

**EAST BAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT**

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DATE: October 7, 2021

MEMO TO: Board of Directors

THROUGH: Clifford C. Chan, General Manager *CCC*

FROM: Rischa S. Cole, Secretary of the District *RC*

SUBJECT: Redistricting Ad Hoc Committee Minutes – September 28, 2021

President Doug A. Linney called to order the Redistricting Ad Hoc Committee meeting at 9:01 a.m. He announced that in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order N-08-21, which suspends portions of the Brown Act, a physical location would not be provided for the meeting. Directors John A. Coleman and Marguerite Young were present at roll call. All Directors participated remotely. Staff participants included General Manager Clifford C. Chan, General Counsel Derek T. McDonald, Assistant General Counsel Lourdes Matthew, Senior Software Engineer George F. McQuary, Executive Assistant II Robyn S. Johnson, and Secretary of the District Rischa S. Cole.

**Public Comment.** None.

**Determine Target Ward Population Deviation and Redistricting Software Demonstration.**

Secretary of the District Rischa S. Cole presented an update on the most recent census population data and proposed target ward population deviation percentages. On September 9, 2021, staff provided preliminary ward population data to the Board based on preliminary 2020 census data released by the U.S. Census Bureau (Bureau) on August 12. Based on updated data released after August 12, the preliminary total population for the EBMUD service area increased from 1,464,125 to 1,464,126 (one additional constituent added to Ward 6) while the preliminary target population per ward (209,161) remained unchanged. In 2010, the total population was 1,337,782 and the target population per ward was 191,112. Ms. Cole reported that as of September 27, updated data increased the preliminary total population for the service area from 1,464,126 to 1,475,290 and changed the preliminary target ward population from 209,161 to 210,756. The Bureau is scheduled to release final population data on September 30 which staff anticipates receiving by October 21. While the final population data may differ from the data reported at this meeting, she said staff does not believe it will change enough to impact the target ward population deviation percentage to be determined by the Committee. The Committee will use the final population data and the target ward population deviation percentage to begin developing redistricting plans at its October 26 meeting. She reviewed target ward populations based on deviations of two or three percent. A two percent deviation for the preliminary target ward population of 210,756 is 206,541 to 214,971 or (+/- 4,215), while a three percent deviation is 204,433 to 217,079 or (+/- 6,323). Although the population data has changed and the target ward population number has increased, the data presented today still indicates the populations in Wards 5 and 7 realized changes greater or less than two percent. Next, Senior Software Engineer George F. McQuary provided a brief history of the census and a demonstration of the software that will be used to develop redistricting plans for EBMUD. Ms. Cole, Mr. McQuary, and General Counsel Derek T. McDonald responded to Committee questions about the deviation percentage used during the 2011-2012 redistricting efforts; if there were significant changes in the initial and final population data provided during the 2011-2012 redistricting process; the definition of communities of interest; whether the current

ward boundary configuration includes communities of interest that should be reviewed when redistricting begins; the difference between census tracts and census blocks; whether a census block can go through freeways; which wards or cities gained or lost the most people since the 2010 census; and if the Board can factor in projected growth over the next decade when determining the target ward population deviation percentage. There was considerable discussion regarding potential impacts to communities of interest during the redistricting process and the ability to factor in projected growth to determine the target ward population deviation percentage. After a brief discussion, the Committee agreed to use a three percent deviation to determine ward populations. The Committee requested a map depicting 2010 ward city populations and a map showing the updated 2020 ward city population data provided in today's presentation; a copy of the presentation from today's meeting; clarification on the definition of a community of interest; and information on whether the Board can consider projected population growth in determining ward boundaries and target ward populations.

The next Redistricting Ad Hoc Committee meeting is scheduled for October 26, 2021.

**Adjournment.** President Linney adjourned the meeting at 9:38 a.m.

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