



AGENDA SUBMITTAL TO SOLANO COUNTY SUPERVISORS

ITEM TITLE Continue Board Study Session on three Supervisorial Redistricting Alternatives prepared by staff and presented at public workshops		BOARD MEETING DATE June 14, 2011	AGENDA NUMBER 21
Dept: Contact: Phone:	County Administrator Birgitta Corsello (707) 784-6100	Supervisorial District Number All	
Published Notice Required		Yes	No X
Public Hearing Required?		Yes	No X

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Continue discussion on three Supervisorial Redistricting Alternatives (Alternatives A, B and C), each of which could achieve the previous Board direction to bring each supervisorial district's population close to the desirable mean population of 82,669; and
2. Receive verbal report on additional public comments received on June 13, provide any further direction to staff on the Redistricting Alternatives submitted, and; provide direction for staff to prepare refined alternatives which will be brought back to the Board for additional review at a public hearing scheduled for 9:00 am on June 22, 2011.

SUMMARY

On January 25, 2011 the Board established the process and adopted a tentative timeline for undertaking the 2011 Supervisorial Redistricting in response to the 2010 Decennial Census. After the census data was released further direction was given to staff at the Board's April 12 meeting to prepare alternative scenarios, each of which attain as close as is practicable the ideal district population of 82,669. Three alternative redistricting scenarios were created that could attain the population objective pursuant to the January 25 approved process. On June 7 direction was given to staff to hold an additional public workshop on June 13 to receive public input on the three alternative scenarios. Public comments received at the workshops will be reported to the Board as an oral report. All other comments received from prior public workshops and via email are compiled as Redistricting Public Comments (Attachment A). The Board continued the study session to review the Redistricting Public Comments. Staff is requesting direction to proceed to the next phase of the approved redistricting process and timeline (Attachment B).

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 \$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 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.

Staff has loaded the census data onto a computer with mapping capability. Using the Maptitude GIS mapping program with a redistricting module, staff has identified which of Solano County's over 10,000 Census Blocks are in which Supervisorial District. Based upon the mapping work performed to date, staff has determined the populations for each district to be as shown in the Table 1 below:

Table 1

Supervisorial District	2001 Pop After Redistricting	2010 Population	Mean	Deviation	% Deviation
District 1	78,535	79,484	82,669	-3,185	-3.85%
District 2	78,875	81,598	82,669	-1,071	-1.30%
District 3	78,845	86,870	82,669	4,201	5.08%
District 4	79,026	79,461	82,669	-3,208	-3.88%
District 5	79,261	85,931	82,669	3,262	3.95%
Total	394,542	413,344		0	0

Alternatives A, B and C each meet the numeric goal of having each district having a population close to the ideal mean of 82,669.

Alternative A

Supervisorial District	2010 Population	Alternative "A" Population	Net Population Gain/Loss	Mean	Deviation	% Deviation
District 1	79,484	82,849	3,365	82,669	180	0.22%
District 2	81,598	82,557	959	82,669	-112	-0.14%
District 3	86,870	82,546	-4,324	82,669	-123	-0.15%
District 4	79,461	82,768	3,307	82,669	99	0.12%
District 5	85,931	82,624	-3,307	82,669	-45	-0.05%
Total	413,344	413,344			0	0

Alternative B

Supervisorial District	2010 Population	Alternative "B" Population	Net Population Gain/Loss	Mean	Deviation	% Deviation
District 1	79,484	82,667	3,183	82,669	-2	-0.0%
District 2	81,598	82,739	1,141	82,669	70	0.08%
District 3	86,870	82,546	-4,324	82,669	-123	-0.15%
District 4	79,461	82,391	2,930	82,669	-278	-0.34%
District 5	85,931	83,001	-2,930	82,669	332	0.4%
Total	413,344	413,344			0	0

Alternative C

Supervisorial District	2010 Population	Alternative "C" Population	Net Population Gain/Loss	Mean	Deviation	% Deviation
District 1	79,484	82,730	3,246	82,669	61	0.07%
District 2	81,598	82,676	1,078	82,669	7	0.01%
District 3	86,870	83,154	-3,716	82,669	485	0.59%
District 4	79,461	82,421	2,980	82,669	-248	-0.3%
District 5	85,931	82,363	-3,568	82,669	-306	-0.37%
Total	413,344	413,344			0	0

Alternative A, B and C narrative descriptions provided at public workshops can be found at the County's website <http://www.solanocounty.com/redistricting/>

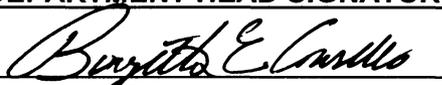
ALTERNATIVES

Your Board may choose not to receive a report at this time; however, the Board's approved public process anticipates a set of targeted actions and dates so it is desirable to receive further guidance on the development of supervisorial districts at this time in order to keep the public 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:


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 County Administrator

Attachment A: Redistricting Public Comments
 Attachment B: 2011 Redistricting Process and Timeline