

MARIPOSA COUNTY 2021 REDISTRICTING PROCEEDINGS
PUBLIC HEARING #2

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[AGENDA ITEM C.1 TITLED:
PUBLIC HEARING to Review Existing District Boundaries; Review State
Redistricting Criteria; and Receive Public Input and Proposals Regarding
County Supervisor Districts]

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MARSHALL LONG:

First folks. Thank you for being here. I'm glad to see somebody came to the special meeting this morning. So thank you for coming. Great to have you here. Uh, and I hope we have a whole bunch of folks on the phone line too, although I can't tell that, no? Uh. The CAO is shaking his head. Well, I hope they join us very quickly. So we'll move on to the only agenda item for this meeting that's from the Clerk of the Board, René LaRoche, and that is to conduct a public hearing number two, to review existing district boundaries, review state redistricting criteria, and receive public input and proposals regarding county supervisor districts. René?

RENÉ LaROCHE:

Thank you, Chair, and as you noted, I am René LaRoche, the Clerk of the Board, and as you also noted that this is a public hearing for the County's redistricting process. It is in fact, the second of five that had been scheduled for this process. So for those who are not here today, you can join us at one of the other public hearings, or you can also provide your input in various manners from email, uh, and you can send that to redistricting@mariposacounty.org, um, hard copy letter. And, interestingly, this is one of the few processes where I would say it's all right to send something via U.S.P.S. mail because of the delay, but this process will be going on, um, until nearly the end of the year, so there is time to send something in that way also. We have, uh, or the web forms or the other means that we've established to accept public input for normal board meetings and items.

You can use that, um, or you can just call us if you need assistance with something. We will find a way to get your input. However, for this process, what would be most helpful is that Communities of Interest Worksheet and that can be found and submitted online at www.mariposacounty.org/coi (for communities of interest.) Uhm, you can also download a PDF copy there, or you can contact my office and we can get you a hard copy. I want to stress that your voice matters for this process, and we really need to hear from as many people as possible. Our end product is only going to be as good as the input that we receive, so the more input the better.

Also, before we get too far into today's public hearing, I do want to advise our listening public of a slight change to our public hearing schedule because of the statewide special election that the governor called for September 14th. We've had to move the next public hearing to Wednesday,

September 15th at 2:00 PM here in the Chambers, rather than September 14th as was previously advertised. So again, that is Wednesday, September 15th at 2:00 PM so please mark your calendars accordingly. Um, and then also I want to let the Board know that as we proceed through this today, uh, I'm, I'm, uh, aware that the Board already knows most of this information, but we have a higher obligation to educate and for public engagement in this process than perhaps in others. And so, uh, each public hearing will pretty much proceed as if we have people who are hearing the information for the first time. So there will be a pretty extensive recap of things at the beginning. Um, I apologize because I'm always trying to be very respectful of your time. I understand the, the demands on it and the constraints. Um, so, but please bear with me through this whole process.

At this point, I'm going to be giving a brief overview of the process and the map criteria and the constraints, and then we will turn it over to the Planning Director for the rest of the presentation. So, as many of you already know, redistricting is required every 10 years, and it follows the decennial Federal census, which is required by the U S constitution. In turn, our redistricting process, which is also known as reapportionment, is automatically triggered by various laws among all levels of federal state and local governments since the federal census is now complete. So now that it is complete, this redistricting process has been triggered, but it's not just us - it's across the country. Um, every county parish, borough, whatever it's called... every city, every special district. If it has elected representatives, they are going through this process. I mention that because there's also a statewide process going on and while input is needed for that as well, they operate under slightly different rules and regulations. So, uh, please be aware that you're being asked for public input on multiple levels and also be aware that there are differences in regulations, timelines, and all of that. However, for us today, I'm going to be specific to *our* process. Um, so the redistricting process, uh, is also defined, as I noted, by State and Federal laws, but they outline not only the process, but the criteria that must be used for the final district boundaries.

Those boundary criteria start with how many districts, and that's basic state law. State law says that every county in California has five supervisors. Five supervisors who are elected, means we have five supervisor- supervisorial districts that we will end up with. We have no latitude in that. We cannot change that. That has to be the final number of districts.

The second is that the final districts must contain substantially equal numbers of people in each district. However, that's using the population numbers that have been gathered by the last U.S. census. And so for us, we will be looking at the 2020 census. Um, we have had some input, and we've heard from some people and I'm not sure where they're getting their data, but people have said that they don't see... they don't think that the numbers for their communities are reflective of who was actually there. That they are too low. And, unfortunately, we can't do anything about that. We are mandated by multiple laws, federal and state, that we must use the U S census data. So we can't deviate from that. Ultimately the final districts will have approximately one-fifth of the county's population, as it has been defined by the U.S. census, per district.

We do have a slight amount of deviation that we can, um, use as a cushion between the, uh, district with the most people and the district with the least people. What we've been advised by the state... California State Association of Counties, and some others in the trainings, is that the deviation can be 10%. However, I know that in our last process here in, I'm getting my years mixed up 2011, I guess, um, that we actually had a 6% deviation. And so I, I believe that we're going to target that same low

level, um, which ultimately makes the districts more representative or, or your representation more equal among people. Um, there's also other important criteria that is specific to the state of California and they are in ranked order. So the first thing is the most important that we have to consider and, then, each one, after that, um, is subject to what came before.

The first in the ranked order is that the final districts must be geographically contiguous.

The second in the ranked order is that they must respect the geographic integrity of any local neighborhood or local communities of interest in a way that minimizes their division. And unfortunately, or fortunately as the case may be, the communities of interest are very broadly defined. And I say unfortunate, because I know that people are struggling with that. Um, however, the way it's defined in the law is that a community of interest is a population that shares common social or economic interests that should be included within a single supervisorial district for purposes of its effective and fair representation. Communities of interest do not include relationships with political parties, incumbents, or political candidates. Um, it's a much more innocuous definition for us here in a rural climate, because we don't have, um, the planned communities that the cities have, and we don't have the blocks. But for a city, just to give an example, you might have a, a planned committee- a planned community, a planned development that the residents wanted to have in a specific district.

Um, you might have, uh, maybe a particular community... so many blocks around a church, if it had a very strong community of interest. So that's the things like that. However, we don't define communities of interest. The public does, and that's why we are urging everyone to submit their Community of Interest worksheet. Because as you can tell by the ranked order, this is the second one in the list, and it has a high level of priority. So, um, if you haven't done your community of interest worksheet, please do so. You can, like I say, you can do them online. You can call my office. We will get you what you need so that you can provide that input.

The third in the ranked order is that the final districts must maintain the geographic integrity of census designated places in a way that minimizes their division. So in 2010, the census designated places within Mariposa County were Bear Valley, Bootjack, Buck Meadows, Catheys Valley, Coulterville, El Portal, Fish Camp, Greeley Hill, Hornitos, Lake Don Pedro, Mariposa, Midpines, Wawona, and Yosemite Valley.

Uh, the fourth in the ranked order criteria is that the final districts must have easily identifiable boundaries, which are readily understood by residents. So, uh, they can be natural and artificial barriers like a river, for instance, or streets or other boundaries where they are practicable.

The fifth in the ranked order list is that districts must be geographically compact so that nearby populations are not bypassed in favor of more distant populations. And this, too, is where practicable and where it does not conflict with the proceeding criteria in the ranked order list. To explain that one, um, what I would say is we can't have any creative shapes into our districts. Uh, we want to get as close as we can to a ball shape, although not round, but it has to be compact. And it has to be in a single area. What we don't want is something of, um, I'm going to now show that I watched far too many cartoons when I was a child, but, um, I always saw the way dog bones were,

were drawn. There would be a long cylinder in the middle, and then you would have the big, uh, circles at the end. Those were supposed to be dog bones. But in terms of a map, you could have population clusters that were far, and, but you cannot do a shape like that in order to connect them so that they are in the same district. You would have to have something approximating a round or a single area. So no creative shapes is what that means.

And then six in the final, in the ranked criteria, is that the final supervisorial district boundaries may not be adopted for the purpose of favoring or discriminating against a political party.

For this redistricting process, the County is also mandated to conduct enhanced public engagement, as well as a series of public hearings, which is what this is for. The public engagement is expected to continue to some degree to the end of the process. Um, however, because of the legal requirements to conduct and document our efforts, an updated public engagement log will be attached to each board item as it comes before the Board for the public hearings. Uh, the last one came to the Board on June 8th and it was, uh, dated June 3rd, 2021, but since that time, the Community of Interest Worksheet has been distributed to fifteen more organizations, as well as sixteen County committees, boards, and commissions. As an aside, I will say while they were distributed to organizations, we are not looking for organizational input. We are not asking, uh, committees to get together and together decide what's going to be a community of interest input. We asked them to distribute to the members because what we are looking for, and what carries the most weight, is the individual input from people, the individual people.

Um, and then, additionally, we have a new feature. It was demoed at the, at the last public hearing and it's the ability to submit Communities of Interest input by basically drawing a map. And that, uh, G.I.S. feature was the brain child of Ben Ogren. He's not here, but I want to extend kudos and ask Sarah to pass along those kudos. Um, his brain child... his baby. He built the whole thing. That's in addition to what we already offer. It's just another tool in the tool kit. Um, but that can be accessed at www.mariposacounty.org/mymap. As the Board knows, a redistricting web page was also set up at the... back in May when the Board decided the methodology that we would proceed to use for this process. And that entire webpage can be found at www.mariposacounty.org/redistricting. And you can find information, links, um, the Community of Interest Worksheets to download. You can find the public engagement log there, and you can find transcripts of each public hearing because we are actually making transcripts for these and putting them on the website, and then we'll maintain those for the ten years, as required by law.

So back to the process, the County is also obligated to conduct at least four public hearings with one of those being held on either a Saturday or a weekday evening. And today's public hearing fulfills that latter criteria for one or the other. However, we've also scheduled an evening meeting for Monday, November 1st, at 6:00 PM here in the Chambers. So, together, while the State requires four public hearings, we have five scheduled. Um, and we scheduled the, um, today's Saturday meeting and then an additional one for the evening of November 1st.

And then, finally, this process needs to be completed, and a final ordinance adopted no later than the legally mandated deadline of December 15th, 2021. Admittedly, that's... it's going to be a short- it's going to be a short timeframe. And as the public who are here will notice, we have no draft maps

available. In fact, by law, we cannot produce any draft maps because under the state laws, we can only do that when two things have occurred. The first is a public hearing, which we held on June 8th so that criteria was met. But the second one is that at least three weeks have to have passed since the release of the block level census data. And, unfortunately... and I checked again this week, that is still scheduled to not occur until September 30th. So, we're talking three weeks past that before we can produce a draft map. It doesn't take a lot to realize that given those constraints and the deadlines, the County will have to rush through the final portion of the process in a very compressed timeline once that census data is released. However, there is no one that I trust more to make that happen than Sarah Williams and our Planning Department. And while that seems glib, because it's also my segue to her, uh, her portion of the presentation, it is absolutely the way I feel. I feel, uh, very gratified and blessed to have the team that I have and grateful for the Board, uh, to the Board for allowing me to lead it. Uh, and so with that, I'm going to turn this over to Sarah.

MARSHALL LONG:

Thank you, René.

SARAH WILLIAMS:

Thank you very much. Good morning Board and public. What I'd like to talk about today is the input that we've received to date on Communities of Interest. These are the forms that have been submitted through this web form program that Ben prepared. We've received sixteen of those to date, and while we cannot start producing draft maps for redistricting, we can be thinking about this input and thinking about what makes sense to us and, um, how, how that input might affect our decisions once we get the, the redistricting numbers in place.

So, the input that I would like to highlight today, um, are those that have some geographic component that we could use, then, to inform or make our decisions on redistricting. Ultimately, we need to consider all those criteria but, for instance, if we need to modify a boundary between two adjacent districts, uh, we, we should be considering this Community of Interest input that we received.

So, there are five categories that I identified as I looked through those 16 forms that we've received already. And the first relates to, uh, impact that has been created by drought and the beetle kill. I think we all realize that there's a geographic area in the county that is most impacted. And the input that we received identified that that is a Community of Interest for that individual. So that would kind of be stretching from Ponderosa Basin and Bootjack through Midpines and then some into North County.

Uh, the second input that we received that I think is, uh, is important to consider, and it's been considered in many of the redistricting efforts in the past, I've been able to participate in those... and that relates to areas or communities that are impacted by the Park. And that would be impacted based on proximity to, or within the Park, or based on employees who reside in those communities. And so the communities or areas that were specifically identified were Fish Camp, Wawona, Yosemite West, El Portal, Foresta, and Midpines.

I, I purposefully identified the third Community of Interest because I think that that input, uh, needs to also consider travel corridors. And that's how decisions have been made with past redistricting

efforts. So for instance, one may say, why are the communities of Fish Camp and Wawona in District Five when all the other communities that are affected by the Park are in District One? And, in previous efforts, that was based on corridors that, uh... Wawona and Fish Camp are served by Highway 41, and the other communities are served primarily by Highway 140. There's no one right way or one right answer to that. But, um, these are, this is input that we were receiving. Uh, Yosemite West is an outlier that has, uh, has been in District One because of its proximity to Yosemite Valley in the past.

The fourth area of, uh, of community interest input that we received, uh, was specific to the town of Mariposa. And they, this input felt that that town is one Community of Interest. And this is an area that we will also have to discuss once we get our information in. Currently, the town is represented by two supervisorial districts. A portion is District Three, and a portion is District Four. Uh, once we get the numbers, we can also be looking at the actual boundaries of the CDPs. That's the acronym for census designated places. Those typically do not coincide with our town planning area boundaries. So we may be able to, uh, to work with those boundaries.

And the fifth area that was identified as, uh, as, uh, an individuals, Community of Interest represented, um, or corresponded to school district boundaries. In this instance, uh, the input received identified that all of the area that's served by Woodland school district represented a Community of Interest to that resident.

So those are the, kind of the, the input that I reviewed, that I felt, uh, corresponded to some geographic boundaries that will help us as we move forward in this process.

MARSHALL LONG:

Thank you, René. So, um, before I go to public comment, and there's one thing I forgot to do, I call to order this public hearing. Um, any of the Board members have any questions, clarification questions now? Supervisor Menetrey?

MILES MENETREY:

Yep. Um, with regards to the State information, the information we're waiting on the State to deliver to us, and you're advising that that's not going to be until the end of September. I'm wondering if the September 14th meeting should be shifted to give us three meetings after we received that information. I'm just throwing it on the table. Um, it, it appears that that 14th meeting, we still won't be able to develop a map. Um, and of course, more information and the sheets that come in, we can discuss, but I just wanted to raise that question.

RENÉ LaROCHE:

Um, Supervisor, I will... René LaRoche. Um, um, the reason that the hearing schedule was set as it was, was it's going to take more than a week for staff to develop some draft maps. So if, uh, as we are assuming is going to happen that the census data is not available until September 30th, um, it's going to take the full three weeks, if not more to, to crunch that data and then come up with some drafts. And so that's actually the reason that we went, it was just trying to reserve that time for staff to do what they do. We can go ahead and schedule another public hearing. If we were going to do that, I would say probably just do it the week before November 1st, because that way we're still

leaving as much time for staff as possible, but you still have a couple extra opportunities to weigh in on that.

MILES MENETREY:

Yeah, I get that. And we can't produce the map until three weeks after September 30th, which gets us three quarters of the way through October. But I, I just raised it to see if, uh, if it was an option we wanted to explore, uh, to have another crack at it once the map does get produced. But I, I absolutely defer to you guys that are doing the hands-on work. Uh, so thank you for that answer.

MARSHALL LONG:

Following up on Supervisor Menetrey. Um, once we receive the information, we can begin producing the map, but we can't make it public until after the three weeks.

RENÉ LaROCHE:

No. The law states that we cannot produce a draft map for three weeks and that's to provide the public to give us more input,

MARSHALL LONG:

But how can they give us more input if we haven't created a draft map for them to make comment on?

RENÉ LaROCHE:

Normally, census data is out in March. That's the problem. The process has been defined by State law and the normal process would go through the whole year. The problem is that this particular year, the census data is late.

MARSHALL LONG:

Okay, thank you.

SARAH WILLIAMS:

Um...

MARSHALL LONG:

Supervi-

SARAH WILLIAMS:

I, I would like to, to ask for clarification. One thing that we could do to help the public make the input is produce a map that just had the boundaries of the current districts, together with the census data that's been received to date. So people could look to see what the population distribution was within the existing district boundaries to give folks an idea of where changes might, might need to be made. And that wouldn't be producing a draft redistricting map. It would just be producing a map based on the information that we've received to help people provide input.

MARSHALL LONG:

Yeah.

SARAH WILLIAMS:

And, and we, we would do that.

MARSHALL LONG:

That would be very helpful.

RENÉ LaROCHE:

And I would also note, um, Chair that, uh, as I noted at the beginning of my presentation, we are accepting public input throughout the whole year. It does not require a public hearing for people to give us their input. If they send it to me, send an email to redistricting@mariposacounty.org, or just send it in or walk it in, it will go to staff and at least staff will have the, um, the ability to consider it while, when they get to that point.

MARSHALL LONG:

And this is not a criticism of anyone I'm just wished that they would change the legislation and allow us to create a draft map for the public to be able to look at it. It's not that we are encouraging a single way of looking at the map. It would help them to have something to look at so anyway,

RENÉ LaROCHE:

I concur.

MARSHALL LONG:

It's a process...

RENÉ LaROCHE:

No, I concur. Um, as, as you know, from the get-go, staff has been, um, less than pleased with the current situation.

MARSHALL LONG:

Yes, but we appreciate your efforts because you have done such a great job keeping us informed. Supervisor Menetrey.

MILES MENETREY:

Yeah. I was going to ask if the information from the state was going to be made public and Sarah addressed it. And I think that's a great idea. If we could show the existing districts with the, uh, 2010 census numbers against the 2020 census numbers, I think that'd be helpful for the folks. Good idea. Thank you, Chair.

MARSHALL LONG:

Yeah, thank you. Supervisor Smallcombe.

ROSEMARIE SMALLCOMBE:

So Sarah, would you mind clarifying, when you say information received, what is that?

SARAH WILLIAMS:

Are you referencing the packets that, that... The packet that was prepared for this public hearing has sixteen Community of Interest surveys attached to it. That's, that's the information that we have received to date...

ROSEMARIE SMALLCOMBE:

Okay.

SARAH WILLIAMS:

...from the public that, that corresponds to our need to get input on Community of Interests, what, what do, what do people feel are communities of interests that need to be considered as we move forward with this process?

ROSEMARIE SMALLCOMBE:

Okay. Not as, as opposed to, um, preliminary census data. There, there were, I got a little confused with a couple of comments, so we do not, we do not have anything nor do we expect to receive anything until the end of September. Um, as far as actual census data, is that correct?

SARAH WILLIAMS:

That's, that's correct. Yes.

ROSEMARIE SMALLCOMBE:

Okay. So what, what you're talking about is a map that would, um, lay out the information or the, or the suggestions regarding communities of interest that have been received thus far.

SARAH WILLIAMS:

No. When, when we produce a map following the September 30th receipt of the census data, we will not be showing anything about the communities of interest. All we will be showing are existing district boundaries, together with population numbers that were from 2010 census and population numbers that were from the 2020 census. We'll be able to see how, uh, how the current boundaries are representative relative to the, the requirement that the districts contain substantially equal numbers of people. How far off are we? Do we have to make a change in certain districts because they don't represent approximately 20% of the population? Uh, yes or no? It doesn't still mean that, even if those, those numbers show that our boundaries are okay, that we cannot, through this process, make amendments to your, to the district boundaries.

ROSEMARIE SMALLCOMBE:

But, that's the map that will come out three weeks from whatever date we actually receive the census data.

SARAH WILLIAMS:

I would, I would propose that we would get it out as soon as possible after receipt of the information on September 30th, because the three-week time period is established for the public to provide information to us, the County about, about that information and how it should be used for redistricting.

RENÉ LaROCHE:

And I would add just for clarification, that the draft maps that we're talking about are our drafts of the new district boundaries.

ROSEMARIE SMALLCOMBE:

Uh-hm.

RENÉ LaROCHE:

So that's why the delay between when the census comes out and when we can provide them.

ROSEMARIE SMALLCOMBE:

Right. Right. Okay. Thank you,

MARSHALL LONG:

Supervisor Forsythe.

WAYNE FORSYTHE:

Um, when we're redistricting, um, and, and if there's a supervisor that is district, um, where they live, the boundary changes and they are now not within that district, what's the procedure. Do they fulfill the seat until their term is up and then it's redistricted, or how's that go?

RENÉ LaROCHE:

That, that's correct. The state law, in essence, grandfathers them in until the end of their term. They can finish out their term, but then when the next election comes, the new boundaries take effect. So if they're not in the boundaries of their district, they cannot run for that district anymore.

MARSHALL LONG:

All right. Any other questions or comments or clarification questions? All right. Then we're going to go ahead and open up for public comment. So folks, do we have any public comment today, and I will remind you that you have five minutes, um, please state your name for the record, if you would, um, and address the chair when you're making your comment. So is there any public comment today in the chambers? Yes, please come forward, come up to the podium. The, you'll need to turn on the microphone. There's the base. Very good. You've been here before.

PAUL BRICKETT:

Yes, Paul Birkett. Okay. Uh, one question, how many census blocks are there in Mariposa County? Um, are the data from 2010 available? And, uh, the other entity is Zones of Benefit in the county, um, that people have road associations for, and other things that, um, are, are, is there a list of zones of benefit for, you know, people to evaluate? That's it? Thanks.

MARSHALL LONG:

Okay. We'll answer your question after everybody's had a chance to speak. Is there any other public comment today? Come on up. Come on up. Come on up to the podium. You'll need to turn the microphone on. It's the BA uh, the button at the base on the right of the mic that says Speak. Very good. Thank you.

KENNETH BOCHE:

All right. Good morning, everyone.

MARSHALL LONG:

Good morning.

KENNETH BOCHE:

So, I'm submitting a two-part proposal, two-part my idea for redistricting and the first part, which may sound weird, but I'm concerned that members of our community often are, uh, emotionally idealistic, ideologically divided from one another. And to me, that's a concern. And I would like to propose a dog park as a way to facilitate communication between otherwise, uh, emotionally, politically separate members of our community. And so I go into some detail using my own personal experience in the last month or six weeks from going to the, uh, emergency room, et cetera, et cetera, and how I can see, uh, these conversations taking place, uh, that will bridge the divides that sometimes separate us.

The second part of my two part submission is to define the Sierra communities of interest as separate from, especially the Central Valleys. Because so often we have been blocked, a piece of the foothills, a piece that another piece of the foothills gets, uh, you know, attached to these larger population, uh, congressional districts to our own, uh, lack of benefit. And so what I am proposing is that the Sierra communities have our own communities of interests that are separate from the Central Valley's, especially. And I propose that our congressional district go from the Kern River in the south, all the way to the Oregon border, staying in the Sierra on both sides, for reasons that are explained, uh, in some detail here. So, um, that's basically what I'm submitting.

MARSHALL LONG:

Okay. Thank you. Thank you for your comments. And if you would, give your proposal to the Clerk of the Board.

KENNETH BOCHE:

There you go.

MARSHALL LONG:

And sir, if you would, would you state your name for, for...

KENNETH BOCHE:

Oh, yeah. Kenneth Boche.

MARSHALL LONG:

Kenneth. Okay. Thank you, Kenneth. Thank you for your comments.

KENNETH BOCHE:

You're welcome. Thank you for your time and your hearing.

MARSHALL LONG:

Well, thank you for coming today.

Do we have any other public comments in the Chambers today on redistricting within Mariposa County? All right. I don't see any. Dallin, do we have anyone on the phone? Well, I'll make the call anyway. Do we have any public comment on the phone line today? All right. Hearing none I'll go ahead and close public comment on this item.

Um, so the questions that we had, um, were how many census blocks do we have? Uh, is the 2010 census data available? And is there a place to find a list of zones to benefit?

SARAH WILLIAMS:

Well, I'll take my, my stab at those, those questions. The census block information, I do not have with me at my fingertips today, but we can certainly get that for you. If you come see me after the meeting today and get me your contact information, we could either mail that to you or email that to you, or I could call you with that information.

MARSHALL LONG:

Sarah, on that, on that question, we don't have that up on the website right now, the redistricting website. Can we add that?

SARAH WILLIAMS:

I can, um, when, when you ask how many census blocks, I, I know that there are census blocks from the 2010, uh, census, uh, redis- uh census information. I don't know if those changed with the 2020.

MARSHALL LONG:

So they may have changed? René is shaking her head.

RENÉ LaROCHE:

That would be my caution putting up any kind of...

MARSHALL LONG:

Okay.

RENÉ LaROCHE:

...2010 data on the redistricting website is it may not apply and it may confuse the process long-term.

MARSHALL LONG:

Okay. All right. But that information is publicly available. If you go on to census.us.gov.

RENÉ LaROCHE:

Correct.

MARSHALL LONG:

Uh, you should be able to find that census data or the census blocks in Mariposa County, but Sarah was making the offer to, to provide that.

SARAH WILLIAMS:

I'll help with that.

MARSHALL LONG:

Thank you, Sarah.

SARAH WILLIAMS:

Yep. Uh, population numbers from 2010, we have a good file about the redistricting efforts from, uh, ten years ago, and that information, I think will, will, I'll be able to find for you in those files. And then third, the zones of benefit, those are road maintenance zones of benefit, and that's, that I, I can also find easily for you and get that information to you.

TOM SWEENEY:

From off mic: It was in the last agenda packet, too.

MARSHALL LONG:

Oh yes, that's correct. Uh, the, the last agenda packet from last week's meeting, uh, had a list of zones of benefit. So if you go onto the agenda, uh, agendas and minutes on mariposacounty.org, uh, and find the agenda from, uh, the meeting last week, uh, you can find those, that list of zones and benefits listed in the agenda packet. Did sir, did that answer your questions? Okay. Thank you. All right.

RENÉ LaROCHE:

If you don't mind, Chair, I'd like to address, uh, Mr. Boche's comments for a moment. Um, Mr. Boche, the comments that you were making about a Sierra district, that's actually part of the statewide redistricting process. All we are considering is the County supervisorial districts. That, uh, process is ongoing on the state level, also, as I noted at the beginning, and I think it is, wedrawthelines.com. They have, um, several community of interest public hearings coming up, and I believe they're taking input online, so if you really want your input there to be considered in that process, that would be the way to go on that.

KENNETH BOCHE:

Wedrawthelines.com?

RENÉ LaROCHE:

Correct.

KENNETH BOCHE:

Thank you.

MARSHALL LONG:

All right. Any other questions or comments from the Board? All right. So, let's go ahead and wrap up. Um, is there anything else, René or Sarah, that you'd like to add before I go ahead and close the public hearing today?

RENÉ LaROCHE:

Um, no, I think that's good. Just a reminder again, the next public hearing is Wednesday, not Tuesday, Wednesday, September 15th at 2:00 PM. Thank you, Chair.

MARSHALL LONG:

All right. Thank you very much. And with that, since there are no other questions or comments from the Board or from the public I'm going to adjourn this public hearing. Thank you again for coming in folks.

UNIDENTIFIABLE:

Glad to be here.

MARSHALL LONG:

And I'm also adjourning this meeting for, uh, yeah, July 17th, 2021.

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