

January 13, 2022
Fremont, California

The special meeting of the Board of Directors of ALAMEDA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT was held on January 13, 2022, at the hour of 4:30 P.M.

Due to COVID-19 and in accordance with Assembly Bill 361, which modifies Government Code Section 54953, this meeting was conducted by Zoom Webinar and Teleconference, and members of the public were invited to participate.

Present: Directors Sethy, Akbari, Gunther, Huang, and Weed

Staff members present: General Manager Ed Stevenson, Director of Operations & Maintenance Kurt Arends, Director of Finance Jonathan Wunderlich, Director of Water Resources Laura Hidas, Director of Engineering & Technology Girum Awoke, General Counsel Patrick Miyaki, and Assistant District Secretary Marian Hsu.

President Weed presided.

President Weed led in the Salute to the Flag.

3 – PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

4 – THIRD PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE PUBLIC INPUT ON THE TRANSITION FROM AT-LARGE TO ZONE-BASED ELECTIONS TO CREATE FIVE ZONES FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS PURSUANT TO THE CALIFORNIA VOTING RIGHTS ACT

Director Weed provided Public Hearing guidelines for receiving public input on the transition from at-large to zone-based elections. President Weed opened the Public Hearing at 4:35 P.M.

Mr. Stevenson provided additional context to the public hearing. The Board of Directors are currently elected at-large, per the District's enabling legislation. On August 12, 2021, the Board adopted Resolution No. 21-050 approving the intention to change from at-large to zone-based elections for election of members of the Board of Directors pursuant to the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA). Through this process, it is the District's intention to establish five zones that are compliant with all voting laws and best practices, that include appropriate representation of the District's minority groups and the opportunity for minority groups to exercise effectively the electoral franchise, and that take into consideration topography, geography, cohesiveness, contiguity, integrity and compactness of territory, non-disturbance of existing precincts, and maintain vital communities of interest.

In accordance with the CVRA, the District is conducting a series of five public hearings to obtain public input through the process. Two public hearings were previously conducted to inform the public about the CVRA process and receive input on what factors should be taken into consideration when creating the new voting zones. Three additional public hearings will be

conducted to present the draft maps, potential election sequencing, and receive further public input. This is the first of these three additional public hearings.

The purpose of this third hearing is to present draft voting district zone maps developed by the District's demographers and potential election sequencing and receive input from the public. The draft maps were published on the District's website on January 4, 2022. The fourth and fifth public hearings to receive and consider further input from the public are scheduled for Thursday, February 17, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. and Thursday, March 10, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. The Board would consider approval of a final map and election sequencing at the fifth public hearing on March 10, 2022.

Mr. Stevenson introduced Dr. Shelley Lapkoff of Lapkoff & Gobalet Demographic Research, the District's demographer, who presented five draft maps for input.

Discussion ensued and staff and the consultant responded to questions from the Board and the public.

Mr. Kelly Abreu, and Mr. Ken Nishimura, both Fremont residents, made comments on the maps presented and the District's zoning process.

Mr. Stevenson read aloud an earlier question submitted by Mr. Zarren Wevon and staff's response regarding the effect of zone-based elections on Director term limits.

The Board expressed appreciation for the efforts taken in developing the maps and provided comments.

President Weed closed the Public Hearing at 5:30 P.M.

5 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS – None

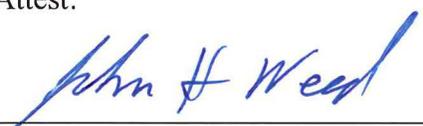
6 – DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS AND/OR AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS – None

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 5:30 P.M.



Marian Hsu, Assistant District Secretary

Attest:



John H. Weed, President