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Meeting 21-21
November 18, 2021

AGENDA ITEM #1

To: Board of Directors
Open Space Authority

From: Andrea Mackenzie
General Manager

SUBJECT

Informational Item: Presentation on Redistricting Process and Draft Timeline

REVENUE/COST

There are no costs associated with this item.

BACKGROUND

As the Board of Directors (Board) is aware, every 10 years, States, Cities, Counties, School Boards and Special Districts review their District boundaries and make adjustments to the boundaries if needed to keep representation as equal as possible in each District. With the release of the 2020 Census, the Board is mandated to study the data and if applicable, approve a plan based on the new census data for the redistricting of the Open Space Authority's (Authority) seven electoral divisions to equalize the population of the divisions, according to Elections Code § 22000. The deadline for completion of the redistricting process and submittal to the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters has recently been reset to April 2022, in advance of the November 8, 2022 General Election using the new Director division plan.

To accomplish the redistricting project, on July 22, 2021 Staff presented an initial informational introduction of the redistricting process and draft timeline of events to take place. On September 23, 2021, the Board approved a contract with Nielson Merksamer Parrinello Gross & Leoni, LLP for Special Legal Counsel services related to redistricting. Next steps will require the consultation of a demographer, or demographic consultant, to analyze census data, support the redistricting process, and present draft electoral division plans for Board approval within Public Hearings held by the Authority's Board.

DISCUSSION

Clerk of the Board Kellie Guerra will introduce Special Legal Counsel representative Chris Skinnell of Nielson Merksamer Parrinello Gross & Leoni, LLP to introduce himself and provide a kick-off for the redistricting project, as well as answer any questions the Board may have at this time.

The attached Draft 2021-2022 Redistricting Timeline was presented to the Board on July 22, 2021 (revised 11/21) as subject to change, and will need to be adjusted to accommodate the Demographer's schedule.

RECOMMENDATION

This item is informational only.

Prepared by:

Kellie Guerra, Clerk of the Board

*Attachment(s): Exhibit A – 2021-2022 Redistricting Timeline as Presented to the Board on July 22, 2021
(rev. 11/21)*