NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

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A Hybrid Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rincon del Diablo Municipal Water District and a Rate Study Workshop will be held telephonically and in-person at the District Office located at 1920 North Iris Lane, Escondido, California on Tuesday, March 8, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

AGENDA
March 8, 2022

Note: Items on the Agenda may be taken out of sequential order as their priority is determined by the Board of Directors.

I. Call to Order
II. Welcome to Guests
III. Pledge of Allegiance
IV. Roll Call, Determination of Quorum

V. Additions to Agenda (Gov. Code Sec. 54954.2(b))

In accordance with Government Code Section 54954.2 (the Brown Act), additions/changes to the agenda generally require a determination by a two-thirds vote of the members of the board present at the meeting, or, if less than two-thirds of the members present, a unanimous vote of those members present, that there is a need to take immediate action and that the need for action came to the attention of the District subsequent to the agenda being posted.
VI. Oral Communications to the Board of Directors

This portion of the agenda may be used by any person to address the Board of Directors on any matter within the jurisdiction of the Rincon del Diablo Municipal Water District. However, depending upon the subject matter, the Board of Directors may be unable to respond at this time until the specific item is placed on the agenda at a future meeting in accordance with the Brown Act.

SECTION 1 - CONSENT ITEMS

Nothing to report.

SECTION 2 – EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS & FIRE SERVICES

Nothing to report.

SECTION 3 – PUBLIC INFORMATION & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Nothing to report.

SECTION 4 – FINANCE, INSURANCE & PERSONNEL

4-A. Workshop: Rate Study. (Steve Gagnon, Senior Manager, Raftelis)

SECTION 5 – OPERATIONS; ENGINEERING & LONG-RANGE PLANNING

Nothing to report.

SECTION 6 – SEWER

Nothing to report.

SECTION 7 – DIRECTORS/STAFF REPORT & SDCWA DIRECTOR’S REPORT

7-A. Redistricting Discussion and Selection. (Redistricting Partners) (Possible Action)

SECTION 8 – GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

8-B. General Manager’s Oral Report.

SECTION 9 – LEGAL MATTERS

Nothing to report.
**ADJOURNMENT**

Note: At the discretion of the Board of Directors, all items appearing on this agenda may be deliberated and may be subject to action by the Board of Directors.

I certify that this agenda was posted 72 hours prior to the meeting of March 8, 2022.

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Wanda Cassidy
Wanda Cassidy, Clerk of the Board
March 8, 2022

SECTION 7: DIRECTORS/STAFF REPORT & SDCWA DIRECTOR’S REPORT

7-A: Redistricting Discussion and Selection.

PURPOSE:
To discuss the three draft maps of director division boundary adjustments and make a final selection.

FISCAL IMPACT:
There is no fiscal impact associated with this discussion.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:
October 26, 2021 The Board of Directors authorized the General Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement for the purpose of hiring a professional consultant to perform State required redistricting services.

January 25, 2022 Redistricting Partners provided an update on the redistricting process.

February 8, 2022 A Public Hearing was held to take comments regarding the draft maps of the director divisions redistricting.

February 22, 2022 The Board of Directors discussed the three available drafts and provided staff with direction.

BACKGROUND:
California Elections Codes Section 22000 requires special districts to adjust their division boundaries by resolution after each federal decennial census. Using that census as a basis, special districts are to adjust the boundaries of director divisions so that the divisions are, as far as practicable, equal in population. In adjusting the boundaries of the divisions, the Board may give consideration to the following factors: “(1) topography, (2) geography, (3) cohesiveness, contiguity, integrity, and compactness of territory, and (4) communities of interest of the division.” Section 220001 requires that at least one public hearing is conducted prior to the adoption of new boundaries.

AB 849, the Fair And Inclusive Redistricting for Municipalities And Political Subdivisions (or “Fair Maps”) Act was signed into law in 2019. The bill introduced several new requirements for the local agency redistricting process but focused on cities and counties rather than on special districts. For example, cities and counties must now conduct certain outreach, maintain websites with publicly available information about draft maps and hold at least four public hearing on the issue. The measures introduced by the Fair Maps Act do not apply to special districts.
SB 594 was signed by Governor Newsom on September 27, 2021 and requires that the governing board of a district that has a regular election to elect members of its governing board on the same date as the 2022 statewide general election shall adopt adjusted division boundaries no later than April 17, 2022.

District staff had previously performed the work related to the reapportionment of the boundaries for the District’s five divisions. The last redistricting was approved by the Board of Directors in 2011. However, since then, the California Voting Rights Act and the Fair Maps Act have changed the process significantly and increased the legal requirements for the process.

**DISCUSSION:**
At the February 8, 2022 Special Board of Directors’ Meeting, Stacey Reardon of Redistricting Partners introduced and reviewed three draft maps, which incorporate changes resulting from the recent census. These draft maps followed the traditional redistricting principles that included divisions that are: relatively equally sized in population, contiguous with no islands, compact in appearance/function, maintain “communities of interest,” and follow city/county/local government lines. Based on input from the Directors and the public, Redistricting Partners would then develop a final map of the new division boundaries that would be presented at a March 8, 2022 public hearing.

The Board was inconclusive on their choice of one of the three new division boundary maps and the item was again included at the February 22nd meeting of the Board of Directors for further discussion. At this meeting, members of the Board directed staff to redevelop the maps so that the boundary lines are clearer and easier to discern.

**RECOMMENDATION:**
The Board consider choosing one of the three division boundary options, and direct staff to place the item on the agenda for a public hearing and possible adoption at the March 22nd Board of Directors meeting.