



AGENDA SUBMITTAL TO SOLANO COUNTY SUPERVISORS

ITEM TITLE		BOARD MEETING DATE	AGENDA NUMBER
Public Hearing to consider the approval of the Proposed Redistricting Plan for Supervisorial Districts; and Direct staff to prepare an ordinance for introduction at a public hearing on July 26, 2011 at 2 p.m.		July 6, 2011 3:00 p.m.	1
Dept:	County Administrator	Supervisorial District Number All	
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Published Notice Required		Yes _____	No <u> X </u>
Public Hearing Required		Yes <u> X </u>	No _____

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Conduct a public hearing to consider approval of the Proposed Redistricting Plan, as required by Section 21500.1 of the California Elections Code;
2. Direct staff to prepare an ordinance adjusting and setting the boundaries of the supervisorial districts for introduction at a public hearing on July 26, 2011 at 2 p.m.

SUMMARY

On June 21, 2011 the Board conducted a public hearing to consider a total of five alternative redistricting scenarios prepared by staff. At the conclusion of the hearing the Board selected Alternative Scenario "E"- with specified modifications - as the Board's Preferred Redistricting Alternative ("Proposed Redistricting Plan"). A public hearing on the Proposed Redistricting Plan was held on June 28th. The Board is being asked to approve the Proposed Redistricting Plan and schedule a hearing for July 26, 2011 to introduce the Redistricting Ordinance. Under the revised timeline presented to the Board on June 28, 2011 the adoption of the Ordinance is scheduled to occur on August 9, 2011 (Attachment A). Detailed information on the redistricting alternatives considered by the Board in the public process can be found at the Solano County Redistricting Website [www.solanocounty.com /redistricting/](http://www.solanocounty.com/redistricting/)

FINANCING

The County Administrator has included funding for consultant services in the FY2010/11 Budget to assist in the County's efforts to develop a redistricting plan that meets the requirements of law and addresses Board and Community concerns. A contract has been executed with Environmental Stewardship & Planning, Inc. for consultant services for \$49,000, of which an initial allocation of \$30,000 has been appropriated for redistricting services. Some incidental costs that may be experienced in performing public outreach will be expected to be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.

DISCUSSION

Federal and state law requires counties to undergo an adjustment to their Supervisorial District boundaries to reflect the outcome of the Census, conducted every ten years. The 2000 Census counted a total of 394,542 residents in Solano County and resulted in a desired number of residents in each district of 78,908, or 394,542 divided by 5. The 2010 Census reports a total of **413,344** persons living in Solano County as of April 1, 2010. Using the same criteria to determine the desirable mean population for each district, (i.e., divide the total population by the number of supervisorial districts) a desirable mean population of **82,669** results.

Background

On January 25, 2011 the Board established the initial process and timeline for undertaking the 2011 Supervisorial Redistricting in response to the 2010 Decennial Census. After the census data was released in March further direction was given to staff at the Board's April 12, 2011 meeting to prepare alternative plans, each of which attain as close as is practicable the ideal district population of 82,669. Pursuant to Board direction Staff created three Alternatives: A, B, and C, as potential redistricting scenarios to attain the ideal population objective. Four public workshops were held to receive input on these plans.

On June 7, 2011 and continued to the June 14th regular board meetings, the Board conducted a study sessions to review Alternatives and provided further direction. On June 14th the Board's direction was to create two additional redistricting plans which were responsive to the public's and the Board's comments, including: not increasing the number of Supervisors representing the City of Fairfield; to the extent practicable, drawing boundaries consistent with land use and regional strategic planning; and respecting current boundaries where possible. The additional redistricting plans were developed and presented as Alternatives "D" and "E".

On June 21st the Board conducted a public hearing on the five alternatives prepared by staff. At the conclusion of the hearing the Board selected Alternative Scenario "E" with modifications discussed by the Board at the meeting, as the Board's Preferred Redistricting Alternative Map and Boundaries, and officially known as the Proposed Redistricting Plan. The modifications included:

- the area in Suisun Valley shown in District 2 remains as the current District 3 existing boundary (as reflected in Alternative Scenario "D");
- the Travis Air Force Base "on-base" housing shown in District 3 moves to District 5 as shown in Scenario "D"; and
- the area in Suisun City west of Bluebird Drive and north of Pintail Drive moves from District 5 to District 3.

These changes were reflected in the map labeled the Preferred Redistricting Alternative ("Proposed Redistricting Plan"). The map was made available for public review at County Libraries, the Registrar of Voters Office in Fairfield and the County website.

A public hearing on the Proposed Redistricting Plan was conducted on June 28th. The public comments received by the Board, at the workshops, and via email through June 28th have been compiled and are attached as Redistricting Public Comments (Attachment B).

Supervisory District Analysis and Discussion on Proposed Redistricting Plan

Supervisory District	2010 Population	Proposed Plan Population	Net Population Gain/Loss	Mean	Deviation	% Deviation
District 1	79,484	83,484	4,000	82,669	815	0.99%
District 2	81,598	82,904	1,306	82,669	235	0.28%
District 3	86,870	82,900	-3,970	82,669	231	0.28%
District 4	79,461	82,788	3,327	82,669	119	0.14%
District 5	85,931	81,268	-4,663	82,669	-1,401	1.69%
Total	413,344	413,344			0	0

Proposed Redistricting Plan (Attachment C):

- Ideal Population: 82,669.
- Deviation: Lowest Population = -1,401 or -1.69%
 Highest Population = 815 or 0.99%
- Overall Range: 2.70%

The "Proposed Redistricting Plan" incorporates the following modifications to Alternative Scenario "E" provided on June 21, 2011:

- Between District 1 and District 2, the area bounded by Georgia Street on the south, Oakwood Avenue on the west, Tennessee Street on the north, and Columbus Parkway on the east currently in District 2 moves to District 1.
- Between District 2 and District 3, District 2 boundaries north of I-80 which run generally northward along the Green Valley Road corridor following the current boundary to the intersection of the PG&E powerline easement, continuing northeast to Rockville Road and then west to the current boundary line and following it north to the County border and maintains the continuity of Middle Green Valley consistent with the 2010 Specific Plan and the continuity of Suisun Valley Agricultural land consistent with the 2010 Suisun Valley Strategic plan; in addition, the boundary moves east from I-680 through the Suisun Marsh to the common boundary with District 5. The latter boundary line change consolidates most of the Suisun Marsh Management Area into one Supervisorial District (District 2). The boundary also moves north-east along the southern boundary of I-80 from Cordelia to Pennsylvania Avenue in Fairfield using West Texas Street as the north boundary line in order to capture sufficient population to balance the districts. District 2 reduces the area represented in Vallejo and increases the area represented in Fairfield and will continue to represent 3 cities.
- Between District 4 and District 5 the current boundary line shifts from Midway Road west to Midway road east to the county line. The City of Dixon and the area north-west of I-80 north of Midway all goes into District 4 and consolidates the Dixon Ridge Agricultural Region into

one Supervisorial District. This boundary line change also reduces the number of cities represented by District 5 from five cities to four cities. District 5 picks up additional District 4 population near Travis Air Force Base east of Peabody and additional area within the City of Fairfield north of Airbase Parkway consolidating Travis AFB housing. District 5 gives up additional area and population to District 4 in the area south of I-80 west of Nut Tree Road to Marshall Road west to the current boundary line at Peabody Road. This boundary line change also removes the City of Fairfield from District 4 so that it would be represented by Supervisorial Districts 2, 3, and 5.

- District 3 and District 5 exchange population within Travis Air Force Base (on-base housing) where the area and population moves from District 3 to District 5; and in Suisun City whereby area and population moves from District 5 to District 3 in the area west of Bluebird Drive and north of Pintail Drive.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS

Your Board may choose not to approve the Proposed Redistricting Plan at this time and wait until a subsequent meeting to take the recommended action; however, the Board's approved public process anticipates a set of targeted actions and dates with a Redistricting Ordinance adoption no later than August 9, 2011. With fewer scheduling opportunities where all five Board members will be present it is desirable to receive direction on an approved redistricting plan in order to keep the approval process moving forward.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The County Administrator's Office has been assisted in this effort by County Counsel, Department of Information Technology, Registrar of Voters, Resource Management and the Consultant.

DEPARTMENT HEAD SIGNATURE:



Birgitta E. Corsello
County Administrator

Attachment A: 2011 Redistricting Process and Timeline
Attachment B: Redistricting Public Comments
Attachment C: Proposed Redistricting Plan

Redistricting Public Comments received via Board of Supervisors Meeting, Community Workshops Comment Cards, Letters Hand Delivered, and Email Submittals

January 25, 2011 Board of Supervisors Meeting

Redistricting Public comments from the January 25, 2011 Board of Supervisors Meeting were received from the following:

Donald R. Tipton

George Guynn Jr.

Comments can be found at the Solano County Board of Supervisors Agendas Minutes and Videos website as Redistricting Agenda Item 23

http://solano.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=8&clip_id=572

April 12, 2011 Board of Supervisors Meeting

Redistricting public comments from the April 12, 2011 Board of Supervisors Meeting, were received from the following:

Donald R. Tipton

Richard Giddens

Michael Warken

George Guynn Jr.

Comments can be found at the Solano County Board of Supervisors Agendas Minutes and Videos website as Redistricting Agenda item 14

http://solano.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=8&clip_id=581

May 24, 2011 Community Workshop in Fairfield

Comment Cards Received

This scenario (A) splits the middle Green Valley Specific Plan Area; this seems ill advised. Much work has been done in the past several years to merge Green Valley into a single, consolidated community. It should exist in a single district, in its entirety. Nancy Nelson

Unfortunately, the district plan under Scenario A breaks up an established community of interest shared by the residents of Green Valley. It also bisects the middle Green Valley Specific Plan, with 400 residents, the product of over 2 years of work by our community residents. Bill Mayben

(Scenario A) 1. There are more government workers and elected people than citizens at this meeting. Not good! 2. Many more supervisors are needed to truly represent the public. One supervisor does not need and cannot represent 82,000 people. Furthermore, when a supervisor raises over \$200K to run for office, special interest is almost guaranteed to run the show. 3. I think the alternatives presented are going to be more of the same of the present broken system. George Guynn, Jr.

I object to Scenario A. This cuts Fairfield into five districts, whereas the other cities have only two or one Supervisor. Also, the reason cited is to give Dist 1 more unincorporated area, but this does so by adding significant land from Fairfield. Scenario A also seems inferior to Scenarios B and C insofar as it maintains District Two's reach from the Napa lien all the way down to Mare Island. Jack Batson

(Scenario A) General Comment: If +/- 5% is allowed, legally there is no need to change the lines. Is that an option? Given there is more leeway than <1%, then there should be strong effort to make lines "not odd." Maybe 2-3% variation would allow much better lines. It would be good to look at other options at least. Rick Wood

(Scenario A) The lines for District 4 & 5 are ideal in this scenario, as are the lines for District 3. I would not select this scenario's realignment for District 1 & 2, as District 1 should grow south into more of Vallejo, not north into Green Valley. I prefer a modified Scenario B here. Exception: consider moving Fairfield population along Peabody from Dist 5 to District 4. No name

(Scenario B) General comment – is it good to split Suisun Valley? On one hand, good to have two Supes representing Valley. On the other one Supe might be able to give more attention. I guess I prefer 2 Super, but that's assuming they both care about SV, not neither. Rick Wood

(Scenario B) District 1 & 2 are most ideal in this scenario, although the Sandy Beach area should not be isolated into Dist 1. Keep District 3 as you have it. There appears to be no logic in a different 4/5 boundary in Vacaville in this scenario than for Scenario A. Use Scenario A instead. The line along I-80 makes sense. Anna M. Imous (No name)

The Fairfield-Airbase Parkway inset to Alternative C is totally unacceptable. This is a community of military and military retired citizens who are closely connected to Travis AFB. We do much of our business in Suisun. Patronizing businesses, library and public functions in Suisun. Diana Ricketts (email address omitted)

(Scenario C) The unification of Green Valley and the consistency of Vallejo is compelling. No name

(Scenario C) Messy, pointless, and illogical. Dump this scenario. No name

(Scenario C) Did you notice that Districts 1, 2 & 3 combined have almost exactly 3 x 82,669? And 4 & 5 almost exactly 2 x 82,669? What that means is you could leave the line between 1-3 and 4-5 alone. Not sure that's good, but interesting. Rick Wood

May 25, 2011 Community Workshop in Dixon

Comment Cards Received

(Scenario A) Only comment I have is the area give to Sup # 4, north of I-80 needs to remain in Sup # 5. And if Suisun can be moved into Sup 3 it would make more sense. No name

(Scenario A) Don't split Green Valley! Combine Suisun City. Move 5th District west to I-505 and possibly Allendale to 1st ridge line. No name

(Scenario B) Move western 5th boundary at least to I-505 so Dixon Fire, School, & Library District are united. Put Suisun City all in 3rd. Anna N. Imus (No name)

(Scenario B) Possibly the best. Least interruption to the existing districts. No name

(Scenario C) Appears too much moving of lines to accommodate current incumbents. No name

(Scenario C) Suisun City should be in ONE district with Fairfield. District Five should move western Boundary at least to I-505 – include Allendale and Lake Solano & state Prison (in that order – as needed). Those rural areas are in the Dixon School District, Fire District, Library District, and have 4-H, FFA & other organizational/social common interests. Less of Vacaville should be in the Fifth – so it doesn't overwhelm OUR communities interest. Another alternative would be to have All of Suisun in the 5th – put more of FFId in the 3rd & move none of Vacaville in the 4th. Anonymous

May 26, 2011 Email

As a Vacaville resident, I am very disappointed with the outreach you have done on this important subject. The website with its descriptions and maps is a poor job in itself and does not give those of us depending on the use of our computers to get information on the committee's work. You are unable to tell from the maps what is what or where cities even have their boundaries. There are no main streets to follow. The maps are useless and there is no way to compare them to the alternatives. Kathy Freeman

May 26, 2011 Community Workshop in Vallejo – No Comment Cards Received

May 27, 2011 Emails

The Green Valley Landowner's Association does not support the proposed redistricting "Scenario 'A' for several reasons:

- This Scenario seriously, unnecessarily, and arbitrarily divides and interrupts "an identifiable community of interest" by proposing to impose Supervisorial District #1 onto Middle Green Valley, violating a redistricting goal.
- This scenario fails to take into account the Middle Green Valley Specific Plan completed by residents of Middle Green Valley, and the Green Valley Landowners Association, under the sponsorship of the Board of Supervisors, over the past two years, working with Hart-Howerton Architects and Planners to create a master plan for the 2000 acre study area. Not only did the Specific Plan identify the focus of a new community of 400 homes; the process emphasized the fact that all of Green Valley represents a fabric of identifiable community interest which cannot purposefully be divided. Scenario "A" described this area simply as "agricultural".
- The integrity of the Specific Plan requires the participation of the surrounding community of interest, in order to succeed.
- Scenario A fails to minimize the scope of boundary changes to two established Districts, violating a redistricting goal.
- We believe that the concept of each supervisorial district containing an equal share of unincorporated county area imposes artificial constraints on the districting exercise regarding the overarching need to maintain coherent representational districts, and should be a secondary consideration.
- Scenario A requires major adjustments to voter precincts.
- Scenario A makes the effort of Green Valley community planning and coordination more than twice as difficult, and represents a purposeful interruption of our community-based political process.
- We feel it appropriate to pull areas of District #2 back from Vallejo, allowing District #1 to gain voters, as expressed variably in Scenario "B" and "C".

Very Truly Yours,
Bill Mayben

President, GVLA
(email)

Good Comments. Grant Kreinberg (email)

EXCELLENT, Bill, I'm glad you submitted this! Scenario A inexplicably divides the Middle Green Valley Specific Plan between two districts. Clearly the consultant drawing the maps had no knowledge of the Plan's existence. Nancy Nelson (email)

June 3, 2011 Emails

Dear Supervisors, I attended your May 26, 2010 Redistricting community meeting. Thank you for the opportunity to provide input as these potential changes are critical to Vallejo's future.

I will start out by asking you to **support Alternative B.**

The goal of this process is to make the districts as equal and compact as possible. District 1 is the County's poorest district. By changing the district boundaries as indicated in Alternatives A, and especially C, you would be further concentrating the poverty into District 1. Living in and representing Vallejo residents, I can say that this would hurt many communities of interest in our city. We need a diversity of people in our County districts, reflecting the wide breadth of our socio-economic and racial make-up.

While not perfect, **Alternative B is the best of the three alternatives**, and provides for a more balanced socio-economic District that would be more fair and best serve the many communities of interest in Vallejo. It would also ensure that a broad swath of Vallejo would be represented by somebody who lives in and best knows Vallejo -- which is important to those of us who live here.

Alternative A: this alternative makes no sense and cuts Vallejo up too much -- it maintained Hiddenbrooke in D-1, but moved D-1 into lower Green Valley; it would also keep Mare Island in D-2

Alternative B: this is the best of the three alternatives; it would maintain Hiddenbrooke in D-1 and put Sandy Beach and Mare Island into D-1 (currently D-2)

Alternative C: this alternative is the absolute worst of the three, and provides no fair representation whatsoever to the communities of interest in Vallejo

Thank you for your consideration.
/s/ Stephanie Gomes (email)

Dear Supervisors: I have reviewed the alternatives from your May 26, 2010 Redistricting community meeting. Thank you for the opportunity to provide input as these potential changes are critical to Vallejo's future.

I support Alternative B.

The goal of this process is to make the districts as equal and compact as possible. District 1 is the County's poorest district. By changing the district boundaries as indicated in Alternatives A, and especially C, you would be further concentrating the poverty into District 1. Living in and representing Vallejo residents, I can say that this would hurt many communities of interest in our

city. We need a diversity of people in our County districts, reflecting the wide breadth of our socio-economic and racial make-up.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Robert Boyce
133 Kentucky St
Vallejo, CA 94590
(email)

June 4, 2011 Email

Dear Supervisors,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on the issue of redistricting of Vallejo, these potential changes are crucial to Vallejo's future.

I start out by asking you to support Alternative B.

The goal of this process is to make the districts as equal and compact as possible. District 1 is the County's poorest district. By changing the district boundaries as indicated in Alternative A, and especially C, would further concentrate the poverty in District 1. As a Vallejo resident I can say that this would hurt many communities of interest in our city. We need a diversity of people in our County districts, reflecting the wide scope of our socio-economic and racial make-up.

Thank you
Wendell Quigley Mare Island Ca
(email)

June 5, 2011 Email

Dear Representatives:

The redistricting issues have been brought to my attention recently and I'm writing this letter as a voter and resident of Solano County. I feel the fairest and best option is OPTION B since this will provide the best possible outcome.

I feel strongly about this issue and the effect it may have on me and my neighbors. Please do what is right and in the best interests of all the voters of this county by placing your support on OPTION B.

Most sincerely,

Collette Sweeney
Teacher
(email)

June 7, 2011 Board of Supervisors Meeting

Redistricting public comments from the June 7, 2011 Board of Supervisors Meeting, were received from the following:

Gary Falati

June Guidotti

George Guynn Jr.

Comments can be found at the Solano County Board of Supervisors Agendas Minutes and Videos website as Redistricting Agenda item 27

http://solano.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=8&clip_id=597

June 10, 2011 Email

Good Morning Lindsay and Birgitta,

Thank you for your assistance yesterday in locating the redistricting maps and entertaining my discussion points.

The large maps in the Registrar of Voters Department are helpful to understand the scope of the Alternate Scenarios and the challenges faced in making the final decision. Your efforts to introduce redistricting, the 3 Scenarios presented and to gather public input are appreciated.

After further study of the Alternate Scenarios, I am concerned about how specifically the City of Vallejo and the associated community of interests are represented. My observation is that most of Vallejo should be represented by District 1 and it should include upper Green Valley at the very least.

Specifically, District 1 should include most of the City of Vallejo including Mare Island and Hiddenbrooke which is currently not the case. Alternate Scenario B, is the only option that picks up both of these Vallejo communities.

Including Upper Green Valley in District 1 addresses the concept of Community of Interest. "Community of Interest" is defined on the CA Legislative Analysts Office website as "a contiguous population which shares common social and economic interests that should be included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation."

One could argue that a Community of Interest exists between the City of Vallejo and Upper Green Valley. For instance, Upper Green Valley residents have been water customers of the City of Vallejo, through the City owned watershed located there, for over 100 years. That is not likely to change in the foreseeable future. Furthermore many residents in Upper Green Valley have economic ties to the City of Vallejo. Vallejo businesses, commercial and residential

property ownership can be associated with several Green Valley residents indicating social and economic interests are not as dissimilar as one might assume.

I would offer that District 1 and 2 boundaries should run along Interstate 80 with District 1 picking up Hiddenbrooke and District 2 picking up Lower/Middle Green Valley as a starting point. Linking Upper Green Valley, Mare Island and Hiddenbrooke to District 1 creates fair representation for a diverse yet related community of interest.

Until County population growth occurs and Supervisorial Districts align with City limits, Vallejo will continue to be divided on the Board and in it's representation.

Thank you again for allowing the public comment on the proposed redistricting.

Erin Hannigan
(email)

June 13, 2011 Community Workshop in Vacaville

Comment Cards Received

(Scenario A) I don't like the way Districts 1 & 2 are split. Make a change to Vallejo District – *Anon*

(Scenario A) District 2 area north of Hwy 80 should be moved to District 1 – District 1 needs more rural area – *Anon*

(Scenario A) Move Dixon into District 4 and keep south Vacaville together – *Peggy Rollins*

(Scenario A) This scenario splits Green Valley and takes Mare Island out of District 1. Mare Island has had a strong identity to District 1 – *Michelle Coleman*

(Scenario A) Include area north of I-80 into District one. District one needs more rural – *Manuel Lopes*

(Scenario A) District 1 should include some non-incorporated area of the county – *Gary Falati*

(Scenario A) Dixon [should be] in 4th; FF out of 4th and [put] in 5th; [keep] Suisun in 3rd – *Anon*

(Scenario B) Although I do not appreciate the fact that I am not able to access Alternative Scenarios D & E with regards to advance impact to the Dixon Hispanic population I am inclined to favor Alternative Scenario B for the following reasons:

1. It will have minimum impact on Hispanic population with regards to District 5
2. Also it keeps Mare Island together
3. I am very concerned that both libraries (VPL) are in the same district.
4. The Board of Supervisors needs to allocate more funds to reach out to Vacaville and smaller communities as well as the Hispanic groups. – *Roberto V. Jr.*

(Scenario B) Of the Maps A, B and C I prefer #B. I would hope that large size maps D & E be posted in Vacaville and the other cities and if possible hold additional hearings – they were very helpful. Thanks – *[cannot decipher name]*

(Scenario B) Should move small pocket of District #4 north of TAFB into District 5 – *Peggy Rollins*

(Scenario B) This scenario keeps the community of interest in Green Valley whole. This scenario is the best of the three A, B & C - *Michelle Coleman*

(Scenario B) Dixon in 4th; FF out of 4th, in 5th; Suisun Valley in 3rd – *Anon*

(Scenario B) District 2 north of Hwy 80 should be moved to District 1. District 1 needs more rural and less urban – *Anon*

(Scenario B) Please try to connect the cities together near the center of the map – there are 3 districts that appear to included Lawler Ranch (5th District), Travis AFB (District 3) and TAFB Housing and all three of these areas are within a 4 mile radius. To me that's more political than people-effective. Thanks – *R. Chousis [sp of last name?]*

(Scenario B) District one should include area north of 80; more rural less urban – *Manuel Lopes*

(Scenario C) Dixon in 4th; FF out of 4th, in 5th; Suisun Valley in 3rd - *Anon*

(Scenario C) Move Suisun into District #3. We want public hearings on maps D & E – *Peggy Rollins*

(Scenario C) This is the worst scenario for Fairfield and Suisun. There should be another scenario that takes Suisun completely out of District 5 and puts it into District 3 – *Michelle Coleman*

(Scenario C) District 1 needs more rural and less urban. Area north of Hwy 80 should be moved to District 1 – *Anon*

(Scenario C) More public hearings with additional alternatives. Alternatives D&E need to have input – *Anon*

(Scenario C) Include area north of 80 into District one. Balance more rural and less urban – *Manuel Lopes*

June 13, 2011 Email

There's a rumor the board is thinking about splitting Dixon between two districts.

I can tell you that will NOT set well with anyone up here. In fact it would be resented.

My view is that Suisun City should be consolidated into one district, and that district 5 should extend to the hill crests west of Allendale. That whole area is in the Dixon School District, Library District, Fire District and I believe SID district. The kids are in the same FFA and 4-H clubs as Dixon kids.

That commonality of interest is important.

The Pleasants Valley rural area should stay in the 4th - because that area is more connected to Vacaville. Dave (via email)

June 14, 2011 Board of Supervisors Meeting

Redistricting public comments from the June 14, 2011 Board of Supervisors Meeting, were received from the following:

Michelle Coleman

Donald R. Tipton

George Guynn Jr

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June 14, 2011 Emails

Mike Reagan, Chair
Solano County Board of Supervisors
675 Texas Street, Room 6500
Fairfield, CA 94533

Re: potential Redistricting in Fairfield

Dear Supervisor Reagan:

I fully appreciate the challenges of preparing and approving a redistricting option. Fairfield, being in the center of Solano County, is currently split among three (3) supervisorial districts. While I appreciate the representation we receive, I would not want our community split any more among the districts. Therefore, I urge you to consider options that split Fairfield into no more than the current three (3) supervisorial districts. I recognize that the exact boundaries of each district will change, but I do not want the community to be divided among any more districts. Thank you for considering my position on this issue.

Very truly yours,
Harry Price, Mayor
(email)

June 15, 2011 Emails

Dear Chairman Reagan & Supervisors,

We reside at 770 Fallen Leaf Ct in the Green Valley Lakes Community and have talked with different neighbors throughout our community. The response has been over whelming that we wish to remain in supervisorial district 3, where we have been for the past decade. We identify with the City of Fairfield vs. the cities of Vallejo and Benicia.

Thank you for your consideration to remain in district 3 for the next decade.

Respectfully,

Gary & Tracie Falati

(email)

Chairman Mike Reagan &
Board of Supervisors
675 Texas Street, Suite 6500
Fairfield, CA 94533

Dear Chairman Reagan & Board of Supervisors,

On behalf of many grape growers and other farming families in Suisun Valley, we are requesting that Suisun Valley remain in district 3. We feel that the issues and concerns of our valley will be better served by the City of Fairfield (which is adjacent to Suisun Valley) than the cities of Benicia or Vallejo.

With the recent approval of the Suisun Valley Strategic Plan, Suisun Valley is entering a critical era that will determine the future of agriculture for our valley. We are very pleased with the work that Supervisor Sperring has done for Suisun Valley and are confident that his predecessor from district 3 will also be committed to the plan that has been put in place. Thank you for your continued support of our agriculture community.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ron Lanza
Vice President
Wooden Valley Winery
(email)

June 16, 2011 Email

Chairman Mike Reagan & Board of
Supervisors 675 Texas Street, Suite 6500
Fairfield, CA. 94533

RE: Remain in District3

Chairman Reagan:

As a decades long property owner in **District 3**, I would like to express the wish of mine and many others that we remain a part of **District 3**.

The notion that Suisun Valley and Rockville would be better served and have issues more in alignment with the cities of Vallejo and Benicia is misguided at best.

Regards,
Bob Runkel
(email)

June 20, 2011 Emails

Dear Supervisor Reagan,

I am a resident of the Green Valley Lake subdivision and a board member of the Green Valley Lake Homeowner's Association. I recently learned about the redistricting proposals being considered for our area and have spoken to many of my neighbors about this issue.

We wish to remain in District 3 and feel that we are much better represented by Supervisor Jim Spring and the City of Fairfield than the cities of Vallejo and Benicia.

Sincerely,
Jay Zelek
(email)

As a Vallejo Resident, I prefer Alternative B

Please, **support Alternative B.**

The goal of this process is to make the districts as equal and compact as possible. District 1 is the County's poorest district. By changing the district boundaries as indicated in Alternatives A, and especially C, you would be further concentrating the poverty into District 1. Living in and representing Vallejo residents, I can say that this would hurt many communities of interest in our city. We need a diversity of people in our County districts, reflecting the wide breadth of our socio-economic and racial make-up.

While not perfect, **Alternative B is the best of the three alternatives**, and provides for a more balanced socio-economic District that would be more fair and best serve the many communities of interest in Vallejo. It would also ensure that a broad swath of Vallejo would be represented by somebody who lives in and best knows Vallejo -- which is important to those of us who live here.

Alternative A: not good

Alternative B: maintain Hiddenbrooke in D-1 and put Sandy Beach and Mare Island into D-1 (currently D-2), best alternative

Alternative C: worst of the three, not fair, a disservice to the communities of interest in Vallejo
Thanks Stephen J. Branch Sr. Vallejo resident
(email)

June 21, 2011 Board of Supervisors Meeting

Redistricting Public Comments from the June 21, 2011 Board of Supervisors Meeting, were received from the following:

Donald R. Tipton

George Guynn Jr.

Comments can be found at the Solano County Board of Supervisors Agendas Minutes and Videos website as Redistricting Agenda item 6

http://solano.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=8&clip_id=600

June 21, 2011 Board of Supervisors Meeting (continued)

(Hand Delivered)

Solano County Board of Supervisors
675 Texas Street, Room 6500
Fairfield, CA 94533

Dear Supervisors,

I endorse the attached proposed redistricting map for the Solano County Board of Supervisors which reflects a more equitable distribution of representation for Southern Solano County.

John Silva
Michael Wilson
Pierre Bidou
Bill Whitney
(Map was attached separately and is on file at the Clerk of the Board)

Comments on the map can be found at
http://solano.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=8&clip_id=600

June 28, 2011 Board of Supervisors Meeting

Redistricting Public Comments from the June 28, 2011 Board of Supervisors Meeting, were received from the following:

Donald R. Tipton

Don Fulton

Dennis E. Allen

George Guyann Jr.

Michelle Coleman

Monica Brown

MJ Caremello

Jack Batchelor

Comments can be found at the Solano County Board of Supervisors Agendas Minutes and Videos website as Redistricting Agenda item 34

http://solano.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=8&clip_id=602

June 28, 2011 Board of Supervisors Meeting (continued)

(Hand Delivered)

Supervisor John M. Vasquez
Suite 6500, 675 Texas
Fairfield, CA 94533

Dear Mr. Vasquez,

The members of the Solano County Taxpayers Association have watched with much interest – and more than a little dismay – Board handling of the realignment of Supervisors districts. It has been clear from the beginning that the interests of Board members, not the interest of the public, have driven the process.

The first clue was that the Board members were interviewed by the consultants prior to any “public input” forums. Then, those attending the forums were given the clear indication the public’s input was nothing more than a formality.

That impression was strengthened by the Board’s rejection of the three original maps and the two alternatives prepared after the public forums. Instead, the Board insisted on new lines which the public perceived as clearly motivated by the interest of the Board members themselves. Calling the lines you propose the “Preferred Map” is further evidence to that effect.

- In response to your actions, the Solano County Taxpayers Association at their last meeting voted unanimously to develop an initiative to establish a Citizens’ Redistricting Committee to take the power to draw Supervisorial District lines out of the hands of politicians.

We are aware there are many hurdles to accomplish this goal, however, you should note the voters in Solano County have consistently and strongly supported similar commissions for state and congressional redistricting. Our voters have likewise strongly supported term limits – which may be another alternative available to the voters.

We understand that you have until November first to adopt new district lines. With that in mind, we urge you to reconsider your intent to adopt your “preferred map” and come up with a better proposal. Or a better alternative that would dispel the public perception of personal favoritism, allow the matter to go to the committee established by statute composed of the District Attorney, the County Assessor, and the Superintendent of Schools.

Respectfully

Early Heal

President, Solano County Taxpayers Association

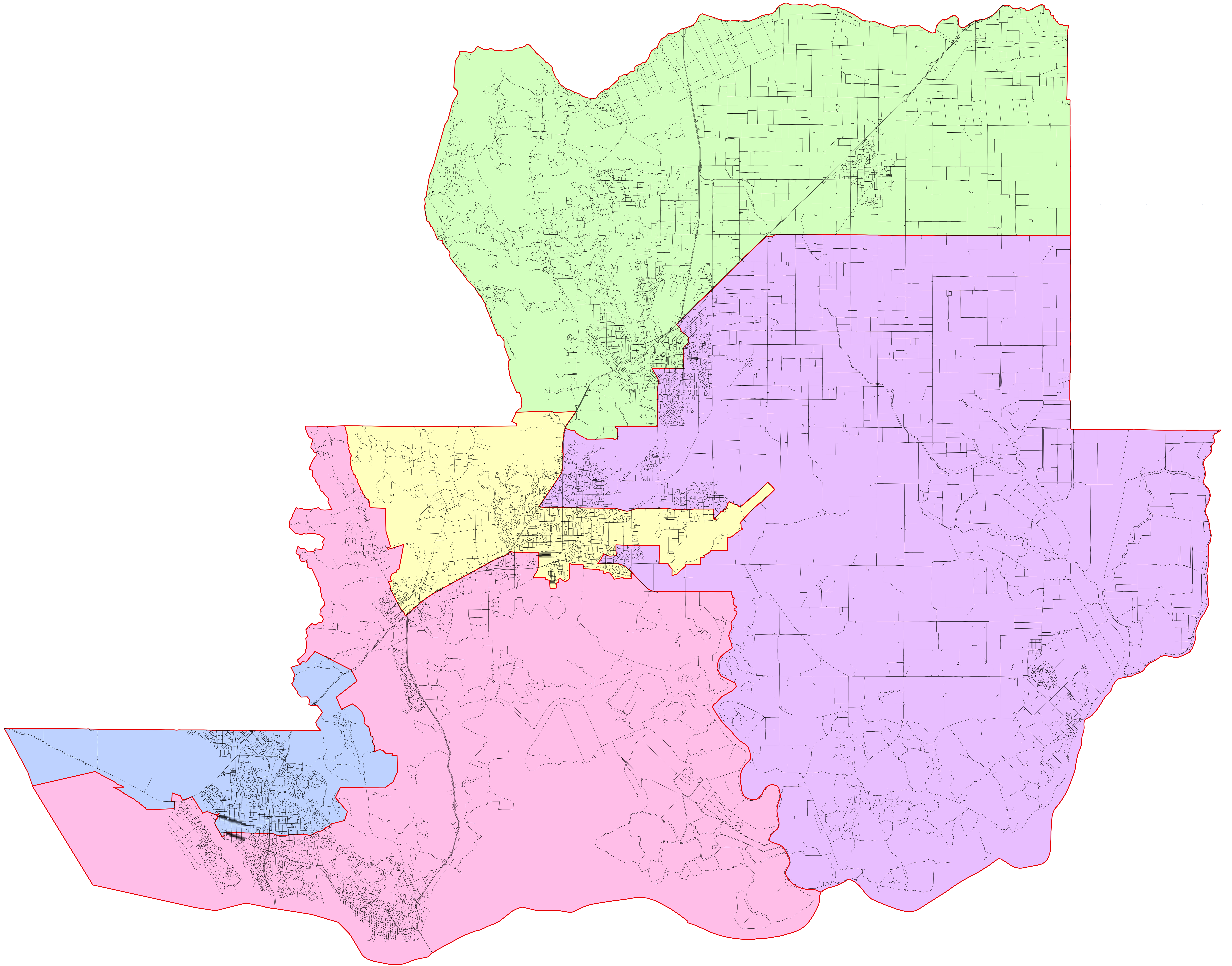
Process and Timeline (Amended on June 28, 2011)

The following timeline sets forth those activities that are required under the Elections Code and those that are optional but may assist in the development of alternatives. The targeted completion date of this process is no later than the end of September 2011 in order to meet the practical deadlines imposed by the November 2011 election and the yet to be determined 2012 Presidential Primary.

Date	Required	Optional	Activity
January 25, 2011		X	Board receives overview of redistricting process via this memorandum and presentation, adopts recommended procedure, appoints Ad Hoc Advisory Committee and Technical Group
April 1, 2011	X		Census data is released and made available to County
April		X	Census data and maps loaded onto County GIS system; using mapping program with a redistricting module Tech Group identifies which Census Blocks are in which Supervisorial District and accordingly, the current population and the respective characteristics within each District. The desired Mean population per district will be determined and the resultant Deviation from that Mean will be identified, i.e., the number that will need to be either increased or reduced for each district to achieve relative parity.
April 12		X	Briefing to full Board identifying results of Census, including appropriate adjustments, and the status of each district vis-a-vis the Mean. Provide direction regarding community workshops.
Week of May 23		X	Develop 3-5 scenarios depending on Census data and conduct community workshops in Fairfield, Dixon, and Vallejo –to receive community feedback on alternatives.
June 7		X	Full BOS conducts Study Session on three Redistricting Alternatives and directs staff regarding any changes to further refine preferred choice to be brought back on June 21, 2011
June 13		X	Conduct community workshops in Vacaville – to receive community feedback on the three alternatives presented at previous community workshops.
June 14		X	Full BOS continues Study Session on three Redistricting Alternatives and directs staff regarding any changes to further refine preferred choice to be brought back on June 21, 2011
June 21		X	Full BOS conducts Public Hearing on Redistricting Alternatives; BOS to determine a Preferred Alternative to be brought back for first public hearing on Preferred Alternative.
June 28	X		BOS conducts public hearing on preferred redistricting plan
July 6	X		BOS conducts public hearing to consider approval of the proposed redistricting plan as required under Elections Code section 21500.1 and directs staff to bring back an ordinance for introduction at a public hearing on July 26, 2011.
Recommended July 26	X		BOS conducts public hearing to introduce the ordinance adjusting and setting the boundaries of the supervisorial districts.
Recommended August 9	X		BOS adopts the ordinance.

Solano County Supervisory Re-Districting Project 2011 Proposed Redistricting Plan

District Name	Population	Ideal Value	Deviation	% Deviation
1st Supervisorial District	83484	82669	815	0.99%
2nd Supervisorial District	82904	82669	235	0.28%
3rd Supervisorial District	82900	82669	231	0.28%
4th Supervisorial District	82788	82669	119	0.14%
5th Supervisorial District	81268	82669	-1401	-1.69%



Legend

Streets

Supervisorial Districts

- 1st Supervisorial District
- 2nd Supervisorial District
- 3rd Supervisorial District
- 4th Supervisorial District
- 5th Supervisorial District

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