



**Board of Directors
December 15, 2021**

SUBJECT:

Public Hearing to Review Potential Updates to Director Division Boundaries

BACKGROUND:

Under the provisions of the Municipal Water District Law of 1911, Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD) is required to adjust the boundaries of its five Directors' divisions such that each division will have as near to equal population as practicable once the results of the 2020 Census are released. The requirement for this adjustment is outlined in Division 20, Part 4, Chapter 6 of the California Water Code, and Division 21, Chapter 8, Section 22000 of the California Elections Code. This process will not impact the term of current directors.

On August 12, 2021, the Census Bureau released its redistricting dataset in a legacy database format, followed by a subsequent release of the same dataset on September 16, 2021, in a web-based format. This dataset contained information on population counts, race/ethnicity, and housing characteristics at the most granular, census-block level. Additional demographic data, such as household income and educational attainment, was not part of this release.

EMWD staff have processed the redistricting dataset and determined that the existing divisions remain relatively balanced in population and only minor changes will be needed. Three draft division boundary configurations have been prepared for consideration by the Board. The first potential configuration seeks to retain the current division boundaries as much as possible and only minimal changes were made to allow balancing of the population totals. Two additional potential configurations have been developed, which propose additional changes in support of keeping communities of interest together to the extent practical. Public outreach will be conducted throughout this process, and relevant information will be published on EMWD's website and other communications platforms.

The purpose of this public hearing is to review options for updating the division boundaries and to select a final configuration. Once the selection has been made, a legal description of the updated division boundaries will be prepared and adopted by the Board via resolution in a second public hearing (expected to take place in February 2022). Once completed, the division boundaries will be submitted to Riverside County. This process is currently on track to be completed ahead of the April 17, 2022 deadline.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None

STRATEGIC PLANNING GOAL/OBJECTIVE:

Community Relations: Promote and sustain timely and effective two-way communication between EMWD and the communities it serves and continue to be a trusted resource for stakeholders on all water, wastewater and recycled water issues.

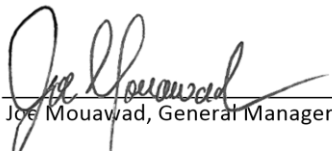
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This item is not a project as defined in the California Environmental Quality Act Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, Section 15378.

RECOMMENDATION:

This item is informational only.

SUBMITTED BY:



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12/9/2021



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Attachment(s):

Presentation

12/15/21 Board Meeting

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