



AGENDA NO. 21a-b.
MEETING DATE January 11, 2022

TITLE CONSIDER ACCEPTING REDISTRICTING PROPOSAL 1 AND SETTING PUBLIC HEARINGS

TYPE	<input type="checkbox"/> Construction	<input type="checkbox"/> General Services	<input type="checkbox"/> Materials & Supplies	<input type="checkbox"/> Professional Services
	<input type="checkbox"/> CEQA	<input type="checkbox"/> Grants	<input type="checkbox"/> Water Supply Assessment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER
ACTION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOTION	<input type="checkbox"/> RESOLUTION	<input type="checkbox"/> ORDINANCE	

RECOMMENDED ACTION

- A. Consider and accept Redistricting Proposal 1 (Proposal 1) as recommended by the Redistricting Ad Hoc Committee for review and presentation at upcoming noticed public hearings.
- B. In accordance with California Elections Code section 22001, set a public hearing for February 8, 2022, to present Proposal 1 as recommended by the Redistricting Ad Hoc Committee for public review and comment, and a public hearing for March 8, 2022, where the Board of Directors will consider adopting Proposal 1 to establish the East Bay Municipal Utility District ward boundaries as a result of the 2020 federal census.

SUMMARY

The East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) is legally required to adjust its ward boundaries to accommodate population shifts reflected in the federal decennial census, and to keep its wards as equal as possible in population. The 2020 census data indicates the total population of EBMUD’s service area is 1,477,418, and the target population for each ward is 211,060. The Redistricting Ad Hoc Committee met on October 26, 2021 and November 23, 2021, to review three redistricting proposals to adjust the District’s ward boundaries so that each ward is reasonably within the target population. The Redistricting Ad Hoc Committee recommended the Board accept Proposal 1 for review and comment during public hearings in February and March 2022.

DISCUSSION

In February 2021, the U.S. Census Bureau announced that due to COVID-19 pandemic related delays, redistricting data would not be released until September 30, 2021 instead of by March or April 2021. This delay shortened the District’s timeline for conducting redistricting efforts. On May 11, 2021, the Board established a Redistricting Ad Hoc Committee (Committee). The Committee met on June 22 and August 24 and established redistricting guidelines; the Board adopted the guidelines on September 14.

Funds Available: NA	Budget Coding: NA	Contract Equity Forms? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Originating Department	Department Director or Manager	Approved
Office of the Secretary	Rischa S. Cole	 General Manager
Attachment(s): Redistricting Proposal Maps		

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On September 28, the Committee met and agreed to use a target population deviation percentage of three percent to develop redistricting plans. On October 26, staff presented final ward population data based on final census data released by the U.S. Census Bureau on September 30.

Compared to 2010, the District's service area population increased from 1,337,782 to 1,477,418 and the target ward population increased from 191,112 to 211,060. The final census data indicates Ward 5 (cities of Alameda and San Lorenzo; West Oakland and Oakland Airport Area, and a portion of San Leandro) with a ward population of 217,878 is above the adopted deviation at 3.23 percent and that Ward 7 (Castro Valley; portions of San Leandro and Hayward; communities of Cherryland and Fairview; and a portion of San Ramon) with a ward population of 207,016 has the second highest deviation at -1.92 percent. All other District wards remain within the target ward population deviation of three percent (+/- 6332 or between 204,728 and 217,392). Staff presented three proposals (maps attached) to the Committee to adjust the boundaries between Wards 5 and 7 to bring both wards within three percent of the target ward population of 211,060:

- **Proposal 1:** move an area of San Lorenzo that is east of Highway 880 from Ward 5 to Ward 7. This area is south of San Lorenzo Creek between 880 and the Southern Pacific Railroad and has a population of 4,637. This proposal would decrease the Ward 5 population from 217,878 to 213,241 and increase the Ward 7 population from 207,016 to 211,653.
- **Proposal 2:** move an area of San Lorenzo that is east of Highway 880 and south of Lansing Way from Ward 5 to Ward 7. This area is a subset of Proposal 1 and would move one census block with a population of 508 from Ward 5 to Ward 7. This proposal would decrease the Ward 5 population from 217,878 to 217,370 and increase the Ward 7 population from 207,016 to 207,524.
- **Proposal 3:** move the Greenhouse Marketplace area in San Leandro from Ward 5 to Ward 7 which extends along San Lorenzo Creek. The City of San Leandro is already divided between Wards 5 and 7 by Highway 880. This proposal would decrease the Ward 5 population from 217,878 to 217,271 and increase the Ward 7 population from 207,016 to 207,623.

At its October 26 meeting, the Committee agreed to present Proposal 1 for consideration at the November 23 Regular Board meeting. To provide the public an additional opportunity to review and comment on the three proposals, staff scheduled an additional Committee meeting on November 23 and conducted targeted outreach to residents in San Leandro/San Lorenzo that live in or near the Proposal 1 area and posted information on Nextdoor for the entire service area. At this meeting, the Committee reaffirmed its decision to recommend Proposal 1 for Board consideration.

The District was originally required to complete its 2021-2022 redistricting efforts and submit legal ward boundaries and maps to Alameda and Contra Costa counties by May 12, 2022 for the November 2022 elections. However, Senate Bill 594 (Glazer) revised the deadline and requires all special districts to submit legal ward boundaries and maps to the counties by April 17, 2022. If the Board accepts Proposal 1, staff will schedule a public hearing on February 8, 2022 for the public to review and comment on Proposal 1. At the public hearing on March 8, 2022, the Board will consider adopting Proposal 1 to establish the District's ward boundaries. Staff will notify local elected and appointed officials as well as other stakeholders about the public hearings. Notices will also be published in newspapers of general circulation in the District's service area, and information will be posted on the redistricting webpage, Nextdoor, and Twitter. The legal ward boundaries and final ward map will be presented for Board review

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and approval at its April 12, 2022 meeting for submission to Alameda and Contra Costa counties to meet their April 17, 2022 deadline for the November 2022 elections.

SUSTAINABILITY

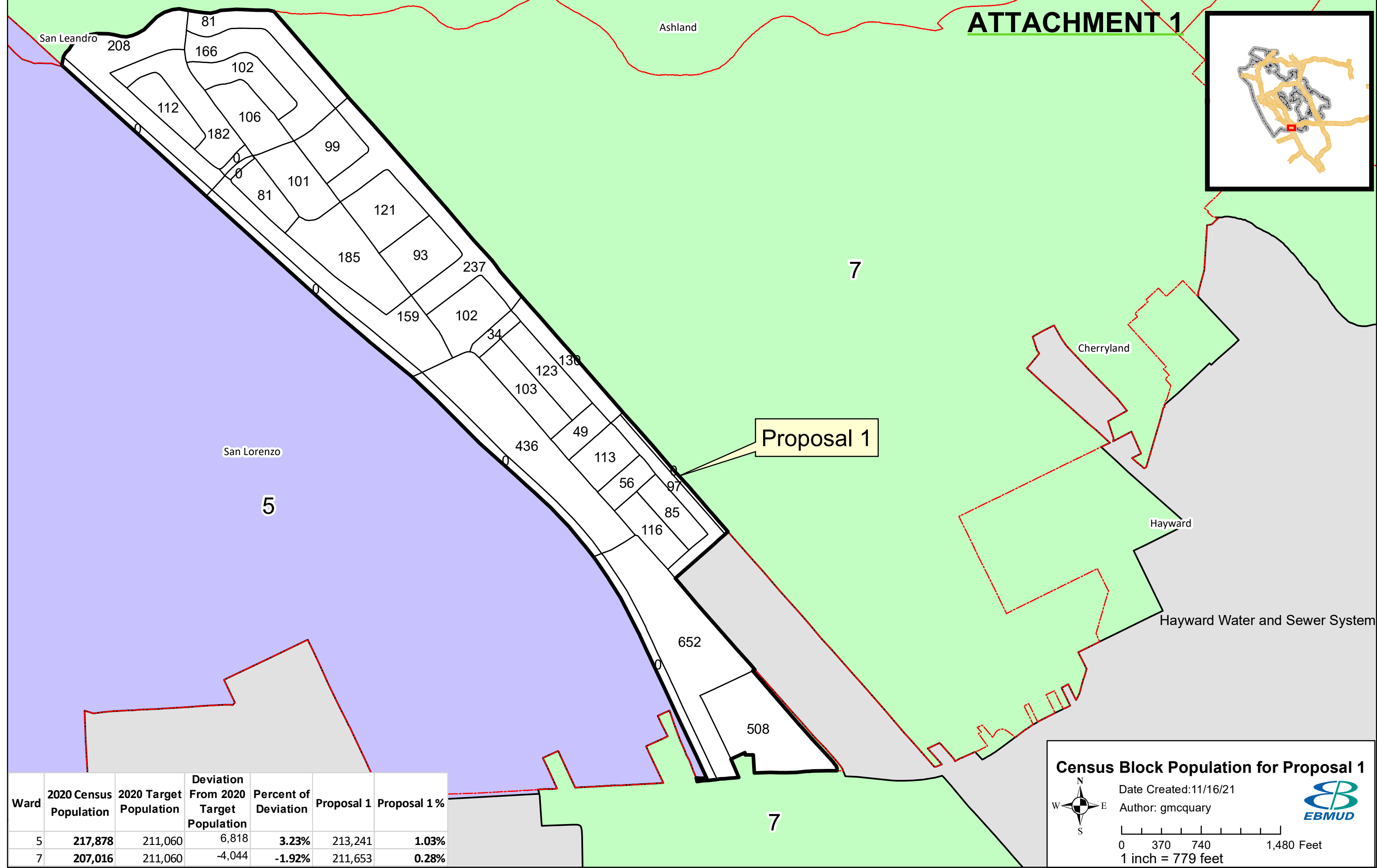
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Elections Code section 22000 requires districts to adjust boundaries based on the federal decennial census so divisions, as far as practical, are equal in population. Adjusting the boundaries in Wards 5 and 7 will bring both ward populations within three percent of the target ward population of 211,060 and make the populations of the District's wards near equal.

ALTERNATIVE

Do not accept Redistricting Proposal 1 for public review. This alternative is not recommended. The Committee reviewed three proposals and recommended Proposal 1 as the ideal proposal to adjust the boundaries between Wards 5 and 7 so that the populations in those wards are within the target ward population deviation of three percent and all District wards are, as far as practical, equal in population.

ATTACHMENT 1

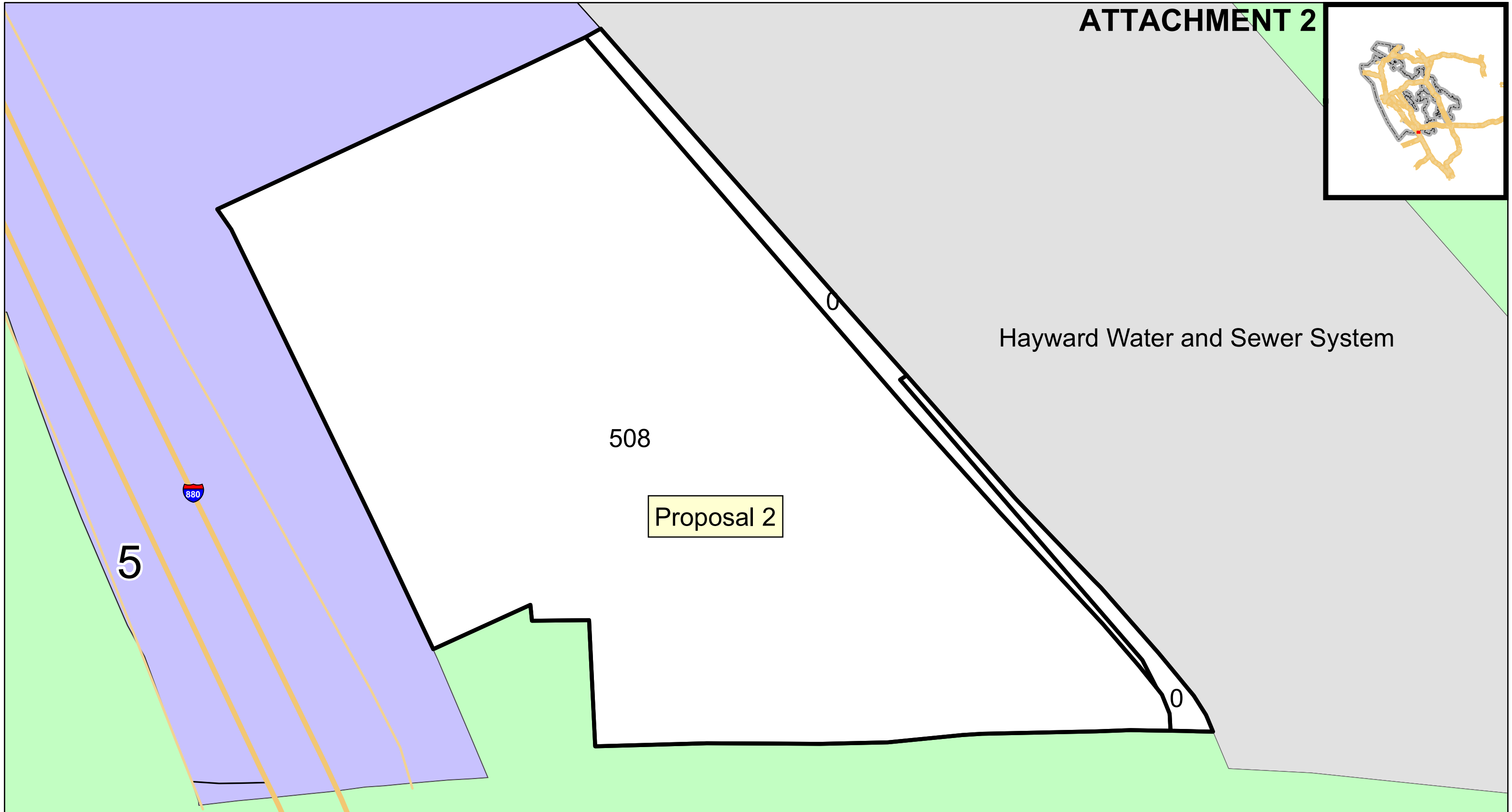
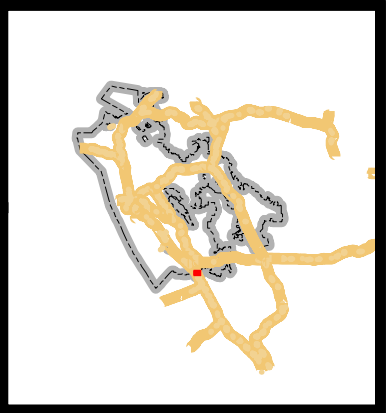


Ward	2020 Census Population	2020 Target Population	Deviation From 2020 Target Population	Percent of Deviation	Proposal 1	Proposal 1 %
5	217,878	211,060	6,818	3.23%	213,241	1.03%
7	207,016	211,060	-4,044	-1.92%	211,653	0.28%

Census Block Population for Proposal 1

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Proposal 2

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Hayward Water and Sewer System

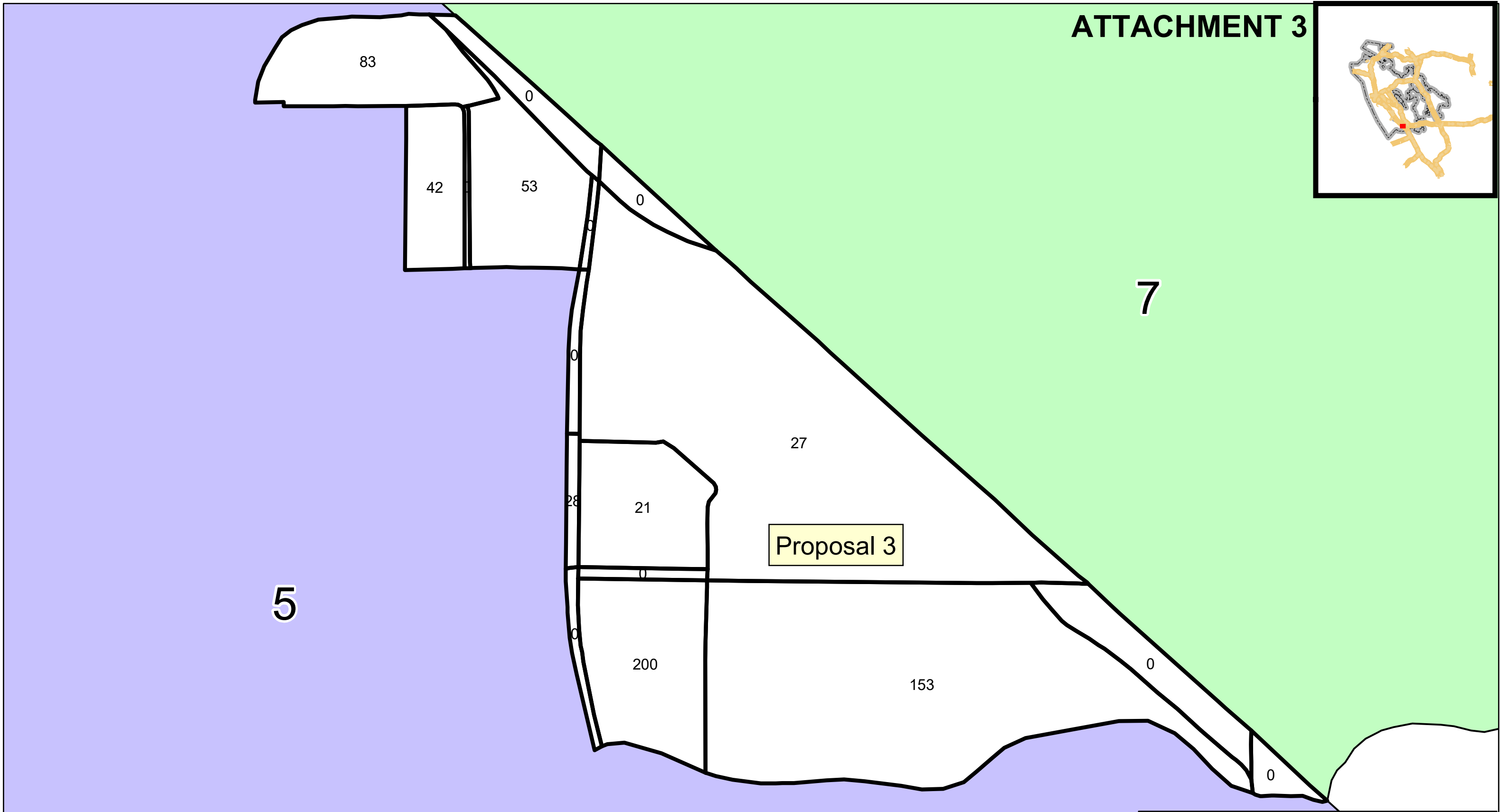
Ward	2020 Census Population	2020 Target Population	Deviation From 2020 Target Population	Percent of Deviation	Proposal 2	Proposal 2 %
5	217,878	211,060	6,818	3.23%	217,370	2.99%
7	207,016	211,060	-4,044	-1.92%	207,524	-1.68%

Census Block Population for Proposal 2

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 1 inch = 123 feet

ATTACHMENT 3



Ward	2020 Census Population	2020 Target Population	Deviation From 2020 Target Population	Percent of Deviation	Proposal 3	Proposal 3 %
5	217,878	211,060	6,818	3.23%	217,271	2.94%
7	207,016	211,060	-4,044	-1.92%	207,623	-1.63%

Census Block Population for Proposal 3

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1 inch = 349 feet