

NOVATO SANITARY DISTRICT BOARD AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

TITLE: Public Hearing – California Voting Rights Act (CVRA) and Elections Code (EC) 10010.	MEETING DATE: June 10, 2019 AGENDA ITEM NO.: 5.a. through 5.g.
RECOMMENDED ACTIONS: Conduct a fifth public hearing to receive public input on Voting Divisions Map, election sequencing, and draft Ordinance No. 121: Establishing an Electoral District-based System for the Novato Sanitary District; and upon close of Public Hearing, act to Adopt Ordinance No. 121.	
SUMMARY AND DISCUSSION: <p>At a special Board meeting on April 1, 2019, the District committed to transition its Board elections from an “at-large” to an electoral district based election system under the provisions of the California Voting Rights Act of 2001 (“CVRA”). Accordingly, at that meeting, the Board unanimously adopted Resolution No. 3131 declaring its intent to voluntarily transition to by-district (or “zone”) elections.</p> <p>Pursuant to California Elections Code (EC) Section 10010, the Board is required to hold at least five public hearings in connection with the establishment of electoral districts. EC Section 10010 also requires at least two of these hearings to be held before any map(s) of electoral district boundaries are drawn, to provide an opportunity for the public to give input on the criteria for and composition of the proposed electoral districts.</p> <p>The first public hearing was held at a regular Board meeting on April 8, 2019, where the Board also unanimously adopted a schedule of public hearings and related events (“Timeline”, Attachment 1). The second hearing was held at a special meeting on April 15, 2019 to receive input on electoral district composition and preference for electoral district lines, and resulted in Draft Zone Map A (published April 29, 2019 - see Attachment 2). The third hearing was held on May 6, 2019 at a special meeting, and resulted in a change of terminology for electoral districts from “zones” to “divisions”, the generation of Draft Divisions Map B (Attachment 3), and proposed election sequencing noted therein.</p> <p>The fourth public hearing was held at a special meeting on May 28, 2019, to receive Board and public input on the proposed by-district boundary lines and election sequencing, review and comment on the proposed draft Ordinance No. 121, and select a final by-district map (Voting Divisions Map) and election sequence. The Voting Divisions Map and election sequencing were posted to the District’s website following the hearing to meet the 7-day publication requirement of the CVRA, and publicized, prior to the fifth public hearing.</p> <p>Tonight’s meeting is the fifth (and final) hearing of the five public hearings. Notice of tonight’s hearing, in English and Spanish, has been posted on the District’s website and distributed at various sites within the District. Spanish translation will also be available at the meeting.</p>	
ATTACHMENTS: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Timeline for Consideration and Implementation of By-District Elections. 2. Novato Sanitary District Draft Zones Map A, and Draft Zone Demographics – Map A. 3. Novato Sanitary District Draft Divisions Map B, and Draft Division Demographics – Map B. 4. Voting Divisions Map and Election Sequencing 5. Draft Ordinance No. 121: Establishing an Electoral District-based System for Novato Sanitary District. 	
STRATEGIC PLAN INFORMATION: This item addresses Goal 3 (Board District and Community Alignment and Communications) of the latest Strategic Plan Update.	
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