

SANTA YNEZ COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Loch Dreizler, General Manager
DATE: September 20, 2023
SUBJECT: Planwest Partners Presentation for District Divisions
Third Public Hearing – Draft Map

Proposed Motion / Recommendation

Receive a Board presentation of our third public hearing of four - draft map presentation. These hearings are an invitation to solicit public comment on the criteria for determining division boundaries and the composition before finalizing the map and assisting the public and directors in drawing and submitting proposed district maps on paper and online.

Policy Implications

The Board passed and adopted Resolution No. 22-06 on March 18, 2022, to change from its current at-large election method to a district-based election method under which the candidate must reside within an election district that is a divisible part of the District's jurisdictional boundaries and is elected only by voters residing within that election district.

In addition, public hearings will be held to receive input from the community on the content of the maps under Elections Code section 10010, subdivision (a)(2).

Fiscal Implications

Not complying with the California Voter's Rights Act (CVRA) can trigger legal costs. The District determined that the public interest would be served by adopting resolution 22-06 and transitioning to district-based elections.

Additional costs via the Santa Barbara County Elections are still being determined.

Alternatives Considered

None

Discussion

On June 21 and July 19, 2023, the District Board held "pre-map" public hearings to receive input from the community on the district-based map creation process and criteria to be used when drawing division boundaries before the drawing of draft maps under the Elections Code section 10010, subdivision (a)(1).

After conducting the pre-map hearings, the District's consulting demographers are now presenting draft division area boundary maps for the public's consideration on September 20 and October 18. They will be available to view on the District's website. There have been additional public notices for the draft maps.