

**PUBLIC HEARING AND
A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
UPPER SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
602 E. HUNTINGTON DRIVE, SUITE B, MONROVIA, CA 91016
8:00 A.M. – MARCH 16, 2022**

**SPECIAL NOTICE
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Pursuant to the newly adopted provisions of the Brown Act and consistent with the Board's Resolution ratifying the declaration of a state of emergency by the State of California in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Upper District will hold its board meeting via teleconference or the most rapid means of communication available at the time. Instructions to participate in the teleconference are below:

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AGENDA

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
2. ROLL CALL OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA [1]
4. PUBLIC COMMENT
Anyone wishing to discuss items should do so now. A three-minute time limit on remarks is requested.
5. CONSENT CALENDAR [1]
 - (a) Approve minutes of a public hearing and regular meeting of the Board of Directors held on March 9, 2022 at 8:00 a.m.
 - (b) Resolution No. 03-22-635, Re-ratifying the Proclamation of a State of Emergency by Governor Newsom and Reauthorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings.
6. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING UPPER DISTRICT'S 2020 CENSUS/ REDISTRICTING PLAN AND MAP REVIEW [1] *(Additional 2020 Census/Redistricting Plan and Map Review materials and copies of maps are also available for download from Upper District's website at www.upperdistrict.org.)*
 - (a) Staff Presentation. *(Staff memorandum and presentation enclosed.)*
 - (b) Open public hearing and receive public comment. *(3-minute time limit)*
 - (c) Close public hearing.
 - (d) Discussion and consideration of map options.

7. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS [1]

- (a) Motion to Approve a Preferred Boundary Map and Adopt Resolution No. 03-22-636 Repealing Resolution No. 1-12-507 and Relocating, Fixing and Determining the Boundaries of the Five Divisions of the District.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Board of Directors approve a preferred boundary map and adopt resolution no. 03-22-636 Repealing Resolution No. 1-12-507 and Relocating, Fixing and Determining the Boundaries of the Five Divisions of the District.

8. DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS [2]

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS [1]

10. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION – NONE

11. ADJOURNMENT - To a regular meeting of the Board of Directors to be held on April 13, 2022 at 8:00 a.m. via teleconference or the most rapid means of communication available at the time.

LEGEND: [1] INDICATES ACTION ANTICIPATED BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON THIS ITEM
[2] INDICATES INFORMATION ITEM - NO BOARD ACTION NECESSARY

PRESIDENT ED CHAVEZ, PRESIDING

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OF THE UPPER SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
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8:00 A.M. – March 9, 2022**

Pursuant to the newly adopted provisions of the Brown Act and consistent with the Board's resolution ratifying the declaration of a state of emergency by the State of California in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Upper District held a public hearing and regular meeting of the Board of Directors via Zoom teleconference on March 9, 2022 at the hour of 8:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Chavez, Treviño, Garcia, Santana, and Fellow.

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Tom Love, General Manager; Steve O'Neill, District Counsel; Steve Johnson, District Engineer; Evelyn Rodriguez, Director of Finance and Administration; Patricia Cortez, Director of Government and Community Affairs; Venessa Navarrette, Executive Assistant; Ruben Gallegos, Project Assistant; Jennifer Aguilar, Water Use Efficiency Analyst; and Nichol Delgado, Government and Community Affairs Representative.

OTHERS PRESENT

Al Contreras, Anteneh Tesfaye, Anthony Alberti, Ben Lewis, C. Cardona, Cynthia Sternquist, Dan Arrighi, Dave Michalko, David Muse, Ernesto Camacho, Jandy Macias, Jazmin Lopez, Jenny Savron, Jose Martinez, Jorge Marquez, Kelly Gardner, Lenet Pacheco, Lynda Noriega, Marty Zvirbulis, Paul Zampiello, Robert DiPrimio, Stephanie Moreno, Tony Zampiello, and Veronica Moran.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

On motion by Secretary Garcia, seconded by Director Fellow, the agenda was unanimously adopted by the following roll call vote:

FELLOW: AYE
TREVIÑO: AYE
GARCIA: AYE
SANTANA: AYE
CHAVEZ: AYE

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Next scheduled committee meeting dates are as follows:

- (a) Government Affairs and Community Outreach – April 4, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.
- (b) Administration and Finance – April 5, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.
- (c) Water Resources and Facility Management – April 6, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Secretary Garcia moved to approve Consent Calendar item (a) through (d). Director Fellow seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the following roll call vote:

FELLOW: AYE
TREVIÑO: AYE
GARCIA: AYE
SANTANA: AYE
CHAVEZ: AYE

- (a) Minutes of a regular meeting of the Board of Directors held on February 23, 2022 at 8:00 a.m.
- (b) List of Demands.
- (c) Financial Reports – January 2022

1. Financial Statements
 2. Director's Public Outreach
- (d) Resolution No. 03-22-634, Re-ratifying the Proclamation of a State of Emergency by Governor Newsom and reauthorizing remote teleconference meetings.

**FEDERAL AND STATE LEGISLATIVE
SUMMARIES AND POSITIONS**

The General Manager reported that the committee met on March 7th but did not have a quorum to make a recommendation to the Board. The staff recommendation is in the packet for review and discussion.

Vice President Santana moved to approve federal and state legislative bill positions: H.R. 4647, S. 2430, H.R. 2682, S. 1248, S. 2454, SB 1157, AB 2449, AB 1817, and AB 2142, which are consistent with Upper District's 2021-22 Legislative Policy Principles adopted by the Board in December 2021.

Secretary Garcia seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the following roll call vote:

FELLOW:	AYE
TREVIÑO:	AYE
GARCIA:	AYE
SANTANA:	AYE
CHAVEZ:	AYE

**PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING UPPER
DISTRICT'S 2020 CENSUS/
REDISTRICTING PLAN AND MAP
REVIEW**

President Chavez opened the public hearing by requesting that staff provide a report.

The General Manager discussed the process and timeline for Upper District's 2020 Census/redistricting plan and map review. He stated that there is a deadline of April 17, 2022, to adopt the final boundaries. He explained that there have been six meetings where board input and public comment have been accepted thus far. The General Manager reported that Stetson's GIS capabilities have been utilized to perform analysis on the division boundaries. He shared the current district boundary map, as well as Public Map 1, Public Map 2, and Public Map 3 for consideration. The General Manager reported all potential changes and detailed the boundary lines of all three public maps for Board consideration and discussion. He explained that all three proposed public maps fit within the legal guidelines for deviation on census data.

The General Manager asked if there were any questions from the Directors prior to public comment. Treasurer Treviño asked to hear the rationale for the changes in Public Map 1 since there were many changes made to the current district boundaries within that version. The General Manager clarified that Board discussion would be available after public comments due to the nature of the public hearing.

President Chavez reopened the floor for public comments related to the public hearing.

The Executive Assistant read into record the public comments submitted by the following persons in advance of the board meeting. Copies of the written comments are also included as Attachment 2 to the minutes.

- o Jessica Ancona, Mayor of City of El Monte, requesting to keep current district boundaries, or adopt Public Map 2 or Public Map 3.
- o Marla Provencio, requesting to keep current district boundaries, or adopt Public Map 2 or Public Map 3.
- o Johanna Bennett, resident of Temple City, requesting to keep current district boundaries.
- o Amy Wang, resident of Temple City, requesting to keep current district boundaries or adopt Public Map 3.

- o George Wang, resident of Temple City, requesting to keep current district boundaries or adopt Public Map 3.
- o Emily Quach, resident of Arcadia, requesting to keep current district boundaries or Public Map 3.
- o Lucia Bernal and Michal Blaszkowski, requesting to adopt Public Map 1.
- o Louis Lemoine, resident of Temple City, requesting to adopt Public Map 1.
- o Braxton Sternquist, requesting to keep current district boundaries or adopt Public Map 2.
- o Miguel Morales, requesting to adopt Public Map 1.
- o Clarence Wong, resident of South Pasadena, requesting to adopt Public Map 1.
- o William Mason, resident of Covina, requesting to adopt Public Map 1.
- o Chris Saucedo, teacher at Arcadia High School, requesting to adopt Public Map 1.

The Government and Community Affairs Representative read into record additional public comments submitted by the following persons in advance of the board meeting. Copies of the written comments are also included as Attachment 2 to the minutes.

- o Jimmy Martinez, requesting to keep existing map or adopt map "reo".
- o Bryan Cook - City Manager of Temple City, requesting to keep the current district boundaries.
- o Cynthia Vance, resident of Temple City, requesting to keep the current boundaries or adopt Public Map 2.
- o Jorge Marquez - Mayor of City of Covina, Robert Gonzales – Mayor of Azusa, Emmanuel Estrada – Mayor of Baldwin Park, Andrew Mendez – Councilmember of Azusa, Maria Morales – Councilmember of El Monte, Valerie Munoz – Councilmember of La Puente, Nadia Mendoza – Councilmember of La Puente, Brian Tabatabai – Councilmember of West Covina, and James Toma – Mayor of West Covina (Ret.), requesting to adopt Public Map 1.
- o Yennie Lam, resident of San Gabriel, requesting to keep current district boundaries or adopt Public Map 2.
- o Winnie and Steve Wen, residents of Temple City, requesting to keep the current district boundaries or adopt Public Map 2 or 3.
- o Fernando Vizcarra, requesting to adopt the Trevino map.
- o Chris C., requesting to adopt Public Map 1.

Cynthia Sternquist, Mayor Pro Tem for City of Temple City, requested that the Board review Public Map 1 more thoroughly.

Veronica Moran requested to adopt Public Map 1. She also thanked Director Garcia and Director Santana for their support of women.

Al Contreras voiced that this is an opportunity to make the right decision since this is only available every ten years.

The Board of Directors continued the discussion with Vice President Santana requesting that District Counsel explain the legal process and requirements for redistricting. District Counsel explained the various legal aspects and requirements for the District when it comes to the redistricting process. Vice President Santana requested that District Counsel explain the legal requirement for the public hearings and to confirm that the District has been following the appropriate process. District Counsel confirmed that the legal and procedural requirements are being met with the current meetings and future public hearing prior to the adoption of any District map.

Secretary Garcia shared that she created Public Map 1 herself and asked if any of her fellow Directors had questions for her in relation to Public Map 1.

Director Fellow commended Director Garcia's work in producing Map 1 on her own and stated he provided no input to Director Garcia.

Treasurer Treviño shared that the Board discussed making minor tweaks to the current boundaries at previous meetings, that he feels that public comment has pushed for little to no change in the boundary lines, and that Public Map 1 contains major changes. He asked Secretary Garcia to explain how she came to the decision to make these changes.

Secretary Garcia explained that it was difficult to describe or show a resident where the boundaries lie currently with the lines cutting communities in pieces and wanted to make the lines less arbitrary and easy to understand for residents. Secretary Garcia stated she wanted to make sure that residents and voters are able to easily find out who their representatives are and who they are voting for when the time comes without going to the County Assessors website. Therefore, she consolidated cities wherever possible into the same district and utilized school district boundary lines when city boundary movement would cause too much deviation for the populations between districts.

Treasurer Treviño requested that Secretary Garcia clarify how she chose Baldwin Avenue versus Temple City Boulevard for the dividing line in Temple City.

Secretary Garcia reiterated that it is an existing school district boundary which residents would already be familiar within that area.

Vice President Santana shared that she appreciated Secretary Garcia's explanation of Public Map 1. She explained that this redistricting discussion has been a progression over the past several months to make the best decision for the community. She shared that she appreciates the proposed maps that take care of the community first since that is the most important part to consider in this discussion. Vice President Santana shared that from the public comment, there is a mixed voice coming from Temple City and that they do not seem to be opposed to change entirely.

President Chavez requested that the General Manager explain the process from this point forward.

The General Manager shared that the deadline is coming up and therefore, it may be necessary to hold a special meeting for the next public hearing on these proposed maps specifically prior to a decision being made. He requested that the Board direct staff to have legal counsel begin to draft a resolution which can have an attachment added with whichever map is chosen at the future meetings due to the timeline. The Board concurred with this request for direction to staff. The General Manager then recommended that the Board hold a special meeting for the public hearing on March 16, 2022 at 8:00 am unless any Director is opposed to that date and time.

Hearing no opposition, President Chavez ended the public hearing and scheduled a special meeting for the third public hearing on March 16, 2022 at 8:00 am.

President Chavez had a prior arrangement that required him to leave the meeting and requested Vice President Santana to take over for the remaining agenda items.

INFORMATION ITEMS

The following items listed on the agenda for the information of the Board were read and ordered received and filed:

- (a) Press Releases and News Articles

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

District Counsel reported working with staff on matters relating to redistricting, public records requests, remote meeting legislation, and the new building renovation contract. He shared that he will be moving his practice to another organization and will address that at the March 23rd regular meeting of the Board.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Jenny Savron from Stetson Engineer's provided a report on hydrologic conditions, basin deliveries, reservoir storage, canyon releases and rainfall averages. She stated that the Baldwin Park Key Well groundwater elevation was 181.5 feet as of March 4, 2022, and that the reservoir combined storage is at 49% of capacity. She then reported that no notices of wells being shut down due to contamination were received during the month of February 2022. She also reported that currently, Upper District has an accumulated credit as reported in the San Gabriel River Watermaster Report.

The following is a summary of contamination ranges found in samples under Title 22 from 46 wells during January 2022.

<u>Contaminant</u>	<u>Range (ppb)</u>	<u>MCL (ppb)</u>
PCE	ND – 4	5*
TCE	ND	5*

A detailed written report was also provided to the Board.

Vice President Santana and Jenny Savron discussed the credit reported in the San Gabriel River Watermaster report.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

The General Manager shared that staff will be presenting more information on the San Gabriel River Watermaster Report through a workshop at a later meeting. He then reported on a recent discussion with Metropolitan staff to discuss short-term and long-term actions that can be taken to shore up dependence on SWP supplies since the 15% allocation may be lowered due to current water supplies. The General Manager shared that the current deferment of water deliveries that Upper District has agreed to have provided a short-term solution for MWD and SWP needs. He stated that the fastest solution might be getting a Quagga Mussel Control Plan approved to allow delivery of Colorado River Water into the basin. He added that one long-term solution is to build the Regional Recycled Water Project and mentioned that this could also be presented at a later meeting in workshop format for more clarification. He also reported on discussions with Metropolitan staff to change the way cyclic storage in the basin is viewed which would enable expanding the quantity and terms for purchasing storage water. He also shared information about the speakers and topics for the March and April producer meetings.

A General Manager's report was also provided in the Board's agenda packet.

METROPOLITAN REPORT

Director Fellow reported that Metropolitan's board took action on a project labor agreement, equity and infrastructure project pledge, and a number of recommended actions from the Shaw Group report including staff hiring that will happen in the near future.

A Metropolitan summary report was provided in the Board's agenda packet.

**WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY
REPORT**

A Water Quality Authority report was provided in the Board's agenda packet

WATERMASTER REPORT

A Watermaster summary report was provided in the Board's agenda packet.

AB 1234 COMPLIANCE REPORT

An AB 1234 Compliance summary report was provided in the Board's agenda packet.

DIRECTORS COMMENTS

Director Fellow reported on Congresswoman Grace Napolitano receiving the Army Corps of Engineers' Gold de Fleury Medal award. He stated that March is Women's Month and shared his positive experiences working with women in various fields. He commended the current women working for and with Upper District.

Secretary Garcia shared her admiration for the women who work in the industry as well. She shared that next week is Fix-A-Leak Week and commended outreach staff for efforts to promote water awareness.

Treasurer Treviño commented that he is happy to see that Metropolitan Water District is working to handle staff issues. He shared that he feels that the Board should consider moving to in-person meetings for the sake of the public.

Vice President Santana also congratulated Congresswoman Grace Napolitano on receiving the prestigious award.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Vice President Santana motioned to have the Carson Project (Regional Recycled Water Project) and the San Gabriel River Watermaster Report Update added to future agendas.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Santana asked if there was any other business to come before the Board. There being none, the meeting was duly adjourned to a special meeting of the Board of Directors to be held on March 16, 2022, at 8:00 a.m. via teleconference or the most rapid means of communication available at the time.

ATTEST

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

SEAL

Demands numbered 21451 through 21479 on the General Fund Account of the Upper District at Citizens Business Bank, in the amount of \$390,787.48 and demands numbered 1022 through 1026 on the Water Fund Account at the same bank in the amount of \$2,365,014.28.

21451	Sage Software, Inc.	Inv. Sage 100 Payroll Standard Renewal: 03/14/22 - 03/13/23 (Previously Paid 03/01/22)		590.00
21452	Aaron Read & Associates, LLC	Inv. 211954, State Legislative Advocacy Services, January 2022 (Board approved 12/09/20)		10,000.00
21453	Accent Computer Solutions, Inc.	Inv. 150100, IT Management Support, March 2022 (Board approved 10/06/15)		2,880.52
21454	ACI Consulting Corporation	Inv. IN-002682, Sage Consulting Services		170.00
21455	ACWA/JPIA	Inv. 0681433, Health Insurance Premium -March 2022 Inv. 0683000, Health Insurance Premium - April 2022	26,613.72 27,399.94	54,013.66
21456	Best Best & Krieger, LLP	Inv. 927118, Lobbying Services through January 31, 2022 (Board approved 02/09/20)		7,500.00
21457	California Contract Cities Association	Inv. 3378, 2022 Silver Level Associate Member Dues; 01/01/22 - 12/31/22		5,000.00
21458	Civic Publications	Inv. 1706, Sustainable Living 2022, Conservation Ad		4,987.00
21459	Ecotech Services, Inc.	Inv. 2189, Water Smart Home Program, January 2022 Inv. 2193, Water Bottel Fill Station, January-February 2022 (Board approved 08/07/18)	22,458.00 3,300.00	25,758.00
21460	Epiphany Catholic Church	Inv. 03/05/22UD, Sapphire Package Sponsorship		500.00
21461	Foothill Technology Center, LLC	Inv. APR 22LEA, Office Lease - April 2022 (Board approved 04/09/11)		20,751.00
21462	G3LA, LLC	Inv. 952, Water Conservation Webinar Curriculum Development, February 2022 Inv. 957, Water Conservation Webinar and Flyers, February 2022	2,000.00 1,500.00	3,500.00
21463	Joey C. Soto	Inv. UD #87, Grant Writing Services, January 2022 (Board approved 08/04/15)		1,650.00
21464	Olivarez Madruga Lemieux & O'Neill	Professional Services, January 2022 Inv. 325.996-18131, Transactional Fees Inv. 325.999-18132, Retainer (Board Approved 05/17/11)	5,907.10 4,064.00	9,971.10
21465	Proforma	Inv. B660001153A, District Logo Items		3,395.70
21466	Southern California Association of Governments	Inv. 22-GA-13, 2022 Regional Conference & General Assembly		1,000.00
21467	San Gabriel Valley Tribune	Inv. 114947, Newspapers In Education Sponsor - Monthly Recognition Ad		300.00
21468	Stetson Engineers, Inc.	Inv. 2533-190, General Engineering Support Services, January 2022 Inv. 2728-022, Integrated Resources Plan Update, January 2022	27,896.52 540.75	28,437.27
21469	Tetra Tech, Inc.	Inv. 51848516, Task 24: RW Task Force (Board Approved 04/01/14)		2,127.50
21470	Total Compensation Systems, Inc.	Inv. 10171, GASB 75 Full Valuation - Final Installment		1,485.00
21471	Upper District Revolving Payroll Fund	Inv. JAN 22, Reimbursement for Payroll and Payroll Taxes for Employees Inv. JAN 22D, Reimbursement for Payroll Taxes for Directors	143,836.42 9,448.29	153,284.71
21472	Upper District Revolving Fund	Replenish Revolving Fund Account - February 2022 Office Supplies Computer Systems/Equipment/Maintenance/Insurance/Outside Service Director's Outreach Meeting/Travel/Conferences/Dues/Assessments/Membership Telephone/Utilities/Building Maintenance Workers Comp Water Conservation Program Expenses WRP Operation and Maintenance Medical/ODA Reimbursement/Processing Fee/Retirement Plan/Overdeposit	432.66 1,861.73 1,050.00 100.00 1,959.32 2,920.74 1,233.00 16,999.98 12,731.79	39,289.22

21473	U.S. Bank Corporate Payment System	CalCard Charges through 02/22/22 Meetings, Travel, Conferences Computer Systems/Office Equipment/Supplies/Maintenance & Service/Utilities Conservation Program Expenses, Education and Outreach	286.56 701.18 <u>526.98</u>	1,514.72
21474	Water Education Foundation	Inv. 2022WEFMEMKS, 2022 Annual Membership Dues		4,000.00
21475	Anthony Fellow	Director's Compensation, February 2022 9 Days District Business 5 Days MWD Business Meeting/Travel Expenses/Allowance Less Deferred Comp. Less Taxes Withheld	2,295.00 1,275.00 516.87 (500.00) <u>(1,240.08)</u>	2,346.79
21476	Edward L. Chavez	Director's Compensation, February 2022 10 Days District Business Meeting/Travel Expenses/Allowance Less Deferred Comp. Less Taxes Withheld	2,550.00 516.87 (1,617.00) <u>(1,022.78)</u>	427.09
21477	Charles M. Treviño	Director's Compensation, February 2022 10 Days District Business Meeting/Travel Expenses/Allowance Less Deferred Comp. Less Taxes Withheld	2,550.00 516.87 (500.00) <u>(539.01)</u>	2,027.86
21478	Jennifer Santana	Director's Compensation, February 2022 8 Days District Business Meeting/Travel Expenses/Allowance Less Deferred Comp. Less Taxes Withheld	2,040.00 516.87 (500.00) <u>(275.93)</u>	1,780.94
21479	Katarina M. Garcia	Director's Compensation, February 2022 10 Days District Business Meeting/Travel Expenses/Allowance Less Deferred Comp. Less Taxes Withheld	2,550.00 516.87 (500.00) <u>(467.47)</u>	2,099.40
			TOTAL	<u>\$ 390,787.48</u>
1022	City of Industry City Hall	Invoice No. FEB-22A, Operation and Maintenance Cost Reconciliation 07/01/21 - 12/31/21		33,325.00
1023	City of Industry City Hall	Invoice No. JAN -22, Purchase of 14.4 AF of Recycled Water in January 2022		4,550.40
1024	Metropolitan Water District	Invoice No. 10690, Purchase of 299.5 AF of Treated Water and 2,133.0 AF of Untreated Water in January 2022		2,307,437.12
1025	San Gabriel Valley MWD	Invoice No. 537, 90.71 AF of Water Delivered through the Alhambra/MWD Exchange Agreement in January 2022 @ \$200 per AF		18,034.00
1026	Suburban Water System	Invoice No. 6675, Phase IIB Normal Operating Charge, February 2022		<u>1,667.76</u>
			TOTAL	<u>\$ 2,365,014.28</u>

Venessa Navarrette

From: Jessica Ancona <mayor.jessicaancona@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 7:45 PM
To: Venessa Navarrette
Cc: Tom Love
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT 3/9/22

Dear Directors,

Chavez, Santa Ana, Garcia, Fellow, and Treviño,

After reviewing the proposed maps, I am respectfully asking for the Board of Directors to keep the current map in place or vote for map two or Director Trevino's map 3 which would have minimal changes to the current District boundaries. Map one far exceeds the definition of map "tweaking" as proposed by the Directors in doing the redistricting process in house.

I would urge you to listen to your constituents who have communicated to you through the public comment process and vote accordingly.

Sincerely,

Jessica Ancona
Mayor, City of El Monte.

L U S S I E R

Dear Directors: Chavez, Santana, Trevino, Garcia, and Fellow.

I am writing to respectfully request that you only consider the existing map, map 2 or the newly created Trevino map for introduction and adoption at the next public hearing meeting. Map 3 (Trevino) takes into account most of the proposed Garcia map while adheres to the requests by the public to keep Temple City and most other cities as they currently are. It also gives Mr. Contreras the change while giving Mr. Fellow East Pasadena which was suggested he would like to have.

The existing map has been the preferred map to date as evident by the public comment testimony that had been placed into the record for the past four meetings. Map two would also be an acceptable map as it suggests a small tweak in the existing map and has the least impact on the existing map.

In the few discussions that have taken place on redistricting, it was the will of the board of directors that the process could be done in house where there would be minor tweaking of thesis. Map two introduced by director Garcia far exceeds the concept of minor tweaking and is not what was agreed upon for discussion items moving forward in this process.

I'm hopeful that you all will do what has been asked by your constituents, which have included mayors Council-members, City Managers that you serve and residents of the cities of El Monte, Temple City, Rosemead, Duarte and Monrovia. I believe that the process for redistricting should have been more transparent if the amount of changes introduced in map two were to be presented and discussed.

I'm also hopeful that all directors will vote for the will of the people as read and heard during public comment testimony. Selecting a map should be free of self-interest or political interest which protects incumbent seats during an election year. Detailed discussion on the rationale of each map and why it is being presented is needed and I look forward to a healthy discussion on the subject.

Sincerely,
Marla Provencio

Marla Provencio \ Chief Creative Strategist
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Venessa Navarrette

From: Cynthia Sternquist <csternquist@templecity.us>
Sent: Sunday, March 6, 2022 4:52 PM
To: Venessa Navarrette
Subject: Fwd: Public records request.

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>>> On Mar 6, 2022, at 3:50 PM, JOHANNA BENNETT <Josie@pacbell.net> wrote:

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>> Cynthia please forward to the water district secretary for me to be read into record at the March 9 meeting. Some of her emails have bounced back and I think I might have the wrong spelling of her name. Public record comment for March 9th meeting Of upper district board of directors.

Dear directors, my name is Johanna Bennett and I am a 40 year resident of the city of Temple City. After reviewing the three maps that will be looked at today, I have read to the conclusion that the only maps that are acceptable would be the current map in place and the map Developed by the upper district engineer. The map proposed by Director Garcia changes the boundaries for Temple City. Public common from your constituents all spoke to the fact that the current map is what is preferred kitchen by residence both in Temple city Arcadia, El Monte and other cities within the TC current boundaries. This also Goes against the minor tweaking that Director Santana suggested could be done in house. This is a full on change that should have required numerous public hearings, information to city managers, constituents and those you received public comment from.

I am hopeful that the directors will vote for one of the two maps that does suggest minor "tweaks" As agreed-upon by all the directors at the last meeting.

It would also be very helpful to know what help director Garcia had in preparing the map and with what other directors she might've had input from.

Please do the right thing for all those who took the time to provide public comment at the four meetings already held on redistricting.

I I am hopeful that all directors do the right thing and exclude Director Garcias map that goes way beyond subtle changes.

Johanna Bennett

Temple City Resident.

Please acknowledge receipt of this public comment for the next meeting.

Venessa Navarrette

From: Amy Wang <alviwang888@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 9:58 PM
To: Tom Love; Venessa Navarrette; Ruben Gallegos
Subject: Redistricting Public Comment

Hello,

I am writing to submit public comment on the Upper District's redistricting process. I am a resident of Temple City and of the First Division. I support Map 3 or support keeping the existing map as it currently stands. These two maps are in alignment with the direction given to this body by the public, and in alignment with the understanding that an in-house redistricting process would only consists of minor tweaks. It is critical that this Board listen to the public as redistricting is a process for the people to be engaged in.

Thank you,
Amy Wang

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Best regards,
Amy S. Wang
Direct: (626) 823-7968

Venessa Navarrette

From: George Wang <g.wang@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 10:03 PM
To: Ruben Gallegos; Venessa Navarrette; Tom Love
Subject: public comment on redistricting

Hello Upper District,

I would like this email to be read into public comment as the Board conducts redistricting. I support keeping the existing division lines or, if a new map must be selected, to select Map 3. These two approaches best keep communities together and are more aligned a fair redistricting process that reflects public input. As a Temple City resident, even if our communities are divided, these two maps are the most effective at ensuring we are represented fairly and that we can be better engaged with our board members.

thank you!

Venessa Navarrette

From: Emily Quach <emilyquachucsb@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 9, 2022 12:04 AM
To: Venessa Navarrette; Tom Love; Ruben Gallegos
Subject: Public Comment on Redistricting Process

Dear Upper District Board of Directors,

This is a public comment regarding the redistricting currently being considered. I am an Arcadia resident and live in the First Division. I urge this board to adopt Map 3 or maintain the existing division lines. Either approach— either choosing map 3 or keeping existing lines— will be consistent with what the public has been urging this Board to do. This is also critical to keep communities together and to ensure this process does not happen behind closed doors, to ensure that drastic changes won't happen without more extensive public engagement.

Thank you,
Emily Quach

Board of Directors
Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District

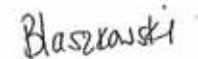
Dear Directors,

Azusa, a relatively small city in population but a city with vast real estate if we consider the forest areas, has been represented on the water board by two directors and two separate water districts. It is one thing to have two directors from one agency representing the city. However, we have two different directors from one agency and then another director from another agency.

That's why we prefer Public Map 1 which will place Upper District's service area in the hands of one director. This will allow Azusa residents to easily contact their water district director.

We continue to congratulate the Upper District for the work it has been doing. We especially paid attention to the community meeting last year dealing with fires in the foothill areas.

Sincerely,



Luicia Bernal
Michal Blaszkowski
637 W. Edith Ann Dr.
Azusa CA 91702

Venessa Navarrette

From: the magicman <louislemoine@mac.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 6, 2022 1:31 PM
To: Venessa Navarrette
Subject: Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District and its conservation efforts as well as its annual Waterfest at Santa Anita Park.

Dear Board of Directors:

As a longtime resident of Temple City, I am familiar with the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District and its conservation efforts as well as its annual Waterfest at Santa Anita Park.

At one time we had one water director cover the entire city. Currently we have two or three. I am a proponent of keeping cities whole or as close as whole when it comes to redistricting matters. The newest redistricting map, which is Public Map 1, does that.

Thus, I urge the directors to support that map which appears to have cleaner divisions lines among the many cities that makeup this large district. In most cases one director is covering a single city. That is the way redistricting should be done.

Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

Louis Lemoine

"those extraordinary little events in your life happen for a reason. pure magic."

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sent from my iphone 'X'

Venessa Navarrette

From: Braxton Sternquist <Bsternquist92@outlook.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 3:34 PM
To: Venessa Navarrette
Cc: Tom Love; cmtawater@yahoo.com
Subject: Redistricting Maps

Dear Directors, Trevino, Chavez, Santana, Fellow, and Garcia,
I would first like to thank you for your service to the Upper District. I was able to review the proposed redistricting maps online and would suggest that the current map and map 2 are the best options of the three maps submitted. Map one consists of major changes that I believe your constituents are not aware of. Minor tweaks as suggested by directors, Trevino, Chavez, Santana are made in map 2 which is consistent with the direction given to the GM at the last meeting regarding moving forward with the redistricting process. Any variation of a map moving from minor to major change (such as the Garcia proposed map) is far from tweaking or minor changes. Only maps that have very minor tweaks as mentioned numerous times at your meetings

Best,
Braxton Sternquist
9556 Woodruff Ave.
Temple City, CA 91780

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

Venessa Navarrette

From: biboo jar <biboojar@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 7, 2022 10:52 PM
To: Venessa Navarrette
Subject: 2nd Comment Fwd: Upper Water District Public Comment

Directors,

I write again today to please change the district maps and keep cities together as much as possible. I recently saw your website to view map one and two. Map two looks to be identical to the current map and map one looks to have decent modifications to keep cities together. I agree with what Al Contreras mentioned to keep it fair and easy to understand. Keep Baldwin Park together or have clear landmarks of district boundaries not gerrymandered districts to benefit particular board members. Thank you

Miguel Morales

Venessa Navarrette

From: Clarence Wong <clarencwong007@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 8:59 AM
To: Venessa Navarrette
Subject: Public Map 1

Dear Members of the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District:

I am a resident of South Pasadena who has had a great interest in water issues for a good part of my professional life. I even served on a water board at one time. In addition, I have attended educational trips to the Colorado River and the State Water Project offered by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California,

I also keep abreast of federal, state and local issues dealing with water. In addition, I have been a fan of your yearly Waterfest.

I write because I have been listening and reading the minutes of your meetings dealing with redistricting. Having been involved in redistricting efforts at one time, it is a difficult task. Ideally you seek a balance among the district as far as population is concerned. And you should make an effort to keep cities whole.

Having studied both maps because of my interest in this district, I applaud Public Map 1, which keeps many cities of interest whole, and I urge the Board of Directors to adopt it.

Thank you for your attention.

Clarence Wong

Sent from my iPhone

Venessa Navarrette

From: William Mason <b4genesis@outlook.com>
Sent: Monday, March 7, 2022 6:41 PM
To: Venessa Navarrette
Subject: Redistricting

Dear Upper District Board of Director Members:

Because our political system is a significant part of what I teach, I often talk to my students about redistricting and its importance — a discussion we, in fact, recently concluded as it relates to federal, state, and local elective office. Moreover, as someone who is interested in civic issues and will likely run for political office in the near future, I have kept track of your agency's redistricting plans.

As a resident of Covina, I like Public Map 1, which, I know, will place more cities in the hands of one representative; however, it makes far better use of existing political boundaries.

I commend the Upper District for its work, and I will continue to keep abreast of upcoming town hall meetings. I also hope your fall Waterfest will again become a reality; it is an outstanding way to educate the public and my students.

Thank you.

William Mason
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Venessa Navarrette

From: Chris Saucedo <csaucedo@ausd.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 6:24 PM
To: Venessa Navarrette
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT Maps

Dear Directors of the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District,

As a science teacher and department chair at Arcadia High School, I can attest to how important it is for our students to understand how their water is governed. We have a robust AP environmental science program at Arcadia High school. As part of the curriculum we focus on communicating with our government leaders about environmental concerns and water projects. The current divisions are difficult to explain to our AP Environmental Science students since there is no discernible reason for the boundaries. I ask that the directors adopt Public Map 1 since the boundaries are accessible to current and future votes. Creating divisions that are grouped by cities and school districts is more equitable and just makes sense.

Thank you,

Mr. Saucedo

Arcadia High School
Science Department Chair
Chemistry & Honors Biology Teacher
Pronouns: he/him



Venessa Navarrette

From: Jimmy M <imjmuna@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 2:39 PM
To: Venessa Navarrette
Cc: Tom Love
Subject: Regarding San Gabriel Temple City water situation

Dear directors, Chavez Santana Trevino Garcia and Santana.

My neighbor just told me that the Proposal maps where we read districting are on the upper San Gabriel Valley municipal water district website. I was challenged to find them easily. After reviewing them, I would ask that only the existing map and map to be considered for future adoption. Map reo is very similar to the existing map boundaries that Temple City currently is in alignment with. With the recent sale of East Pasadena water company, The residence in the area of Director Garcia's proposed changes in Temple City would prove unsettling and yet provide the residence with another unwelcome change. In a very short period of time

Im hopeful there are going to be meetings in person soon in which I can attend. Most public agencies are opening to the public now that there is a low transmission rate of Covid In Los Angeles County.

Things have been closed for way too long and It's time for meetings to be in person so constituents can come in to speak on items in person.

Thank you for your time and service to my community.

Sincerely,

Jimmy Martinez

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"Music is just a means of creating a magical state"

Venessa Navarrette

From: Bryan Cook <bcook@templecity.us>
Sent: Monday, March 7, 2022 12:50 PM
To: Venessa Navarrette; Ruben Gallegos
Subject: Temple City comment regarding March 9th, public hearing on redistricting

Honorable Board Members,

I respectfully write to the Board again on behalf of the City of Temple City regarding your consideration for redistricting during your upcoming public hearing on March 9th. The City respectfully reiterates that we have had a long history of representation defined by the current district boundaries with both common and diverse communities of interest.

Therefore maintaining the district boundaries as currently configured will provide both continuity and keep intact long-standing stakeholder relationships and collaboration on issues of City-wide and region-wide significance. If the Board were to consider any alternative to the current district boundaries, Map-2 represents a more similar district boundary configuration to what currently exists within Temple City. Map 1 is a significant change to the current district boundaries.

Again, please consider keeping in place the current district boundaries.

Sincerely,

Bryan Cook
City Manager
City of Temple City

Venessa Navarrette

From: Cynthia Sternquist <csternquist@templecity.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 7:40 AM
To: Venessa Navarrette
Cc: chavez@usgvmud.org; Charles Trevino
Subject: Re: Redistricting

Good morning Venessa,

Cynthia Vance sent me a handwritten note to City Hall and I have typed into an email for her. Please read into public comment at the meeting tomorrow.

Thank you for your help. Many of the residents are older and are challenged when it comes to using technology.

Cynthia

Sent from my iPhone

> Public record comment for March 9th meeting Of upper district board of directors.

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> Dear directors,

> Chavez, Fellow, Garcia, Santana and Trevino.

> I am a 45 year resident of the city of Temple City. After reviewing the three maps that will be discussed today, I am writing to ask all directors to only consider maps 1 or two two. Map 1 far exceeds the discussion that if the process of redistricting would be done by The upper San Gabriel Valley municipal water district without the advice of a demographer only maps with subtle changes would be submitted. All directors were in agreement.

> Now, a map with significant changes has been introduced by Director Garcia that goes far beyond the definition of "tweaking". After listening to the audio recordings of all meetings on redistricting, it is even more clear that proposing a map with the significant changes should not have been included.

> The map proposed by Director Garcia is not in alignment with the discussions on redistricting that have taken place since January. Public comment from your constituents all spoke to the fact that the current map is what is preferred by residents in Temple city Arcadia, El Monte and other cities within the TC current boundaries.

> Director Garcia on one of the newest members of the board and I respect and admire her attempt to produce a redistricting map. Unfortunately, it goes against the minor tweaking that Director Santana suggested could be done in house. It also does not take into account the intent of doing the process in house or the testimony that has been read into public record.

> This is a full on change that should have required numerous public hearings, information to city managers, constituents and those you received public comment from.

> In looking at all of The redistricting processes in every one of the seven water districts that are closest to the San Gabriel Valley it is evident that there redistricting process began early in December with demographers, consultants, or redistricting committees set up by the various agencies. Even if their district maps stayed the same, the process was done in an extremely transparent and engaging manner. I could not find one water district in which any major changes were done in house as Director fellow suggested he was extremely familiar with. Was this an attempt to "Fellomander" to protect his own incumbency? Pasadena city College, the city of El Monte and the past process in 2010 of the upper water district was professional and not the rushed process that the district has taken in 2022, which includes an introduction of a map developed by a newly appointed board member.

- > I am hopeful that the directors will vote for one of the two maps that does suggest minor "tweaks" as agreed-upon by all the directors at the last meeting.
- > Please do the right thing for all those who took the time to provide public comment at the four meetings already held on redistricting.
- > I am hopeful that all directors do the right thing and exclude Director Garcia's map from further discussion that goes way beyond subtle changes as "tweaking" suggests.
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- > Sincerely,
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- > Cynthia Vance
- > Temple City Resident.
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- > Please acknowledge receipt of this public comment for the next meeting.
- >
- > Sent from my iPhone

Venessa Navarrette

From: Jorge A. Marquez <JMarquez@covinaca.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 2:39 PM
To: Venessa Navarrette
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT: SGV Local Elected Officials Support: Map 1

Directors,

We would like to express our support for the Division boundaries proposed in Public Map 1.

Current division boundaries seem haphazard and random. It is difficult to know which Director represents which area. The proposed boundaries in Public Map 1 reflect a much easier to understand map for the public. Several cities have been consolidated and cities that are not consolidated have clearer boundaries that the public can understand without pulling up a current District Map.

It is becoming much more important for Southern California residents to understand our water supply and address water shortages. The district boundaries proposed in Public Map 1 make that communication between representative and community easier. This map represents a significant improvement towards the goal of educating the community on both water conservation and water policy.

Listed are supporters of Map 1:

Robert Gonzales
Mayor of Azusa

Emmanuel Estrada
Mayor of Baldwin Park

Jorge Marquez
Mayor of Covina

Andrew Mendez
Councilmember of Azusa

Maria Morales
Councilmember of El Monte

Valerie Munoz
Councilmember of La Puente

Nadia Mendoza
Councilmember of La Puente

Brian Tabatabai
Councilmember of West Covina

James Toma
Mayor of West Covina (Ret.)

Thank you for your time.

Jorge Marquez
Mayor
City of Covina

Venessa Navarrette

From: Yennie Lam <yennie79@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 6:50 PM
To: Venessa Navarrette
Cc: Tom Love; Ed Chavez; cmtwater@yahoo.com
Subject: San Gabriel Water Zone

Dear honorable Directors;

Garcia Santana Trevino, Chavez and Fellow,

I am a resident of San Gabriel that lives on the border of Temple city. I would respectfully ask to consider only maps for redistricting that do not change the boundaries of Temple City, San Gabriel and other cities. After reviewing the maps on the upper District website which were very difficult to read or enlarge without losing resolution, I believe that map one significantly changes the boundaries of numerous cities

within the upper San Gabriel Valley municipal water District boundaries. I would urge the directors to choose only the existing map or map two to develop a resolution for and move forward with.

I am a student at Pasadena city College and gave input to a redistricting commission/committee that was set up by the college in 2021 which I believe was either in November or December with a final map chosen in February.

What has been the process for the upper San Gabriel Valley municipal water district to date and who was Family I would also like this to be notice of a public records request to gather information regarding the dates and processes that the district used to arrive at today's discussion. I am hopeful that if none of the maps are selected today to move forward with that there be at least two more public hearings in which testimony can be made. Also, now that the county and CDC have reduced the Covid transmission rate from high to low, that the district will have open, community meetings on this issue at in person meetings. The public wants to be engaged in this topic and so far there has been minimal engagement and it has been very difficult to understand what has been a regular meeting or public meeting. It seems that those have been changed the day before along with the naming of the meeting on the agenda at Government relations meetings held the day before a scheduled public hearing. The district should provide concise communication to its constituents about properly noticed meetings before they are change from public hearing meetings to regular meetings with no discussion from directors on the redistricting issue.

I have also reviewed the redistricting process for the recent process of Pasadena city College, Three Valleys water District, San Gabriel water District, as well as The majority of other water districts. I

Could not find one that did the redistricting process without a hired professional demographer or a redistricting committee/commission appointed by the agency.

All of them, have had a very concise and clear process that they followed and completed by the end of February to submit to Los Angeles County. They also had either a redistricting committee set up such as Pasadena city college did recently and three Valleys water District. The upper districts past practice including the one in 2010 2011 included a hired consultant who did extensive public outreach and community meetings. If a map such as the one proposed by Director Garcia is to be considered,

Why wasn't a professional hired and the best practice of all the other agencies put into place?

The only reasonable thing at this point, would be to keep the existing map or choose a map that has very little changes that would be acceptable to all the people you have taken public comment from.

I can be reached at this email address if any board of directors would wish to contact me. Please send me a receipt of my public comment. Thank you.

Kindly,

Yen Lam

Venessa Navarrette

From: Steve Wen <stevelqw@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 11:30 PM
To: Venessa Navarrette
Cc: Tom Love
Subject: Temple City Waster Supply Map

Dear Directors, Santana, Chavez, Trevino, and Garcia:

Please vote to support the current map in place or vote to move forward with Maps 2 or 3 all which have very minimal changes.

I am not in favor of the maor changes Map1.

Thanks you!

Winnie & Steve

Temple City Resident

Venessa Navarrette

From: Fernando Vizcarra <fvizcarra@templecity.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 7:27 PM
To: Venessa Navarrette
Subject: New map

I support the Trevino plan

FERNANDO VIZCARRA
Councilmember
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(626)285-2171

From: chriscamalot@yahoo.com
To: [Venessa Navarrette](#)
Subject: Public Comment Map 1
Date: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 3:33:44 PM

Directors,

I'll make it quick and to the point. Please support map one. It's really that easy.
Thank you.

Chris

Christopher C.

"Just be yourself. Let people see the real, imperfect, flawed, quirky, weird, beautiful, magical person that you are."

RESOLUTION NO. 03-22-635

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE UPPER SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT PROCLAIMING A LOCAL EMERGENCY PERSISTS, RE-RATIFYING THE PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY BY GOVERNOR NEWSOM, AND REAUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS OF THE BOARD FOR THE NEXT MEETING

WHEREAS, the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District ("District") is committed to preserving and nurturing public access and participation in meetings of the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the Brown Act, Government Code section 54953(e), makes provision for remote teleconferencing participation in meetings by members of a legislative body, without compliance with the requirements of Government Code section 54953(b)(3), subject to the existence of certain conditions: and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors on March 9, 2022 adopted Resolution Number 03-22-634, finding that the requisite conditions exist for the legislative bodies of District to conduct remote teleconference meetings without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of section 54953 and these emergency conditions persist to exist; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors does hereby find that the COVID-19 pandemic, the Delta and Omicron variant viruses and the fact that not all people have been vaccinated have caused, and will continue to cause, conditions of peril to the safety of persons within the District boundaries that are likely to be beyond the control of services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the District, and desires to affirm a local emergency exists and re-ratify the proclamation of state of emergency by the Governor of the State of California; and

WHEREAS, as a consequence of the local emergency persisting, the Board of Directors does hereby find that the District's legislative bodies shall continue to conduct their meetings without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Government Code section 54953, as authorized by subdivision (e) of section 54953, and that the Board shall continue to comply with the requirements to provide the public with access to the meetings as prescribed in paragraph (2) of subdivision (e) of section 54953 by providing virtual and audio access to the public, staff and Directors.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE UPPER SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated into this Resolution by this reference.

Section 2. The Board of Directors hereby considers the conditions of the state of emergency in the District boundaries and proclaims that since a local emergency persists throughout those boundaries, and in view of the fact that substantial part of the population remains unvaccinated and COVID-19 virus continues to mutate to new variants, holding in-person meetings would create a health risk to the public, staff and Directors.

Section 3. The Board hereby ratifies the Governor Newsom's Proclamation of State of Emergency.

Section 4. The staff and consultants of the District are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Resolution including, continuing to conduct open and public meetings in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e) and other applicable provisions of the Brown Act.

Section 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall be effective for 30 days from passage, or until such time the Board of Directors makes additional findings or adopts a subsequent resolution in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e)(3) to extend the time during which the District's legislative bodies may continue to teleconference without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of section 54953, whichever comes first.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 16th day of March, 2022.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Ed Chavez, President

ATTEST:

Katarina Garcia, Secretary

(SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Steve O'Neill, District Counsel



MEMORANDUM



ITEM 6. (a)

DATE: March 11, 2022
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: General Manager
SUBJECT: 2020 Census/Redistricting Plan and Map Review

Background

Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (Upper District) is currently reviewing its 2020 Census data and map boundaries to determine whether there is a need to revise its five (5) internal division boundaries. The populations within each of Divisions are required to be equal to the extent practicable.

Upper District has requested Stetson Engineers Inc. (Stetson) review the requirements for redistricting, estimate the populations within each of the Divisions based on 2020 U.S. Census data and estimate the change in populations compared to 2010 U.S. Census data. The findings of the review were first presented at the Government Affairs and Community Outreach Committee meeting on November 1, 2021. Following the initial presentation of Census data, staff was directed to provide a summary of procedures and potential timeline for redistricting. On December 6, 2021, at the Government Affairs and Community Outreach Committee, a subsequent presentation with detailed data on the redistricting process was presented to the committee and staff was directed to provide the same presentation to the full Board on January 12, 2022. At the January 12th meeting, staff was directed to prepare existing division boundary maps for review and comment.

On January 26, 2022, a public hearing was held at Upper District's regularly scheduled meeting to discuss and receive comment on Upper District's redistricting process. Subsequently, on February 7, 2022 at the regularly scheduled Government Affairs and Community Outreach Committee meeting, staff and Stetson Engineers provided the Board an opportunity to review existing map boundaries and receive public comment.

On February 23, 2022, at a regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting, a redistricting workshop was held to discuss next steps, timeline and receive public comment. A motion was made and passed to direct Stetson to prepare maps based on Director input and public comment. Stetson has prepared two maps labeled, 'Public Map 1' and "Public Map 2".

On March 9, 2022, a public hearing was held at Upper District's regularly scheduled meeting to review proposed maps and receive public comment. Three maps were presented to the Board for review and discussion. The Board accepted the General Manager's recommendation to direct staff to prepare a resolution for map adoption and hold a public hearing at a special meeting of the Board of Directors on March 16, 2022, at 8:00 a.m.

Division Population Methodology

The population within each Division was estimated using a GIS analysis based on the Division boundaries and U.S. Census data (including GIS data from the 2010 U.S. Census and 2020 U.S. Census). Although U.S. Census population data is available for individual cities, the Division boundaries do not entirely correspond with city boundaries. However, cities are comprised of individual census blocks which represent smaller statistical areas for which demographic data on total population by age, sex, and race are available. The census blocks can be combined to more accurately represent the areas located within each Division, and thus the population within each Division.

Census block information was obtained in a GIS format, and the census blocks that are located within each Division were identified. The total population for each Division was estimated based on the sum of the populations of the associated census blocks or portions of census blocks. For a census block located entirely within a Division, the entire population (i.e. 100%) associated with the census block was incorporated. For a census block located partially within a Division, the portion (or percentage) of the census block located geographically within that Division was determined through GIS. This percentage was applied to the census block's total population in order to estimate the population of the census block within the Division.

Redistricting Requirements

Upper District was formed and operates pursuant to the Municipal Water District Act of 1911 (Water Code sec 71,000 et seq). Water Code sec 71540 requires the Board of Directors, after each federal decennial census, to review and, if necessary, adjust the District's divisional boundaries pursuant to Section 22000 et seq of the Elections Code.

In summary, the operative statutes have mandatory and discretionary considerations. The mandatory requirement is that the District must draw divisions that are, "*...as far as practicable, equal in population and in compliance with Section 10301 of Title 52 of the United States Code....*" The statute recognizes having all divisions be of equal population is not achievable, thus the "as far as practicable" standard. Voting age population differentials of less than 9-10% are considered to be in compliance with this requirement. The proposed maps clearly meet this requirement, as the differentials range from 1.7% - 3.3%. Note that the federal Title 52 requirements are also met, as the District does not impose any pre-qualification or prerequisites to voting based on race or color.

The discretionary aspect of Cal Elections Code sec 22000 is that the Board may consider other factors, such as: (1) topography, (2) geography, (3) cohesiveness, contiguity, integrity, and compactness of territory, and (4) community of interests of the division. Procedurally, the District has to hold at least 2 public hearings, the first of which has been noticed for today. The resolution establishing the boundaries can be adopted at the same meeting as the second public hearing.

Census Delays – State Legislative Fix

In September 2021, Governor Newsom signed SB 594 (Glazer) a bill that provided for deadline and legislative fixes to the state election code in anticipation of delayed Census information due to the pandemic. One of those changes related to special districts that are required to redistrict following each federal census but cannot make a change in division boundaries within 180 days preceding the election of any director. The bill provided changes to the Election Code 22000 adding that any special district with a regular election on the same date as the 2022 statewide general election must adopt adjusted division boundaries no later than April 17, 2022.



Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District

EXISTING AND PROPOSED DISTRICT BOUNDARIES
MARCH 16, 2022

REDISTRICTING PROCESS & TIMELINE

Upper District is currently reviewing its 2020 census data and map boundaries to determine whether there is a need to revise its 5 division boundaries.

- State law – SB 594 (Glazer) made changes to the Election Code sec 22000 adding that any special district with a regular election on the same date as the 2022 statewide general election must adopt adjusted boundaries no later than **April 17, 2022.**

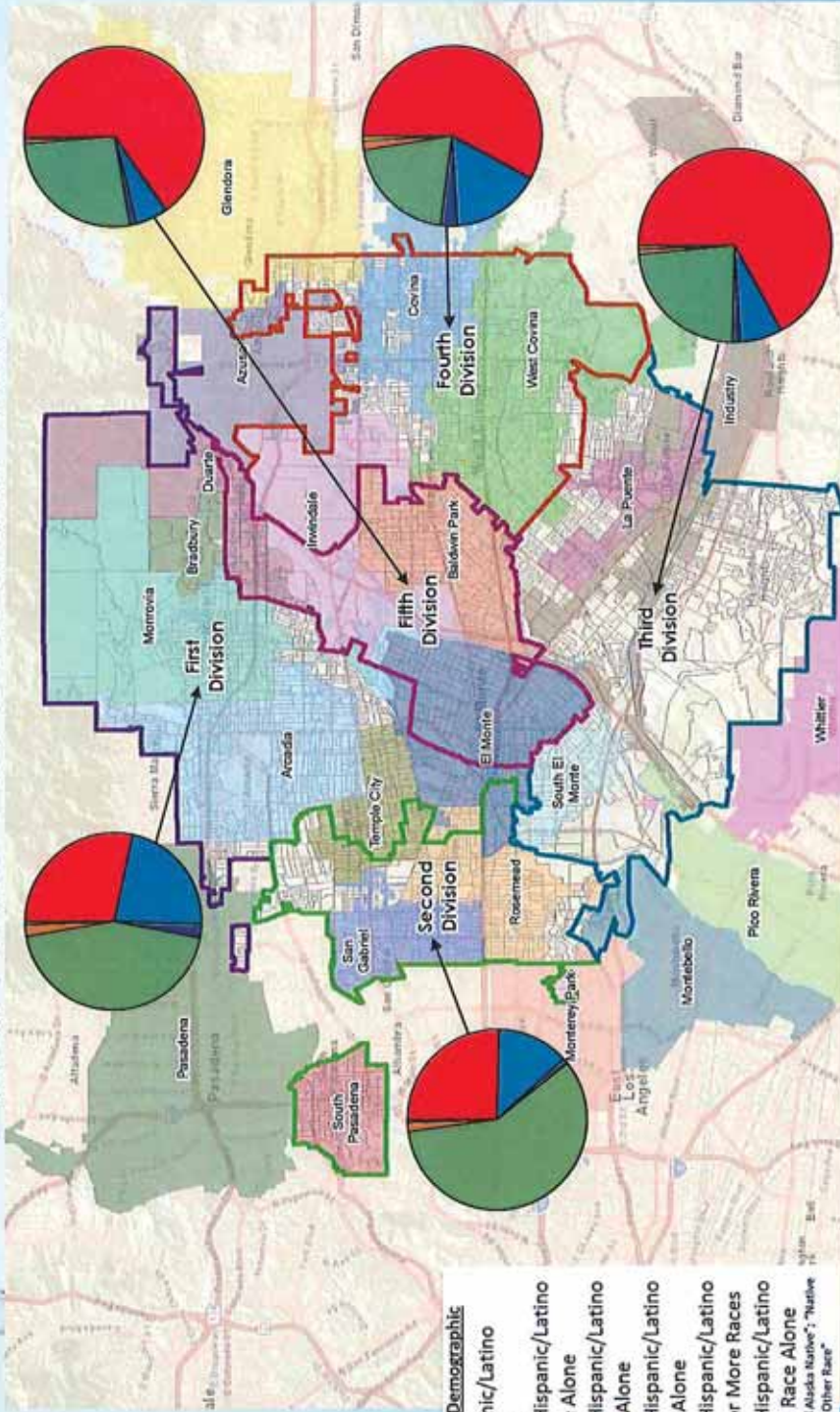
Public Meeting Timeline

- **November 1, 2021 – GACO Committee** – Stetson Engineers provided a data analysis of 2020 Census Data
- **December 6, 2021 – GACO Committee** – Staff provided an overview the redistricting process
- **January 12, 2022 – Board of Directors** – Staff presented Census data and redistricting process
- **January 26, 2022 – Board of Directors** – A public hearing was held to review Census data, existing boundaries and receive public comment
- **February 7, 2022 – GACO Committee** – Existing map boundary review: Committee and public comment received
- **February 23, 2022 – Board of Directors** – Redistricting workshop: Received public comment and board input on drafting new maps for consideration

DIVISION POPULATION ESTIMATE METHODOLOGY

- Population within each Division was estimated using a GIS analysis based on the Division boundaries and U.S. Census data (2010 and 2020 U.S. Census data)
- Cities are comprised of individual census blocks which represent smaller statistical areas for which demographic data on total population by age, sex, and race are available
- For a census block located entirely within a Division, the entire population (i.e. 100%) associated with the census block was incorporated.
 - For a census block located partially within a Division, the portion (%) of the census block located geographically within that Division was determined through GIS. This percentage was applied to the census block's total population.
- Citizen Voting Age Population (CVAP) is the determining factor when drawing division boundaries.

EXISTING BOUNDARY MAP



Citizen Voting Age Population Demographic

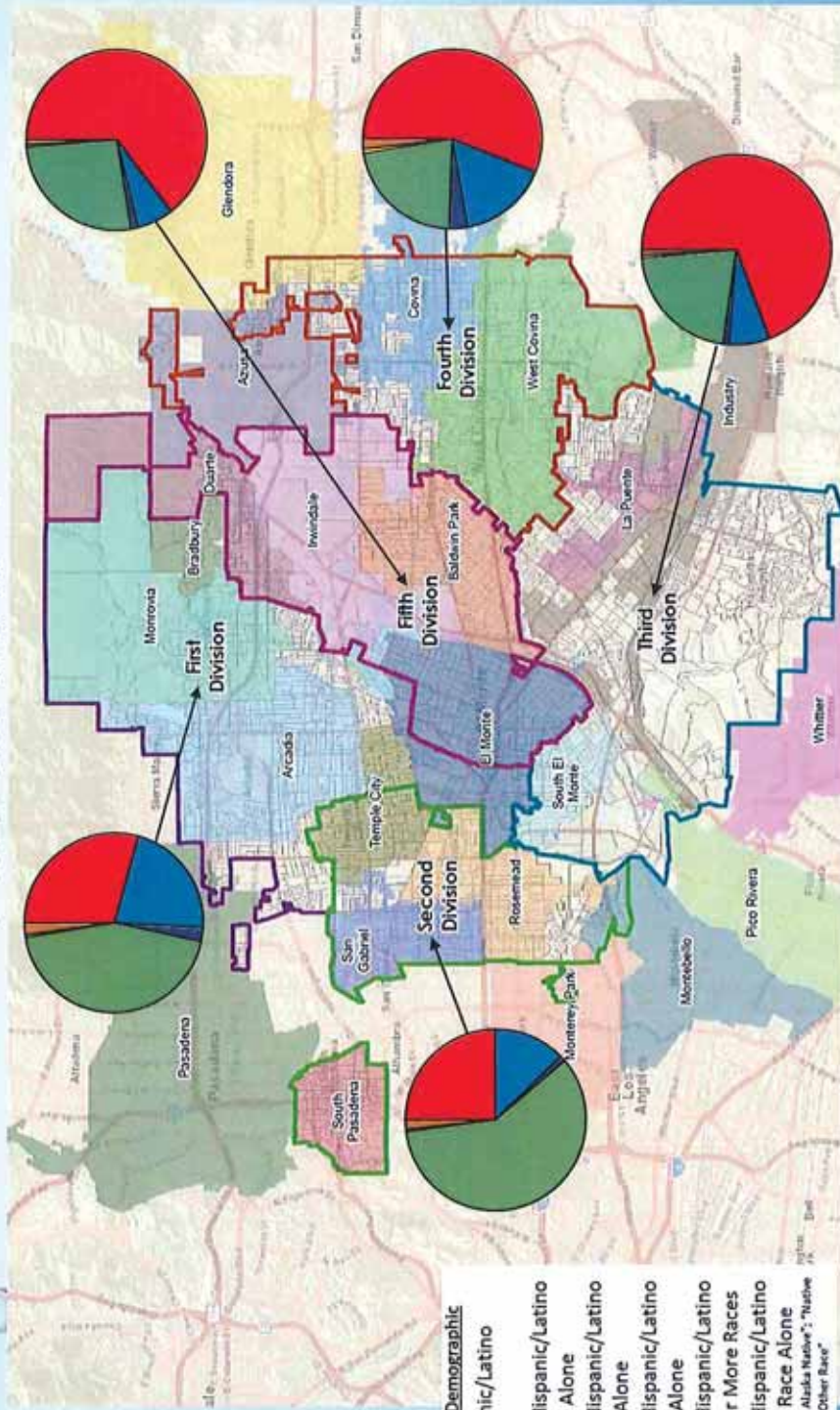
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- Non-Hispanic/Latino
- White Alone
- Non-Hispanic/Latino
- Black Alone
- Non-Hispanic/Latino
- Asian Alone
- Non-Hispanic/Latino
- Two or More Races
- Non-Hispanic/Latino
- Other Race Alone



Other Race Alone includes: "American Indian and Alaska Native"; "Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander"; and "Some Other Race"

Division	CVAP	Hispanic/Latino Alone	Non-Hispanic/Latino White Alone	Non-Hispanic/Latino Black Alone	Non-Hispanic/Latino Asian Alone	Non-Hispanic/Latino Other Race Alone	Non-Hispanic/Latino Two or More Races	Total Population	Deviation From Average CVAP Population	Percent Deviation from Average CVAP Population
1	139,495	28.5%	22.1%	2.5%	44.2%	0.6%	2.1%	173,527	2,880	2.1%
2	132,975	25.4%	13.0%	1.0%	58.6%	0.4%	1.6%	164,099	(3,640)	-2.7%
3	139,000	67.0%	6.9%	1.3%	23.2%	0.6%	0.9%	176,560	2,385	1.7%
4	139,482	57.9%	16.0%	3.1%	20.4%	0.8%	1.7%	175,817	2,867	2.1%
5	132,121	65.2%	5.6%	1.3%	26.6%	0.5%	0.8%	170,469	(4,454)	-3.3%

PUBLIC MAP 1



Citizen Voting Age Population Demographic

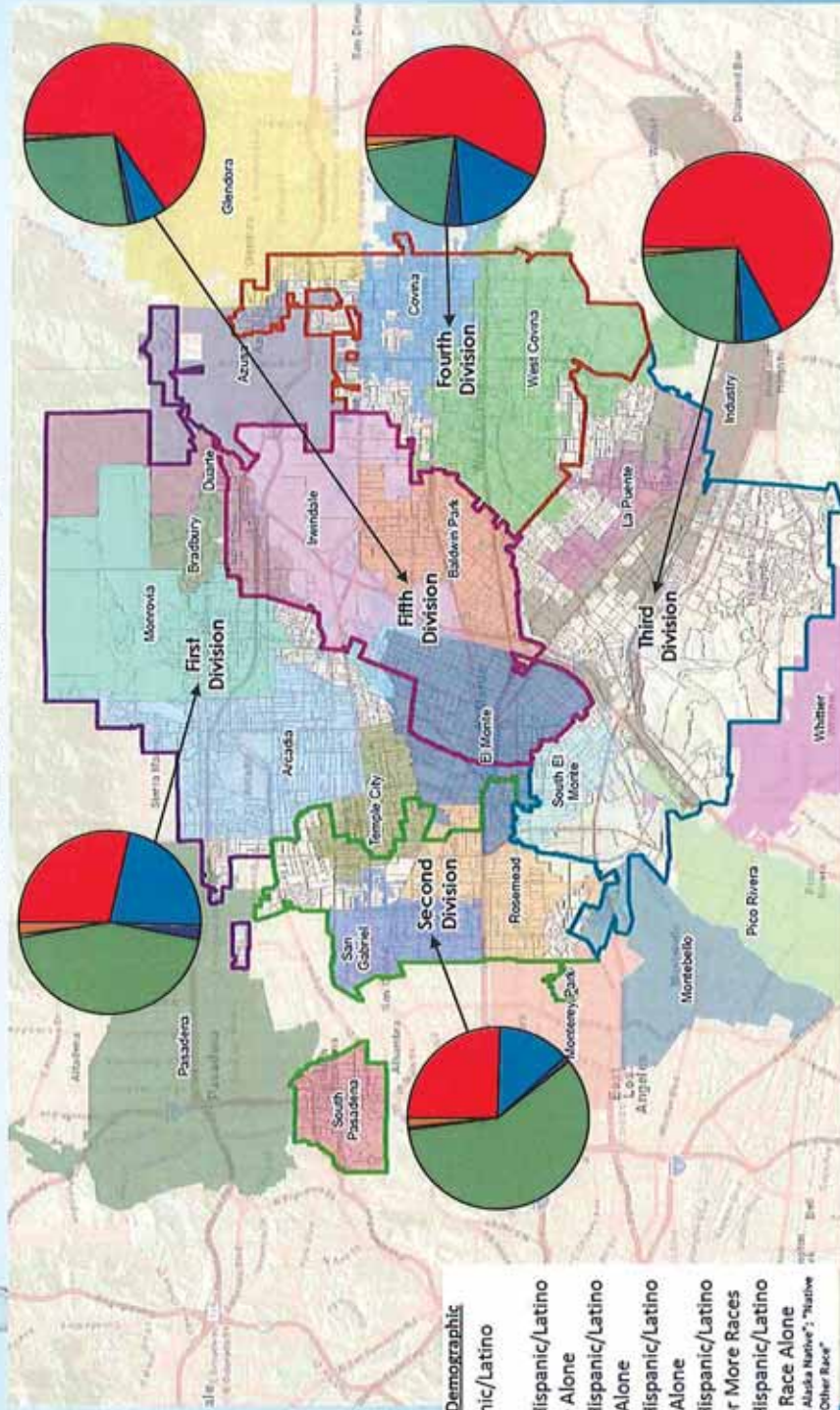
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- White Alone
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Division	CVAP	Hispanic/Latino Alone	Non-Hispanic/Latino White Alone	Non-Hispanic/Latino Black Alone	Non-Hispanic/Latino Asian Alone	Non-Hispanic/Latino Other Race Alone	Non-Hispanic/Latino Two or More Races	Total Population	Deviation From Average CVAP Population	Percent Deviation from Average CVAP Population
1	137,943	29.4%	21.5%	2.5%	44.0%	0.6%	2.1%	171,001	1,329	1.0%
2	133,864	25.0%	12.8%	1.0%	59.2%	0.4%	1.6%	184,801	(2,750)	-2.0%
3	131,864	69.2%	6.9%	1.1%	21.4%	0.6%	0.8%	168,089	(4,750)	-3.5%
4	142,295	56.1%	16.1%	3.3%	22.0%	0.9%	1.7%	178,926	5,681	4.2%
5	137,104	64.5%	6.4%	1.4%	26.4%	0.5%	0.8%	176,653	490	0.4%

PUBLIC MAP 2



Citizen Voting Age Population Demographic

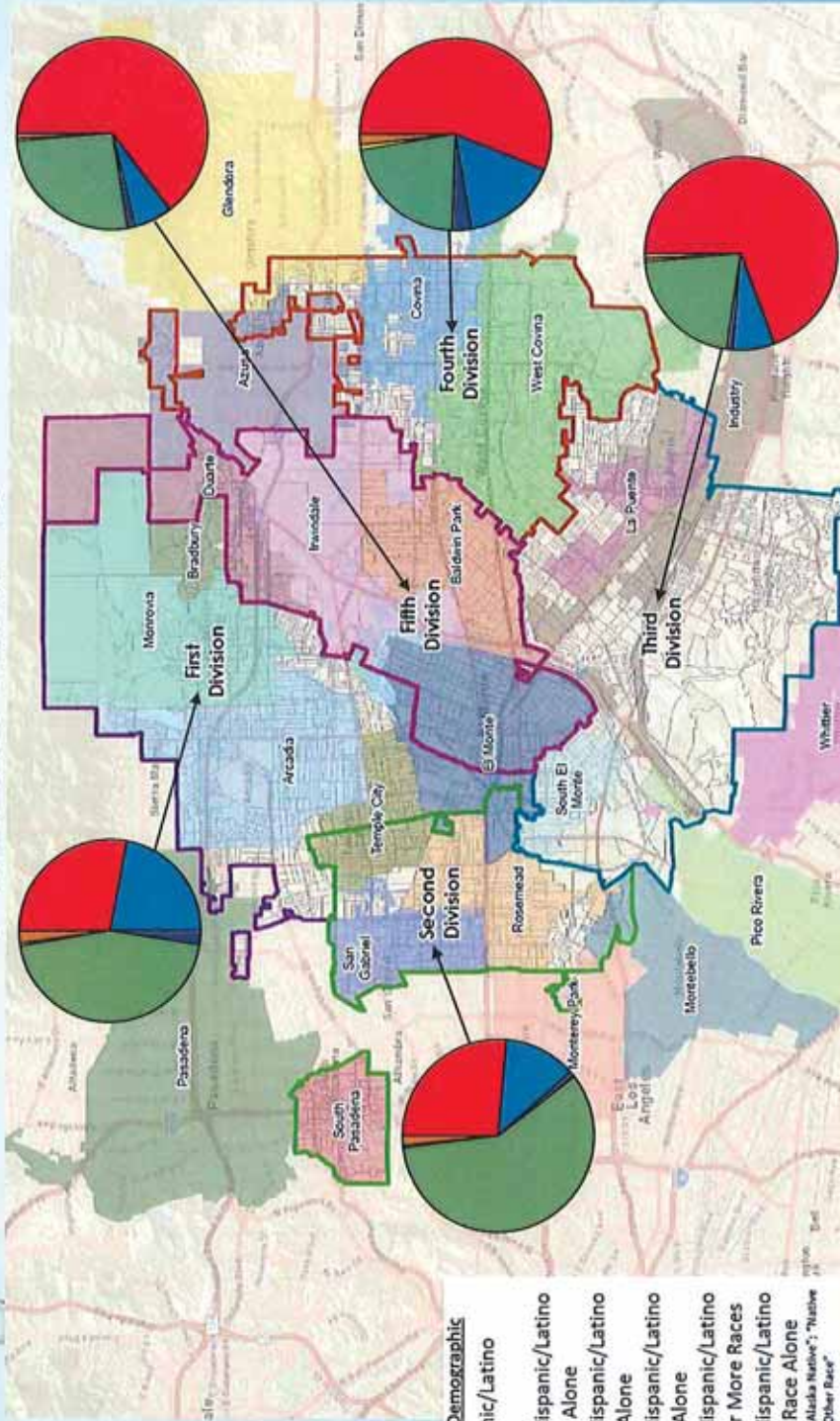
- Hispanic/Latino Alone
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- White Alone
- Non-Hispanic/Latino
- Black Alone
- Non-Hispanic/Latino
- Asian Alone
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Division	CVAP	Hispanic/Latino Alone	Non-Hispanic/Latino White Alone	Non-Hispanic/Latino Black Alone	Non-Hispanic/Latino Asian Alone	Non-Hispanic/Latino Other Race Alone	Non-Hispanic/Latino Two or More Races	Total Population	Deviation from Average CVAP Population	Percent Deviation from Average CVAP Population
1	139,495	28.5%	22.1%	2.5%	44.2%	0.6%	2.1%	173,527	2,880	2.1%
2	132,975	25.4%	13.0%	1.0%	58.6%	0.4%	1.6%	164,098	(3,640)	-2.7%
3	139,001	67.0%	6.9%	1.3%	23.2%	0.6%	0.9%	176,560	2,386	1.7%
4	137,651	57.6%	16.2%	3.1%	20.5%	0.9%	1.7%	173,412	1,036	0.8%
5	133,951	65.4%	5.6%	1.3%	26.4%	0.5%	0.8%	172,875	(2,664)	-1.9%

PUBLIC MAP 3



Citizen Voting Age Population Demographic

- Hispanic/Latino Alone
- Non-Hispanic/Latino
- White Alone
- Non-Hispanic/Latino
- Black Alone
- Non-Hispanic/Latino
- Asian Alone
- Non-Hispanic/Latino
- Two or More Races
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Division	CVAP	Hispanic/Latino Alone	Non-Hispanic/Latino White Alone	Non-Hispanic/Latino Black Alone	Non-Hispanic/Latino Asian Alone	Non-Hispanic/Latino Other Race Alone	Non-Hispanic/Latino Two or More Races	Total Population	Deviation From Average CVAP Population	Percent Deviation from Average CVAP Population
1	139,682	28.0%	22.0%	2.5%	44.6%	0.6%	2.1%	173,968	3,068	2.2%
2	132,126	26.4%	12.2%	1.0%	58.4%	0.4%	1.6%	162,834	(4,488)	-3.3%
3	131,864	69.2%	6.9%	1.1%	21.4%	0.6%	0.8%	168,089	(4,750)	-3.5%
4	142,295	56.1%	16.1%	3.3%	22.0%	0.9%	1.7%	178,926	5,681	4.2%
5	137,104	64.5%	6.4%	1.4%	26.4%	0.5%	0.8%	176,653	490	0.4%

RESOLUTION NO. 3-22-636

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF UPPER SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 1-12-507 AND RELOCATING, FIXING AND DETERMINING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE FIVE DIVISIONS OF SAID DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District ("Upper District") is a Municipal Water District under the California Water Code, Sections 71000 et. seq.; and

WHEREAS, the California Water Code requires that the territory of a Municipal Water District be divided into five (5) divisions in such manner as to equalize, as nearly as practicable, the population in the respective divisions. (Water Code Section 71160); and

WHEREAS, the California Water Code further requires that a Municipal Water District adjust boundaries of its five internal divisions following each national census to ensure that each of the divisions remain roughly equal in terms of population, thus advancing the "one-person, one-vote" principles rooted in the United States Constitution. (Water Code Section 71540); and

WHEREAS, a Municipal Water District, in adjusting its internal division boundaries must abide by the criteria forth in Section 22000 of the California Elections Code; and

WHEREAS, a change has occurred in the population within the Upper District, and with consideration of communities of interest, it is desirable, and necessary, to adjust the boundaries of the five divisions so as to equalize, as nearly as may be practicable, the population in the respective divisions; and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF UPPER SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Resolution No. 1-12-507 which previously fixed the boundaries of the five divisions of the Upper District is hereby repealed.

Section 2. So as to equalize, as nearly as practicable the population within all five divisions of the Upper District, and taking communities of interest into account, the Upper District Board of Directors does hereby relocate (i.e. adjust) the boundaries of the divisions, numbered Division One, Division Two, Division Three, Division Four and Division Five, as described in the attached Exhibit A, which is incorporated herein:

Section 3. The Secretary of the Upper District shall certify to the adoption of this resolution and transmit a certified copy thereof to the Offices of the Registrar-Recorder for the County of Los Angeles, California, and to the County Engineer of Los Angeles County.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 16th day of March, 2022.

Ed Chavez, President

ATTEST:

Katarina Garcia, Secretary

(SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Steven P. O'Neill, District Counsel