretary. 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.

- 2) **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

- 3) **PUBLIC COMMENT** - There were no public comments.

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

President Coverdell introduced the public hearing agenda item, the conversion from an at-large electoral system for election of members of the Board of Directors to one based on five (5) zones or districts pursuant to the California Voting Rights Act. He summarized the background, stating that on November 25, 2019, the Coastside County Water District resolved by action of its Board of Directors to change its electoral system for members of the Board of Directors from an at-large system to a system based on five (5) zones with voters electing a Board member from their zone. President Coverdell then stated that the District now seeks public input as to the composition of the District and how to best draw these new zones.

Mr. Miyaki then introduced Mr. Kimon Manolius, a partner with the Hanson Bridgett Law Firm, advising that Mr. Manolius has extensive experience with the California Voting Rights Acts. Mr. Miyaki reported that Mr. Douglas Johnson, President and Founder of National Demographics Corporation, (NDC) was unable to be in attendance due to a

scheduling conflict, but he had provided his presentation materials, which would be presented by Mr. Manolius.

Mr. Manolius began his presentation by briefly summarizing the background and referenced recently adopted Resolution 2019-06 that approved the intention to change from at-large to zone based elections for election of members of the Board of Directors commencing November 2020. He then reviewed and explained in detail many of the components of the Federal Voting Rights Act and the California Voting Rights Act. Mr. Manolius outlined the overall process, including the two initial hearings, the public hearings on the draft maps, the final hearing, as well as the tentative timetable for these events.

Proceeding with his presentation, Mr. Manolius reviewed the traditional redistricting principles, including communities of interest, compact, contiguous, visible (natural and man-made boundaries), respect voter's choices / continuity in office, and additionally, planned future growth, a 2021 consideration. Discussion ensued among the Board members on the various characteristics and types of communities of interest within the District.

President Coverdell thanked Mr. Manolius for his availability and presentation of the materials.

- 5) **ADJOURNMENT** - The public hearing was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Rogren, General Manager
Secretary to the District

Chris Mickelsen, President
Board of Directors