



R-22-20
Meeting 22-02
January 27, 2022

AGENDA ITEM #4

To: Board of Directors
Open Space Authority

From: Andrea Mackenzie
General Manager

SUBJECT

Adopt Demographic Criteria and Provide Instruction for the Preparation of Alternative Draft Redistricting Plans and Select Board Ad Hoc Subcommittee Members

REVENUE/COST

The Board approved \$100,000 for the redistricting project as part of the Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Budget and Annual Work Plan on June 10, 2021.

BACKGROUND

On November 18, 2021 the Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority (Authority) Board of Directors (Board) received a presentation from Special Legal Counsel Chris Skinnell of Nielsen, Merksamer, Parrinello, Gross & Leoni, LLP on the procedures, and legal and policy criteria governing redistricting, and the current demographics of the District under the 2020 Census.

At the following meeting on December 09, 2021, the Board awarded the contract for Demography Services to Redistricting Partners.

DISCUSSION

The next step in the redistricting process is the adoption of criteria to be used for redistricting that will be forwarded to the Authority's demographic consultant, Redistricting Partners. Redistricting Partners will then use the criteria to develop alternate plans for the Board's consideration. Special Counsel, Chris Skinnell, and staff from Redistricting Partners will present possible criteria for consideration and a timeline of the redistricting process (attached as Exhibit E) to the Board.

Staff requests that a two-person ad hoc subcommittee of Board members (less than a quorum) be selected as part of the redistricting team to review the plans and proposals before the plans are presented to the Board at a Public Hearing scheduled to be held on February 24, 2022.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board adopt criteria and provide instruction to be used for preparing alternative redistricting plans. Staff further recommends that the Board form a two-person ad hoc subcommittee to work with staff, special counsel and demographer to develop those plans.

Prepared by:
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Attachment(s): Resolution 22-16 – A Resolution of the Governing Board of the Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority to Specify Criteria to Guide the Re-Alignment of Director Divisions

Exhibit E -- Draft Calendar for Santa Clara Valley OSA Redistricting Process 2022-01-14