

**SANTA YNEZ COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT**  
**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Loch Dreizler, General Manager  
**DATE:** July 19, 2023  
**SUBJECT:** Consultant Presentation for District Divisions  
Second Pre-Map Hearing

**Proposed Motion / Recommendation**

Staff recommends listening and asking questions during our second of two pre-map hearings presentations. These hearings also include an invitation to solicit public comment on the criteria for determining division boundaries and the composition before drawing maps 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, two 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) could involve significant legal costs and additional uncertainty. The District determined that the public interest would be served by adopting this resolution 22-06 and transitioning to district-based elections.

**Alternatives Considered**

None

**Discussion**

On June 21 and now on July 19, 2023, the District Board will hold "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 demographers will publish draft division area boundary maps for the public's consideration. They will be available to view on the District's website. There will be additional notice once the draft maps are available.