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DISTRICT III
DISTRICT I
DISTRICT II
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DISTRICT V

ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES

November 1, 2021

SPECIAL MEETING

A. 6:00 PM Called to Order and Roll Call

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Rosemarie Smallcombe	District I Supervisor	Present	6:00 PM
Tom Sweeney	District II Supervisor	Present	6:00 PM
Marshall Long	District III Supervisor	Present	6:00 PM
Wayne Forsythe	District IV Supervisor	Present	6:00 PM
Miles Menetrey	District V Supervisor	Present	6:00 PM

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Long led the Pledge.

C. Regular Agenda

1. **Clerk of the Board of Supervisors (ID # 11951)**

**CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING #4 to Review Existing District Boundaries;
Review State Redistricting Criteria; and Receive Input Regarding Draft
Map Proposals for County Supervisorial Districts**

6:01 PM Chair Long opened the public hearing.

Rene LaRoche/Clerk of the Board gave the staff report and an overview of the redistricting process and the criteria that needs to be considered for the final district boundaries. Sarah Williams/Planning Director discussed the four map options that would be discussed today, and the criteria required. Ben Ogren/Senior GIS Specialist presented each of the four maps, explained how the software works in regard to the validation process and ensuring integrity and what changes can be seen in each map. Board discussion ensued regarding census blocks, recognizing communities of interest, population density, deviation range, and census designated places (CDP).

Public comment opened.

Ferrol Conklin of Midpines inquired if we have an area that cannot be divided, is there a way to get the data on that block.

David Oppenheim discussed how community interests may be different in each district such as fire departments, and parks, and noted he supports options three (3) and four (4) and would like to see Fish Camp in the district outside of Yosemite National Park.

Paul Brickett spoke in favor of option two (2) because it has the smallest population deviations, and he would prefer to remain in his current district. He then brought up discussion on process, population deviations, and natural boundaries.

Gary Francisco presented a memorandum to the Deputy Clerk of the Board and read it to the Board expressing his concerns, noting the land being removed from district one (1), and that district one (1) should include the land within the draft Midpines Community plan boundary.

Public comment closed.

7:35 PM Chair Long closed the public hearing.

7:36 PM Chair Long recessed the meeting for a brief break and reconvened at 7:43 PM.

In response to Ms. Conklin's question, Ben Ogren noted that this is the limitation of the dataset. With the guidance of Ben Ogren, the Board ran multiple scenarios in the software making adjustments to the option two (2) map. Direction was given to make adjustments to the option two (2) map as discussed pertaining Midpines community of interest and bring it to the Board meeting tomorrow. Ben Ogren advised that he will provide a new map labeled Option five (5).

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D. Adjournment

8:09 PM Chair Long adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

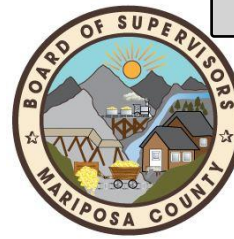
Tracy Gauthier
Deputy Clerk of the Board II

Marshall Long
Chair, Board of Supervisors



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MEETING: November 1, 2021

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Rene LaRoche, Clerk of the Board

RE: Redistricting Public Hearing #4

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING #4 to Review Existing District Boundaries; Review State Redistricting Criteria; and Receive Input Regarding Draft Map Proposals for County Supervisorial Districts.

This is the fourth of five public hearings in the decennial redistricting process that follows the statutory requirements outlined in California Elections Code Sections 21500, et seq, which require enhanced public engagement and strict adherence to map criteria, among other things. Tonight's hearing will allow the public and Board to provide input on the attached options.

BACKGROUND

Reapportionment, also known as redistricting, is required by the U.S. and California State Constitutions and occurs every ten years. Its purpose is solely to balance the numbers of people in each district so that each voter has an equal amount of power over the decisions of their elected representative. It is important to keep this purpose in mind during consideration of boundary options because the overall district size is not a driving factor - especially given the fact that large, remote tracts of land generally have few to no people residing on them. The latter can be seen by the attached "2020 US Census Blocks" map, which shows that 642.09 square miles of Mariposa County (or 44%) has no population.

The redistricting process, which is heavily mandated by California law, has been ongoing in the County since May of 2021. Since that time, extensive efforts have been made to solicit public interest and comment, especially Community of Interest input, while waiting on the release of underlying census data. However, State law prohibits the release of any draft options until three weeks have passed since the release of the State Redistricting Database (which uses the U.S. Census data). The State database was first released to the public on September 20, 2021, which made October 11, 2021 the twenty-first day after its release. The attached four map options were released to the public on October 13, 2021, and distributed to the same extensive list of people and organizations who received the COI Worksheets.

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UNDERLYING DATA

This process relies entirely on Census data and cannot legally deviate from that data. The Census data is returned as either Census Designated Places (CDPs) or Census Blocks. CDPs can be thought of as the largest unit. These are population clusters, and are generally made up of many Census Blocks.

Given that CDPs are composed of Census Blocks, Census Blocks might be thought of as the “smaller” of the two data types. However, the word “block” is a bit of a misnomer because Census Blocks can be any shape or size and do, in fact, range from huge tracts of lands to small, almost negligible bits. Regardless of shape or size, they are extremely important to this process because each Census Block has a population count attached to it. That means that an entire census block - regardless of its size or shape - must be contained entirely within a district in order for the count to be accurate.

With the release of the 2020 data, staff immediately noted some unexpected changes, primarily, the addition of Mt. Bullion, Yosemite West, and Crane Creek (aka Foresta) as new Census Designated Places (CDPs). (While the name Crane Creek can be changed to Foresta on the adopted map, it is important for the integrity of this process that it adheres to all census data, including the names of the CDPs as presented by the state database.)

These CDP additions resulted in adjustments to many other Census Blocks which makes a straight comparison to 2010 data and districts difficult and speculative. However, since CDPs are population clusters, they can be considered one measure of change and the attached analysis of the data (“2020 CDP CHANGE - Sorted by District”) shows that District 1 CDPs have lost the most population, followed by District 4 CDPs and, to a lesser degree, District 5; while Districts 3 and 2 show increases in population.

Another change that was immediately identified was that the Census Bureau has also downsized the overall District 1 CDP area fairly significantly, with Midpines being the most notable change. This latter change is offered only as support for the decrease in population because, as previously noted, overall area is not a driving consideration for the reapportionment process. However, this data, together with the map data, defined District 1 as the starting place for reapportionment. At that point, COI input was next considered.

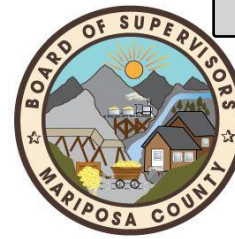
Unfortunately, despite the prolonged and robust advertising and public engagement (the public engagement log is attached), only twenty-four COI responses were received (23 written and 1 verbal). Of the written responses, only 8 were viable and spoke to this process (see the attached COI Response Analysis for full particulars.)

The most notable COI identified in the written responses can be thought of as a “core area” for District 1, which would run from El Portal and through Yosemite to Wawona. This suggestion was found in 80% of the District 1 responses. While other responses suggested including Fish Camp in the area, the support was not as strong as that suggestion appeared in only 40% of the District 1 responses.



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The single verbal COI response was received during the June 8, 2021, public hearing and suggested including the areas of Monte Vista and Vista Lago with Lushmeadows. No other written or verbal COI responses were received regarding this area that would support or discount this suggestion.

OPTIONS

Once the starting area was defined, specialized software was used by the Senior G.I.S. Specialist to run through a series of scenarios until the district populations were roughly equivalent. While a seemingly straightforward process, it was also necessary to consider all legal parameters.

What the Board is now being presented with are four preliminary options that consider the mandated criteria as well as the COI responses. The process to identify these options was entirely data driven and no input other than the COI responses was received or used. The only suggestions or direction were from the Planning Director and Clerk of the Board and were confined to formatting and labeling suggestions that would clarify communication of the map content.

Of the proposed visualizations, Option 1 most closely matches the current layout while Option 4 shows the largest change. A table of statistics is attached to help compare the different options with the current layout. In general, though, each option retains a strong resemblance to the current boundaries with a few specific dramatic changes. Each option has two or three district boundaries that are similar to the current boundaries.

Since the release of the map options, three public comments have been received. Two spoke in support of Option 2, while a third noted that Option 1 splits Lushmeadows.

PROCESS

As the first of two hearings scheduled for consideration of the maps, the Board is now being asked to consider and provide input on the draft options. The GIS Specialist will be on hand to demonstrate the software, as well as run scenarios of potential adjustments, if the Board chooses. The maps, including any modified versions, will return on November 2, 2021, at 2 PM, when the Board will be asked to select a final map to continue in the process.

The final map will return on November 9, 2021 to be approved by resolution. Since the approved boundary must be codified within County Code, the approved map will return in ordinance form on Tuesday, November 23, 2021 at 2:00 PM when it will be introduced, with ordinance adoption scheduled for Tuesday, December 7, 2021 (one week before the statutory deadline of December 15, 2021.)

In considering the map options or proposed modifications, the Board is asked to keep

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in mind that final district boundaries must consider the following, ranked-order criteria:

- 1) There must be five supervisorial districts (*Cal Government Code Section 25000.*)
- 2) The final districts must contain **substantially equal numbers of people** in each district (using the population numbers gathered by the 2020 census (*Ca EC 21500(a)-(b)*).
- 3) The final districts must be geographically contiguous (*Ca EC 21500(c)(1).*)
- 4) They must respect the geographic integrity of any local neighborhood or local communities of interest (COI) in a way that minimizes their division (*Ca EC 21500(c)(2).*)
- 5) They must maintain the geographic integrity of “Census Designated Places” in a way that minimizes their division (*Ca EC 21500(c)(3).*)
(*Bear Valley, Bootjack, Buck Meadows, Catheys Valley, Crane Creek, Coulterville, El Portal, Fish Camp, Greeley Hill, Hornitos, Lake Don Pedro, Mariposa, Midpines, Mt. Bullion, Wawona, Yosemite Valley, and Yosemite West.*)
- 6) They must have easily identifiable boundaries which are readily understood by residents (*Ca EC 21500(c)(4).*)
(*Natural and artificial barriers, streets, or other boundaries where practicable.*)
- 7) Districts must be geographically compact so that nearby populations are not bypassed in favor of more distant populations (*Ca EC 21500(c)(5).*)
(*Where practicable and where it does not conflict with the preceding criteria.*)
- 8) Boundaries may not be adopted for the purpose of favoring or discriminating against a political party (*Ca EC 21500(d).*)

Consequently, staff requests that the Board now conduct the fourth public hearing in the County’s redistricting process to consider input on the attached map options.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

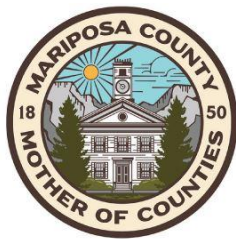
PUBLIC HEARINGS: The Board conducted Public Hearing #3 on Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 2:00 PM, Public Hearing #2 on Saturday, July 17, 2021 at 10:00 AM, and Public Hearing #1 on Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 2:00 PM.

5/11/2021: The Board scheduled the five public hearings, with one special Saturday meeting, and one special Monday evening meeting, to receive public input for the redistricting process.

5/8/2021: The Board provided direction regarding the methodology by which the redistricting process would be managed.

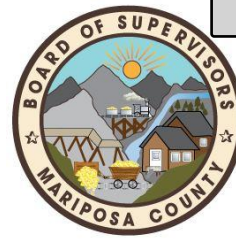
ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Not conducting the public hearing would put the Board out of compliance with California Elections Code Section 21507.1(d) which requires redistricting public hearings to begin at the date and time set in the public hearing notice.



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ATTACHMENTS:

2020 U.S. Census Blocks Map - showing population (PDF)

2020 CDP CHANGE - Sorted By District (PDF)

Option 1 Map (PDF)

Option 2 Map (PDF)

Option 3 Map (PDF)

Option 4 Map (PDF)

Overview of All 4 Options (PDF)

Input Received on Map Options (PDF)

COI Response Analysis (DOCX)

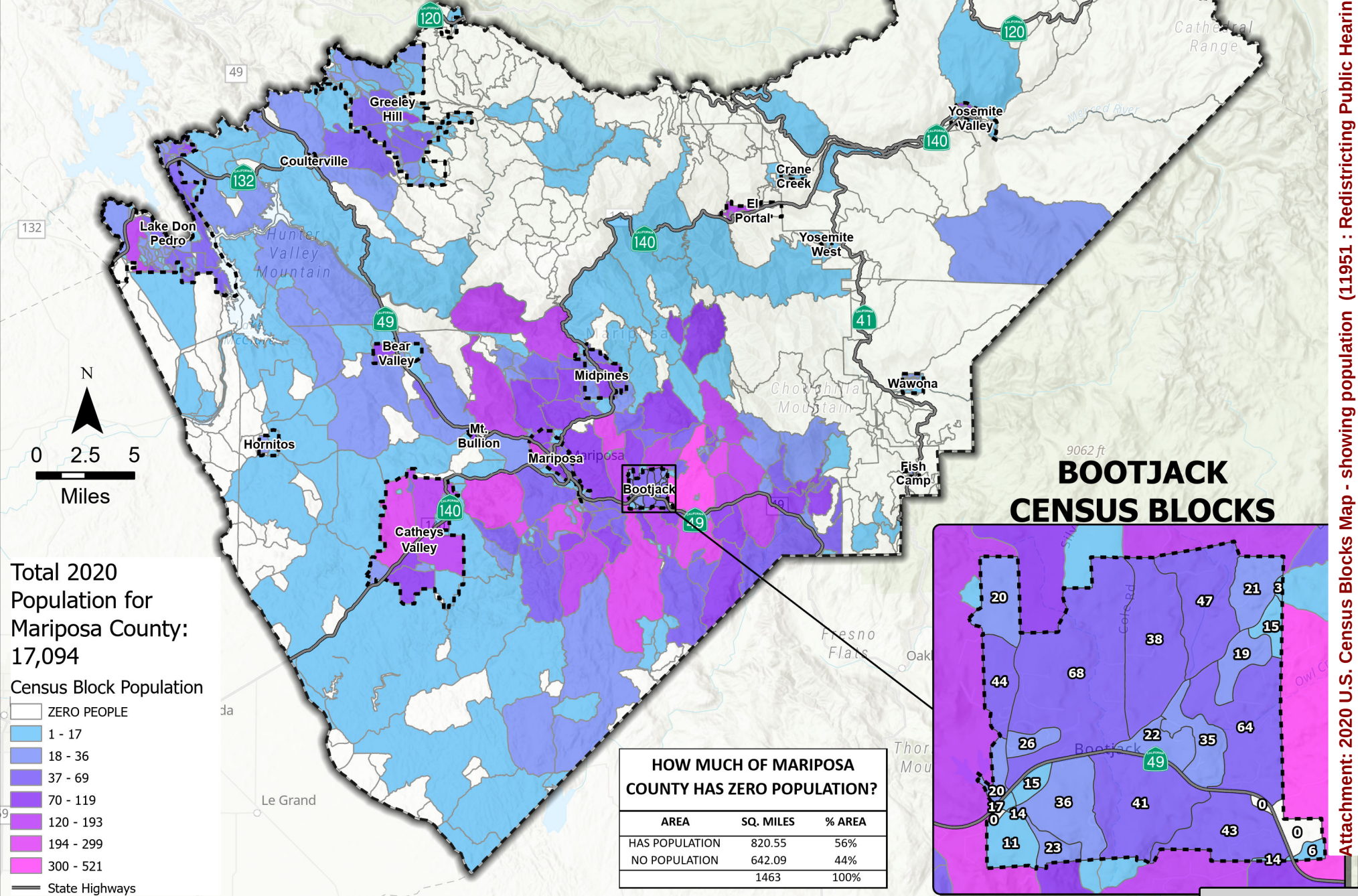
MAP - Current Supervisor Districts as approved in 2011 (PDF)

REDISTRICTING ENGAGEMENT LOG (PDF)

RESULT: HEARING CONCLUDED



2020 US CENSUS BLOCKS MARIPOSA COUNTY, CA



Total 2020
Population for
Mariposa County:
17,094

- Census Block Population
- ZERO PEOPLE
 - 1 - 17
 - 18 - 36
 - 37 - 69
 - 70 - 119
 - 120 - 193
 - 194 - 299
 - 300 - 521
- State Highways

HOW MUCH OF MARIPOSA COUNTY HAS ZERO POPULATION?		
AREA	SQ. MILES	% AREA
HAS POPULATION	820.55	56%
NO POPULATION	642.09	44%
	1463	100%

2020 CDP CHANGE - BY DISTRICT

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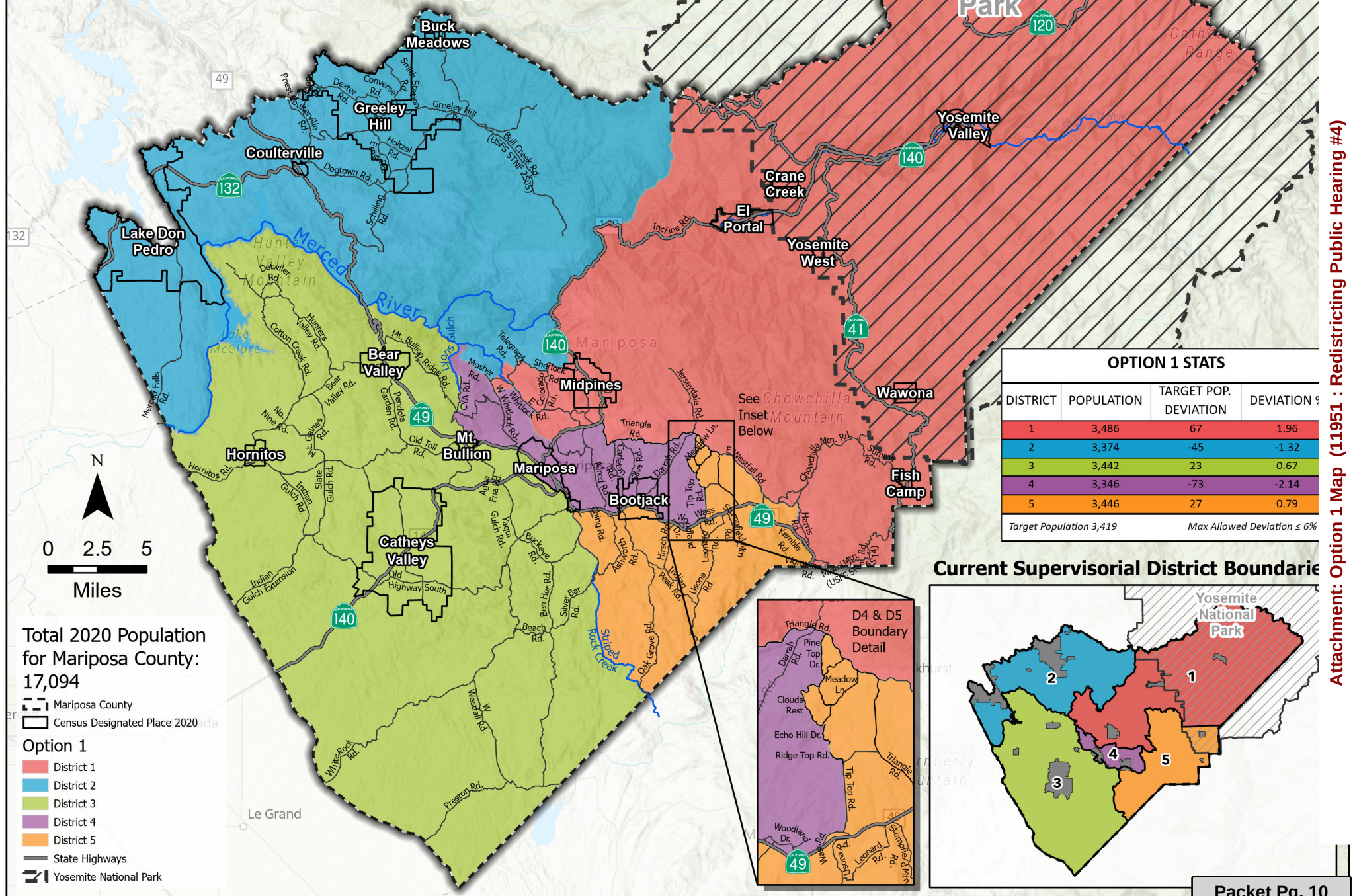
CDP NAME	CURRENT DISTRICT	SQ. MILES		AREA CHANGE (Sq. miles)	POPULATION		POP. CHANGE	BLOCKS		MEAN		MIN		MAX			
		2010	2020		2010	2020		2010	2020	2010	2020	2010	2020				
DISTRICT 1 CDP CHANGES:																	
Midpines	1	24.55	4.36	-20.19	↑	1204	↓	382	-822	12	31.8	0	95				
Yosemite Valley	1	2.12	2.12	0	↑	1035	↓	337	-698	37	9.9	0	111				
El Portal	1	1.06	1.91	0.85	↑	474	↓	373	-101	34	11	0	176				
Crane Creek*	1	0	0.37	0.37	↓	0	↑	29	29	9							
Yosemite West*	1	0	0.27	0.27	↓	0	↑	47	47	7	7	6.7	0	14			
Total:				-18.7				-1545									
DISTRICT 4 CDP CHANGES:																	
Mariposa	4	3.04	4.04	1	↑	2173	↓	1535	-638	55	27.9	0	228				
Bootjack	4	7.06	3.86	-3.2	↑	960	↓	662	-298	50	27	19.2	24.5	0	0	159	68
Total:				-2.2				-936									
DISTRICT 5 CDP CHANGES:																	
Wawona	5	6.34	1.08	-5.26	↑	169	↓	111	-58	16	6.9	1	21				
Fish Camp	5	0.91	0.4	-0.51	↑	59	↓	49	-10	12	4.1	0	29				
Total:				-5.77				-68									
DISTRICT 3 CDP CHANGES:																	
Hornitos	3	1.17	1.15	-0.02	↑	75	↓	38	-37	8	4.75	0	19				
Catheys Valley	3	23.46	23.66	0.2	↓	825	↑	829	4	21	13	39.3	63.8	0	10	208	202
Bear Valley	3	7.24	2.44	-4.8	↓	125	↑	157	32	9	6	10.4	26.2	0	4	60	72
Mt. Bullion*	3	0	0.61	0.61	↓	0	↑	155	155	6	6	25.8		0		84	
Total:				-4.01				154									
DISTRICT 2 CDP CHANGES:																	
Lake Don Pedro	2	12.57	19.7	7.13	↓	1077	↑	1769	692	75	23.6	0	170				
Coulterville	2	4.22	0.39	-3.83	↑	201	↓	116	-85	24	13	8.4	8.9	0	0	50	39
Buck Meadows	2	1.74	0.54	-1.2	↑	31	↓	21	-10	12	4	2.6	5.3	0	0	19	14
Greeley Hill	2	21.09	23.92	2.83	↓	915	↑	930	15	88	10.6	0	81				
Total:				4.93				612									
Non-CDP	Various	1371.8		1371.8	↓	8928	↑	9554	626	682							
COUNTYWIDE GRAND TOTALS:		1462.62			↑	18251	↓	17094	-1157	129	1104						

* New CDP's



REDISTRICTING OPTION #1

Mariposa County, CA



OPTION 1 STATS			
DISTRICT	POPULATION	TARGET POP. DEVIATION	DEVIATION %
1	3,486	67	1.96
2	3,374	-45	-1.32
3	3,442	23	0.67
4	3,346	-73	-2.14
5	3,446	27	0.79
Target Population 3,419		Max Allowed Deviation ≤ 6%	

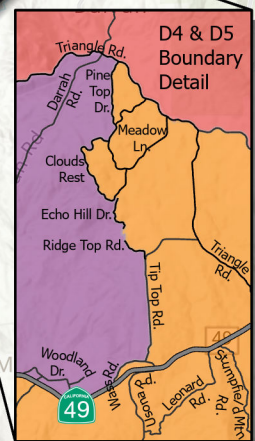
Total 2020 Population for Mariposa County: 17,094

Mariposa County
Census Designated Place 2020

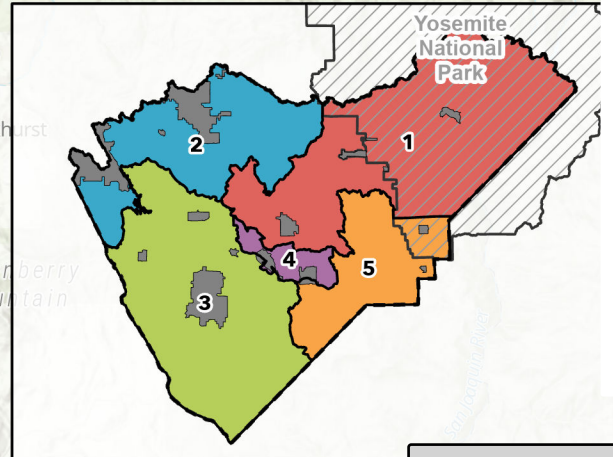
Option 1

- District 1
- District 2
- District 3
- District 4
- District 5

State Highways
Yosemite National Park



Current Supervisorial District Boundaries

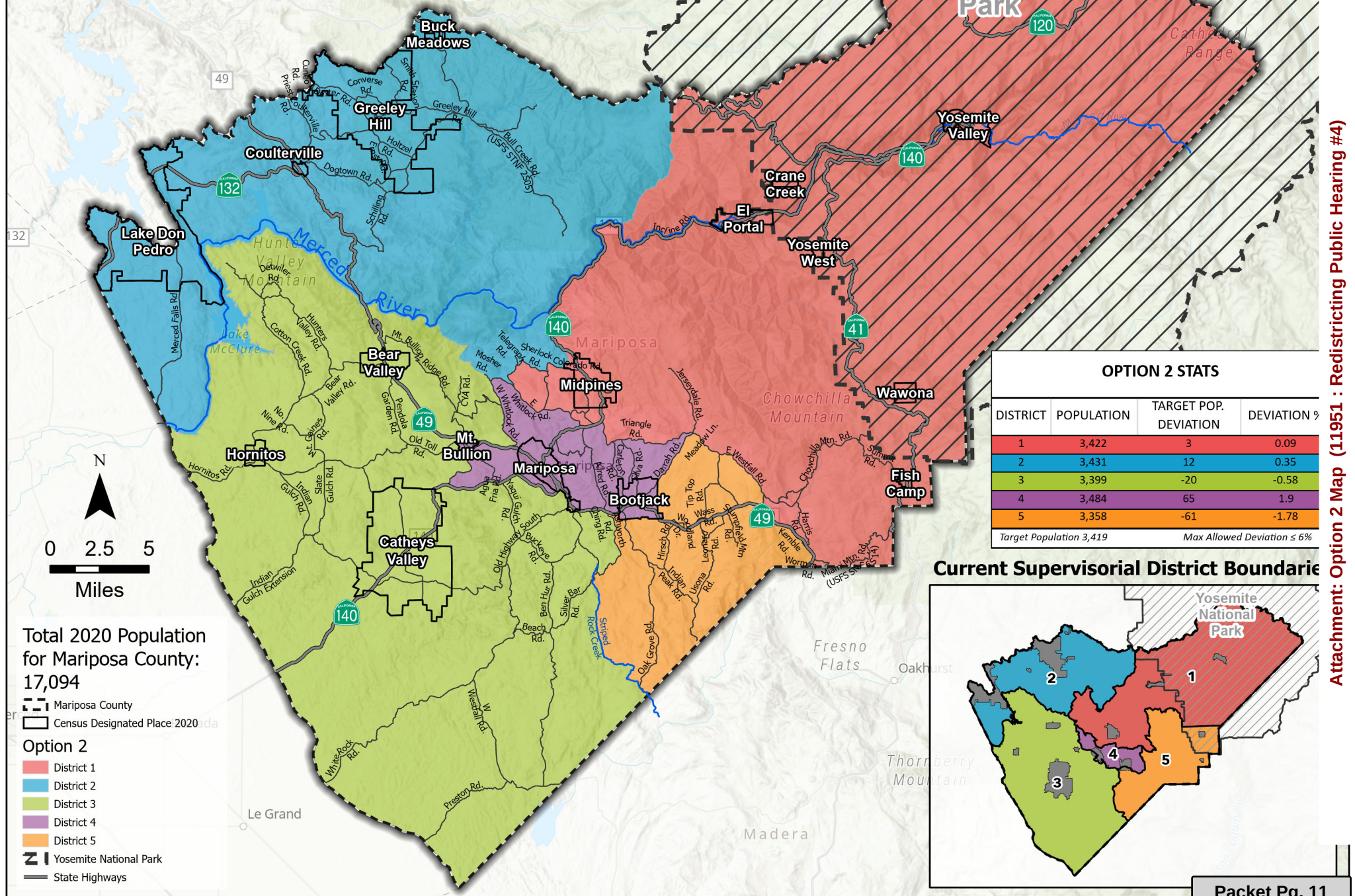


Attachment: Option 1 Map (11951 : Redistricting Public Hearing #4)



REDISTRICTING OPTION #2

Mariposa County, CA



OPTION 2 STATS			
DISTRICT	POPULATION	TARGET POP. DEVIATION	DEVIATION %
1	3,422	3	0.09
2	3,431	12	0.35
3	3,399	-20	-0.58
4	3,484	65	1.9
5	3,358	-61	-1.78
Target Population 3,419		Max Allowed Deviation ≤ 6%	

Total 2020 Population for Mariposa County: 17,094

Mariposa County

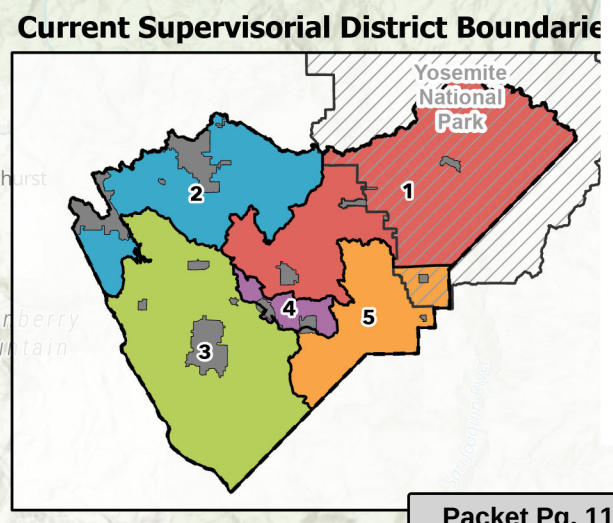
Census Designated Place 2020

Option 2

- District 1
- District 2
- District 3
- District 4
- District 5

Yosemite National Park

State Highways

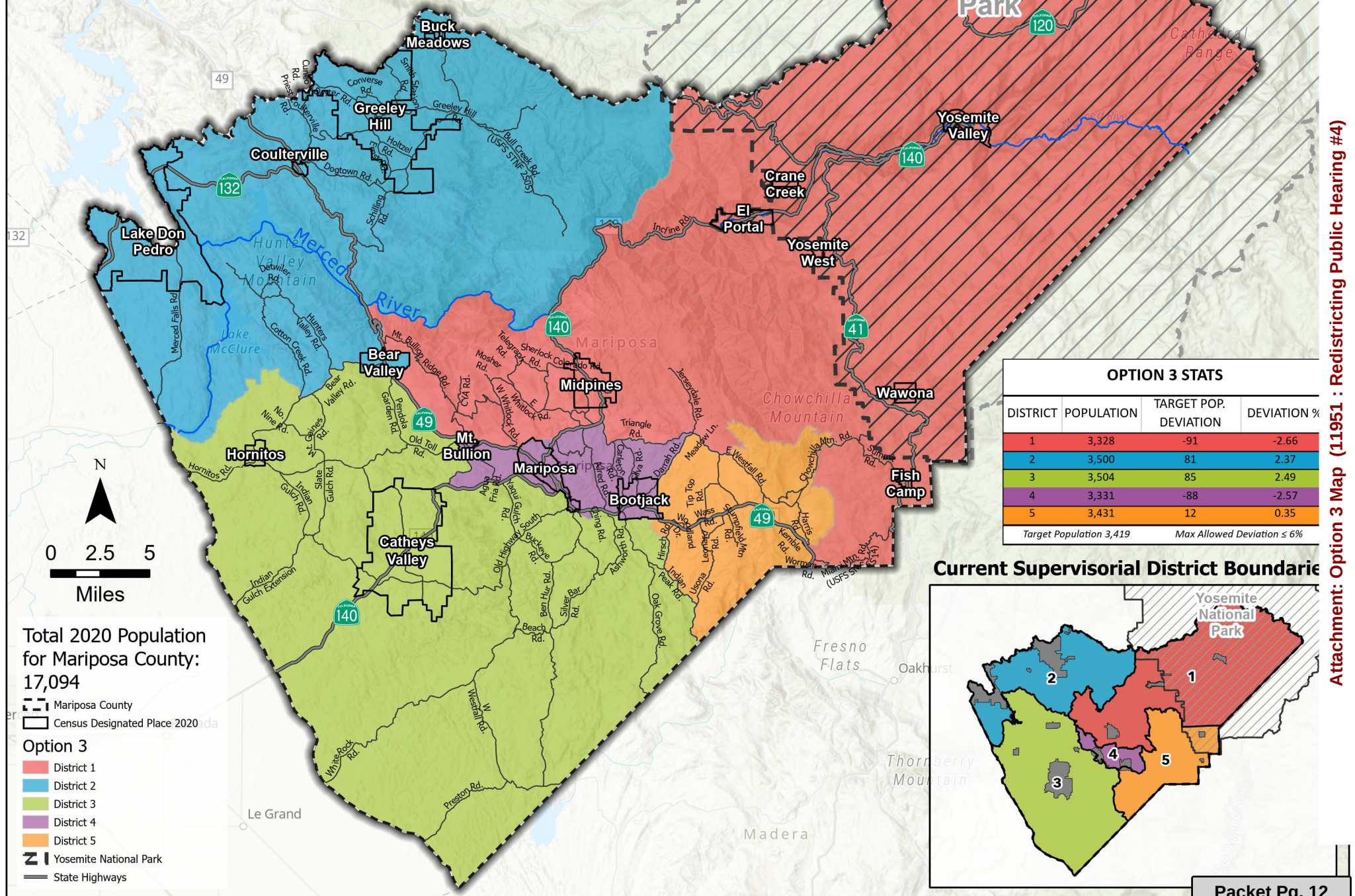


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REDISTRICTING OPTION #3

Mariposa County, CA



OPTION 3 STATS			
DISTRICT	POPULATION	TARGET POP. DEVIATION	DEVIATION %
1	3,328	-91	-2.66
2	3,500	81	2.37
3	3,504	85	2.49
4	3,331	-88	-2.57
5	3,431	12	0.35
Target Population 3,419		Max Allowed Deviation ≤ 6%	

Total 2020 Population for Mariposa County: 17,094

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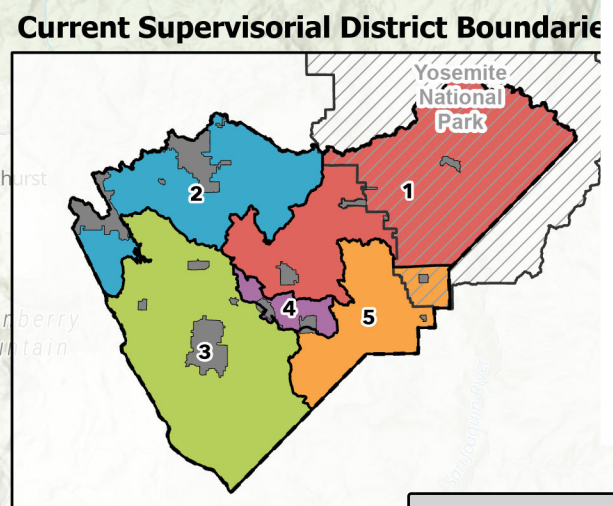
Census Designated Place 2020

Option 3

- District 1
- District 2
- District 3
- District 4
- District 5

Yosemite National Park

State Highways



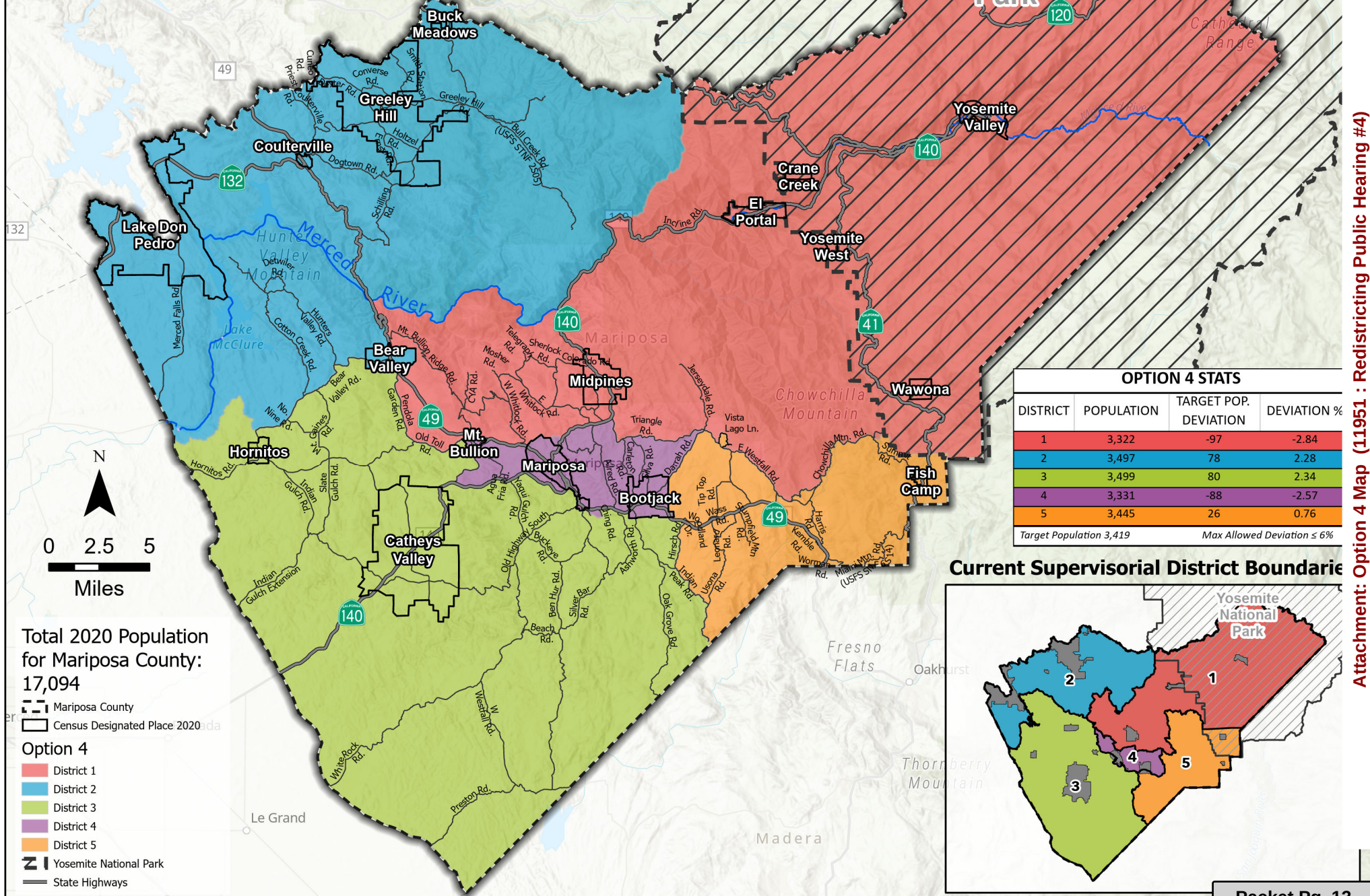
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REDISTRICTING OPTION #4

Mariposa County, CA

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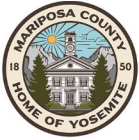
Attachment: Option 4 Map (11951 : Redistricting Public Hearing #4)

Total 2020 Population for Mariposa County: 17,094

Mariposa County
Census Designated Place 2020

Option 4

- District 1
- District 2
- District 3
- District 4
- District 5
- Yosemite National Park
- State Highways



2020 SUPERVISOR DISTRICT REDISTRICTING OPTIONS MARIPOSA COUNTY, CA

Option 1 Population Summary Report

District No.	TOTAL Population	Target Deviation	Target Deviation (%)
1	3,486	67	1.96
2	3,374	-45	-1.32
3	3,442	23	0.67
4	3,346	-73	-2.14
5	3,446	27	0.79

TOTAL Population:	17,094
Mean Target Population:	3,419
Mean Deviation:	47
Mean Percent Deviation:	1.37
Largest Positive Deviation:	67
Largest Negative Deviation:	-73
Overall Range in Deviation:	140
Overall Range in Deviation Percentage:	4.09

Option 2 Population Summary Report

District No.	TOTAL Population	Target Deviation	Target Deviation (%)
1	3,422	3	0.09
2	3,431	12	0.35
3	3,399	-20	-0.58
4	3,484	65	1.9
5	3,358	-61	-1.78

TOTAL Population:	17,094
Mean Target Population:	3,419
Mean Deviation:	32
Mean Percent Deviation:	0.94
Largest Positive Deviation:	65
Largest Negative Deviation:	-61
Overall Range in Deviation:	126
Overall Range in Deviation Percentage:	3.69

Option 3 Population Summary Report

District No.	TOTAL Population	Target Deviation	Target Deviation (%)
1	3,328	-91	-2.66
2	3,500	81	2.37
3	3,504	85	2.49
4	3,331	-88	-2.57
5	3,431	12	0.35

TOTAL Population:	17,094
Mean Target Population:	3,419
Mean Deviation:	71
Mean Percent Deviation:	2.09
Largest Positive Deviation:	85
Largest Negative Deviation:	-91
Overall Range in Deviation:	176
Overall Range in Deviation Percentage:	5.15

Option 4 Population Summary Report

District No.	TOTAL Population	Target Deviation	Target Deviation (%)
1	3,322	-97	-2.84
2	3,497	78	2.28
3	3,499	80	2.34
4	3,331	-88	-2.57
5	3,445	26	0.76

TOTAL Population:	17,094
Mean Target Population:	3,419
Mean Deviation:	74
Mean Percent Deviation:	2.16
Largest Positive Deviation:	80
Largest Negative Deviation:	-97
Overall Range in Deviation:	177
Overall Range in Deviation Percentage:	5.18

PUBLIC INPUT & COMMENTS REGARDING MAP OPTIONS

(Names listed under an option are those who have expressed support for that option.)

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OPTION 1			
DATE	FORMAT	FROM	OTHER COMMENTS
		None	

OPTION 2			
DATE	FORMAT	FROM	OTHER COMMENTS
10/15/2020	Email	David Atkins	Most logical to me
10/13/2021	Email	Kim Monson	Support Map 2 because it has smallest deviations in population.

OPTION 3			
DATE	FORMAT	FROM	OTHER COMMENTS
		None	

OPTION 4			
DATE	FORMAT	FROM	OTHER COMMENTS
		None	

OTHER INPUT			
DATE	FORMAT	FROM	OTHER COMMENTS
10/22/2021	Telephone	Ed Drexler	Option 1 splits Lushmeadows "right down the middle"

COMMUNITY OF INTEREST (COI) RESPONSE SYNOPSIS

2021 Redistricting Process

USABLE RESPONSES: 8

Total COI Responses Received: 23

Blank COI Responses: 1

Unusable Responses: 15

COI Responses/suggestions which are unclear or speak entirely to Board policy, inclusion of Tuolumne County area, or CDP boundaries (which are determined by the U.S. Census Bureau) were excluded from any analysis as those concerns are not under the purview of the redistricting process. Those responses can be found below and are greyed to indicate their status.

BREAKDOWN OF USABLE RESPONSES:

District 4 Responses:

Three (3) usable responses were received from residents of District 4 with different suggestions.

Response 6 from District 4: **Undefined area around the town of Mariposa should be contained in the same district as the town.**

Response 8 from District 4: **W. Whitlock should remain in District 4.**

Response 15 from District 4: **Bootjack to Midpines should be contained in the same district.**

District 1 Responses:

Five (5) usable responses were received from residents of District 1. An analysis of word choice and frequency was undertaken and can be found in Appendix A, attached hereto.

COI RESPONSES:

RESPONSE 23 - POLICY

District of Residency:	1
Nature of bond or common interest:	Protection of natural resources.
Boundaries of COI:	Merced River, and USFS and BLM managed areas.
Rationale:	The Merced River Trail project as it is currently heading will negatively modify the natural resources and environment along the Merced River.
Current boundary Dislikes or likes:	Blank
Anything else to consider:	Blank

RESPONSE 22

District of Residency:	1
Nature of bond or common interest:	Yosemite national park
Boundaries of COI:	Yosemite and El Portal
Rationale:	Yosemite and El Portal are united by issues with bears, federal land ownership

Current boundary Dislikes or likes:	Wawona is excluded from district 1
Anything else to consider:	Blank
**RESPONDENT SUGGESTION: El Portal should be in the same district as Yosemite. It is unclear if Wawona being separate is a like or dislike.	

RESPONSE 21 – **UNCLEAR**

District of Residency:	1
Nature of bond or common interest:	Large tax revenue making area for Mariposa County. Recreation and Tourist (local, national, and international) zone.
Boundaries of COI:	Geographic markers such as rivers and ridgelines as well as ease for one representative to access their district in one day via roads
Rationale:	Large tax revenue making area for Mariposa County. Recreation and Tourist (local, national, and international) zone. It behoves our County with five representatives to refrain from isolating special interests into separate groups. The risk of this is causing division of interests and inability to get anything passed bureaucratically. Each representative ought to share different special interests to avoid severe bias.
Current boundary Dislikes or likes:	It appears that the current lines allow each one representative to have a few special interests so is more motivated to work with other representatives to get needs addressed. Local interests and concerns such as preserving our rural environment mixed with the tourism industry in one zone is balance. Ranchers need as much say as the transient occupancy tax revenue making group have to say. If all of the TOT groups had all 5 representatives, this might leave local rural ranchers to not have as strong of a say and end up paying more taxes due to bias representation. The reverse could also be said.
Anything else to consider:	Redistricting times must be thought out with care as this is a time that gerrymandering could sneak in and cause severe divisiveness, isolation and harm to divisions of our community that one stronger (more representation) special interest group (loggers and preservationists, miners and watershed protectors, farmers and developers, tourism and rural mentality...) might have over another despite all contributing to our community- albeit uncomfortable for all. Just because another interest group causes one to be uncomfortable is not near as injurious as isolation and lack of representation of one part of a whole community. We are all in this together. Our districts ought to reflect that... and allow each representative to travel

	throughout their district without (relative: we are mountainous) geographic hardship.
**RESPONDENT SUGGESTION: It is unclear if Wawona being separate is a like or dislike.	

RESPONSE 20 – POLICY/MULTIPLE COUNTIES

District of Residency:	2
Nature of bond or common interest:	Senior Citizens - our interests - being able to stay in our homes until we die; health care - keeping staff (consistency) and Northside Clinic open; dead trees on properties - people can't afford to handle the problem; good nutrition; many people with issues that keep them from taking care of their property.
Boundaries of COI:	Greeley Hill & Coulterville general areas.
Rationale:	Many people in the North Co don't feel that we get our share of services and money for various things.
Current boundary Dislikes or likes:	It seems at times that the South County gets more than it's fair share of services and monies.
Anything else to consider:	Some of the boundaries - such as Buck Meadows and Lake Don Pedro - have similar interests, but they are in different counties. This means people who live on different sides of the same street may have different regulations and different services, but really have common interests & should be in the same district.

RESPONSE 19 – POLICY & CDP BOUNDARY

District of Residency:	2
Nature of bond or common interest:	Greeley Hill is sewn together by the school, community hall, churches, fire protection station, library and a few commercial businesses, along with the obvious topographical features.
Boundaries of COI:	'Top of the hill' when traveling East on J-132; North along Ponderosa Way to county line; East to county line; South to Merced River.
Rationale:	Budgets for our services such as road maintenance, school services, library obligations, recent reopening of medical clinic along with law enforcement and fire protection. We are a unique area from Coulterville due to many reasons; the ones I already mentioned plus we have geographical and topographical and physical differences such as additional snow fall, beetle kill conifers and closer proximity to USFS lands
Current boundary Dislikes or likes:	Not sure I understand it enough to wage an opinion
Anything else to consider:	The highway 49 - Bagby grade 'barrier' seems to loom over our heads when it comes to immediacy of local county

	services at times; (like length response times for emergency law enforcement calls).
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RESPONSE 18 - **POLICY**

District of Residency:	1
Nature of bond or common interest:	Taking care of the homeless, they are increasing, and have no where to live. Also a change in building codes that can house the homeless.
Boundaries of COI:	This map is not detailed enough, to show my district, though I understand Paddyhill rd, divides district 1 and district 4
Rationale:	With the rising homeless, drugs, crime will increase, all over the county
Current boundary Dislikes or likes:	As good as to be expected, neither like or dislike.
Anything else to consider:	Jobs for the homeless, keep in mind, they are struggling, and may only be able to work a small amount of time each day, until they get better.

RESPONSE 17

District of Residency:	1
Nature of bond or common interest:	Communities of home & property owners who are directly involved with Yosemite National Park, through existing agreements and also including (but not limited to) residences of YNP or Park Concessionaire employees.
Boundaries of COI:	El Portal, Foresta, Yosemite National Park, Yosemite West & Wawona, at a minimum.
Rationale:	Mariposa County Resolution 02-126 (Collaborative Process between YNP & Mariposa County for interrelated planning issues; Law Enforcement Agreement between Mariposa County & YNP/NPS; Reciprocal Fire Protection Agreement between Mariposa County & YNP/NPS; Emergency Medical Services Agreement between Mariposa County & YNP/NPS. Owners and residents of these communities either travel daily to YNP or have to enter YNP to access their properties/homes and are affected directly by YNP actions
Current boundary Dislikes or likes:	Wawona should be included in the same district with Yosemite West, El Portal, Foresta. Depending on population and equitable representation requirements, Fish Camp could also be considered. Midpines might be better served in another district.
Anything else to consider:	Blank
**RESPONDENT SUGGESTION: CDPs within the boundaries of Yosemite National Park should be in the same district because of the services provided through County/YNP MOUs. Also, suggesting that the CDPs of El Portal, Foresta (CDP name: Crane Creek) and, potentially, Fish Camp should also be in the same district. Feels Midpines can be in a separate district.	

RESPONSE 16 – CDP BOUNDARIES

District of Residency:	1
Nature of bond or common interest:	The full time residents of the community are the only property owners I have contact with. The common interests are infrastructure and resources. Also the conversion of vacation homes and private residences into short term rentals that do not meet the same stringent requirements that new homes must be built to. The concern is that there will be a point when all houses in the west will be TOT.
Boundaries of COI:	Yosemite West
Rationale:	Utility rates and new applications for TOT for old houses.
Current boundary Dislikes or likes:	Blank
Anything else to consider:	Blank

RESPONSE 15

District of Residency:	4
Nature of bond or common interest:	Environmental conservation
Boundaries of COI:	Bootjack to Midpines
Rationale:	We are most affected by drought/beetle kill.
Current boundary Dislikes or likes:	I dislike the large size of some of the districts in the least populated areas.
Anything else to consider:	Age demographics
**RESPONDENT SUGGESTION: Bootjack to Midpines should be contained in the same district.	

RESPONSE 14

District of Residency:	1
Nature of bond or common interest:	Yosemite National Park, nature, outdoor recreation, the tourism industry
Boundaries of COI:	I would say the area that includes the park and the immediate environs - El Portal, Fish Camp, Foresta, Wawona, Yosemite West, Midpines. The people whose livelihoods and much of their recreational lives are intimately entwined with the park.
Rationale:	For those of us in this area, our lives are dominated by the park and by administrative decisions on the part of NPS to a greater degree than elsewhere in the county, even accounting for the huge influence the park has on every corner of Mariposa County
Current boundary Dislikes or likes:	I'm basically fine with them, but when I think that Wawona, Yosemite West and Foresta have very similar concerns, but

	are in different districts, that strikes me as an opportunity to bring those communities together.
Anything else to consider:	Blank
**RESPONDENT SUGGESTION: The Park and immediate environs who are affected by the NPS administrative decisions. Areas where residents livelihood and recreational lives are entwined with the park. Suggests El Portal, Fish Camp, Foresta, Wawona, Yosemite, West, Midpines should be contained in the same district.	

RESPONSE 13 – CDP BOUNDARY

District of Residency:	4
Nature of bond or common interest:	Mariposa Historic District within the "town" of Mariposa. Common interests are 1) historic preservation of Gold Rush era character of "town," and 2) Right to Agriculture within the historic district which preserves the rural character of "town."
Boundaries of COI:	Historic District is usually defined by the planning dept Historic Review Design Overlay (HDRO) as that specific area where additional building regulations apply. However, I would like to include the entirety of 6th St and the entirety of Mariposa Street as well.
Rationale:	We are all impacted by the agreed desire to preserve both the historic and rural character of "town."
Current boundary Dislikes or likes:	Blank
Anything else to consider:	Blank

RESPONSE 12

District of Residency:	1
Nature of bond or common interest:	Yosemite West is a group of home and land owners sharing common unique concerns due to the geographic isolation and sole access via Henness Ridge Drive through Yosemite National Park
Boundaries of COI:	All properties in the Henness Ridge area, including Yosemite Park Way, and also the parcels accessible only by the connected dirt roads that still only have paved road access through Henness Ridge Drive.
Rationale:	Yosemite West is impacted by many Planning Commission zoning decisions, and BoS decisions relating to Public Works, including roads, water, and sewer.
Current boundary Dislikes or likes:	Yosemite West and Wawona are already fully within District 1, and should remain together.
Anything else to consider:	Blank
**RESPONDENT SUGGESTION: Considered as request to have Wawona in the same district as Yosemite West because respondent erroneously notes that they are already in a single district	

and should remain together.

RESPONSE 11

District of Residency:	1
Nature of bond or common interest:	Yosemite National Park, economics directly & heavily tied to Park visitation, enjoyment of nature, being away from 'towns' or 'cities'
Boundaries of COI:	Yosemite West, Wawona, Fish Camp should all be in same district, along with Yosemite Valley and El Portal. The Park is central to all of our lives..
Rationale:	NPS/Yosemite issues have direct affect; unique symbiosis between our communities and Yosemite.
Current boundary Dislikes or likes:	Wawona and Fish Camp should be in same district as Yosemite Valley & Yosemite West; El Portal should, as well. Midpines is more closely aligned to Mariposa (yes, even though many people who live there work in the Park).
Anything else to consider:	Travel corridors make natural COIs -- Hwy. 49 south communities are cohesive; Hwy. 140 west of Mariposa communities are cohesive; Hwy. 49 mountain communities north of Merced River are cohesive; ranching communities/areas along western County boundary are cohesive. Population concentration in Mariposa town should be one COI; nearby areas may need to be in different districts for equal population representation but would still be fitting if using same main transportation direction.
**RESPONDENT SUGGESTION: Yosemite West, Wawona, Fish Camp, Yosemite Valley, and El Portal should be in the same district. However, ambiguity exists in that the respondent also notes that travel corridors imply community and Fish Camp and Wawona are on a separate travel corridor from Yosemite West and El Portal.	

RESPONSE 10 – Submission Blank

District of Residency:	Blank
Nature of bond or common interest:	Blank
Boundaries of COI:	Blank
Rationale:	Blank
Current boundary Dislikes or likes:	Blank
Anything else to consider:	Blank

RESPONSE 9 – NO COI BOUNDARIES IDENTIFIED

District of Residency:	2
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Nature of bond or common interest:	(1) Baha'i Faith member (2) combat veteran
Boundaries of COI:	(1) We are mostly in District 4 but have members in each district (2) we are numerous throughout the county
Rationale:	(1) We are concerned with discrimination & oppression & seek diversity (2) we seek veteran rights
Current boundary Dislikes or likes:	I yield to those more informed-looks okay to me.
Anything else to consider:	We are loyal citizens. In Islamic nations many of us have been executed or imprisoned. On any religious occasion, we would like to be included.

RESPONSE 8

District of Residency:	4
Nature of bond or common interest:	Blank
Boundaries of COI:	W. Whitlock
Rationale:	Blank
Current boundary Dislikes or likes:	I like being in district 4, and hope to stay there
Anything else to consider:	Blank
**RESPONDENT SUGGESTION: W. Whitlock should remain in District 4.	

RESPONSE 7 - POLICY

District of Residency:	5
Nature of bond or common interest:	We are primarily tourist driven. There are many vacation rentals in the area.
Boundaries of COI:	The foothills of the Sierra
Rationale:	Tourist centric issues need to be at the forefront of decisions. No dirty industries. But marijuana production and sales should be promoted.
Current boundary Dislikes or likes:	Blank
Anything else to consider:	Our district could benefit from the relaxing of home based businesses open to the public. These could include restaurants, art shops, fruit and vegetable stands, riding stables, etc. Any business that benefits locals as well as tourists.

RESPONSE 6

District of Residency:	4
Nature of bond or common interest:	Quiet rural area, low crime rate, good schools, excellent services, quaint town with small family businesses.
Boundaries of COI:	Our COI is rural and remote, surrounding a small town of businesses geared toward tourism.
Rationale:	Although we may live outside the town limits, it's OUR town.

Current boundary Dislikes or likes:	Nothing.
Anything else to consider:	No.
**RESPONDENT SUGGESTION: Undefined area around the town of Mariposa should be contained in the same district as the town.	

RESPONSE 5 - **POLICY**

District of Residency:	1
Nature of bond or common interest:	A good Sheriff department, meeting with folks around town, the fair, the freedom and no traffic signals
Boundaries of COI:	Mariposa CA
Rationale:	3848 Brodiea Lane
Current boundary Dislikes or likes:	I have no opinion
Anything else to consider:	Not at this tim.

RESPONSE 4 – **NO COI BOUNDARIES IDENTIFIED**

District of Residency:	4
Nature of bond or common interest:	Geographic and business district
Boundaries of COI:	Blank
Rationale:	population concentration; size of parcels; use of land
Current boundary Dislikes or likes:	Seems about right
Anything else to consider:	Blank
**RESPONDENT SUGGESTION: Ambiguous response as COI boundaries are identified. However, given the district of residence, the assumption made is that the business district in question is the town of Mariposa, which is a CDP.	

RESPONSE 3 – **NO COI OR BOUNDARIES IDENTIFIED**

District of Residency:	Blank
Nature of bond or common interest:	NOT Ag. NOT Townies Like privacy and openness. willing and able to commute
Boundaries of COI:	Don't know exactly. Appears to be mostly geographical, with a somewhat arbitray boundrary on SW side bordering district 3
Rationale:	Most issues before the B S are, and should be, of universal, common interest to all of Mariposa, District 5 is distinctly different from districts 1,2,& 3 and should remain that way
Current boundary Dislikes or likes:	They are OK. Our neighborhood is one that bumps around every 10 years. Has been in 5 and 3. We prefer 5
Anything else to consider:	NO
**RESPONDENT SUGGESTION: No COI or boundaries identified. Notes a preference for their neighborhood to be contained in District 5, but do not identify the neighborhood.	

RESPONSE 2 – CDP BOUNDARY

District of Residency:	4
Nature of bond or common interest:	Democratic representation. Cultural community including the arts, commerce, tourism, etc.
Boundaries of COI:	Down town Mariposa. I live several blocks from Highway 140.
Rationale:	To coordinate art and commerce in the downtown area. Galleries, restaurants, shopping, history and more.
Current boundary Dislikes or likes:	I want to be able to vote for board of supervisors in all districts. We are ONE county.
Anything else to consider:	I will consider progressive ideas for this wonderful town.

RESPONSE 1 – NO COI BOUNDARIES IDENTIFIED

District of Residency:	5
Nature of bond or common interest:	Woodland School - Brings our children together. It is also the center of where our youth sports in the spring are held.
Boundaries of COI:	I like our district the way it is.
Rationale:	Most children in District 5 attend woodland school
Current boundary Dislikes or likes:	N/A
Anything else to consider:	That you all are doing a fantastic job!
**RESPONDENT SUGGESTION: While the respondent identifies Woodland School as a community nexus, students reside in a variety of areas around the county which makes identification of a COI boundary critical.	

APPENDIX A

DISTRICT 1 COI RESPONSE SUGGESTED PAIRINGS

From 2021 Redistricting Communities of Interest Responses

Response # 11	Response # 13	Response # 14	Response # 17	Response # 22
El Portal		El Portal	El Portal	El Portal
		Foresta	Foresta	
YW	YW	YW	YW	
Wawona	Wawona	Wawona	Wawona	
Fish Camp		Fish Camp		
		Midpines		
		YNP	YNP	YNP
Yos. Valley				

FREQUENCY ANALYSIS

While the low number of Community of Interest Worksheet responses made it less than ideal, it was nonetheless necessary to conduct a frequency analysis of the occurrence of community pairings to provide a statistical basis for staff recommendations. That analysis quickly yielded an area of general agreement among the submissions that might be described as opposite sides of a “core” District 1 area.

Core Area Emerges

Of the COI responses received, four (**50% of the total responses, and 80% of responses** from District I residents) indicate a significant support for El Portal and Yosemite remaining in the same district. On the opposite side of this core area, there is a similar level of support for Wawona to be added into the same district as Yosemite West - which is entirely contained within Yosemite National Park (YNP.)

- El Portal and Yosemite Valley/YNP (Response Nos. 11, 14, 17, 22)
- Yosemite West and Wawona (Response Nos. 11, 13, 14, 17)

Less Support Seen for Other community pairings

Beyond that core area, responses begin to diverge on their levels of support. Given that Yosemite West is surrounded by YNP, it serves as a curiosity that, while El Portal is considered to have a nexus with YNP, the connection between El Portal and Yosemite West is not as strong with only **37.5% of Total Responses (60% of District I Responses)** indicating such a pairing.

- El Portal and Yosemite West (Response Nos. 11, 14, 17)

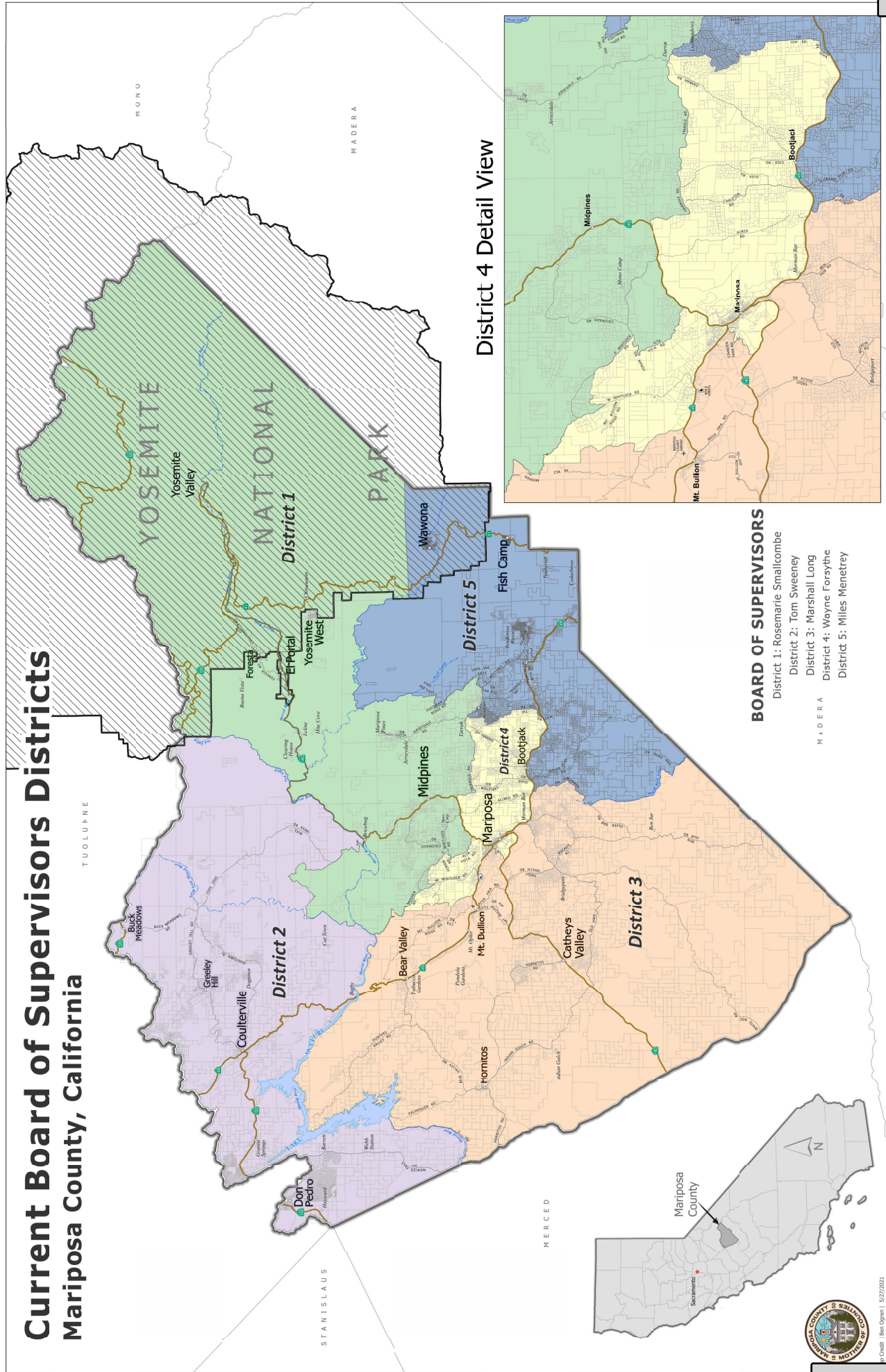
Associated community pairings decline further after that. Particularly noteworthy is that Fish Camp is mentioned in only two responses, which equates to only **25% of Total Responses (40% of District I**

Responses). Given the strong response seen for the core area, this low level response is interpreted as indicating less affinity for the Fish Camp area.

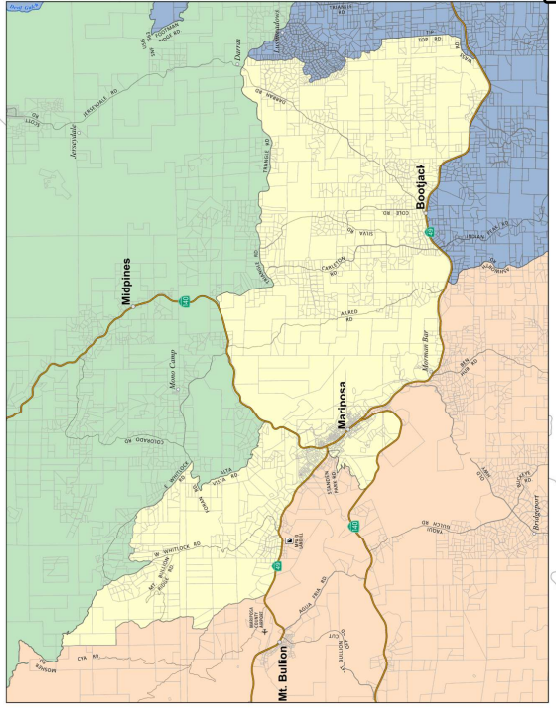
- **Fish Camp, Wawona, Yosemite West, El Portal (Response No. 11, 14)**

As such, while strong support can be found for a district that encompasses from El Portal to Wawona, only a weak nexus with Fish Camp appears to exist among the COI responses. It could be argued that a lack of nexus is borne out by the policies and MOUs outlined in Response Number 17, which affect only communities within the boundaries of YNP. While located in close proximity to a YNP boundary, Fish Camp is, nonetheless, located outside of the Park and beyond the influence of the cited agreements.

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Date	Action
10/28/2021	Public Hearing Notice Published
10/21/2021	Article published in Mariposa Gazette. "Input Sought by County in Redistricting Planning," by Christina Manuel
10/21/2021	Display Ad published in the Mariposa Gazette
10/14/2021	Facebook Post published regarding release of draft maps
10/13/2021	NewsFlash Posted on County website
10/13/2021	Map Options Emailed to Distribution list (those people and groups who received the COI)
10/13/2021	Map Options Released to the public
9/23/2021	Article published in Mariposa Gazette. "Census info key to redoing districts", by Christina Manuel
9/15/2021	Public Hearing #3 Held at 2:00 PM
9/9/2021	Display Ad published in the Mariposa Gazette (with the 9/15 change)
8/12/2021	Display Ad published in the Mariposa Gazette (with the 9/15 change)
7/29/2021	Display Ad published in the Mariposa Gazette (with 9/14 hearing date noted as being changed to 9/15.)
7/20/2021	Editorial published in July Edition of the Yosemite Express
7/17/2021	Public Hearing #2 Held on Saturday at 10:00 AM
7/8/2021	Notice of Public Hearing #2 Published
6/25/2021	COI Worksheet distributed to the following (Churches that opted in to distributing the information): Grace Community Mariposa Revival Center Mariposa Reformed Baptist Church Greeley Hill Baptist Lutheran Church-Mariposa Mariposa Methodist Church New Life Christian Fellowship Ponderosa Basin Chapel First Baptist Church St. Josephs Catholic Church Mariposa Seventh Day Adventist
6/23/2021	COI Worksheet distributed to: AAUW, Sorooptimists, Water Agency Advisory Board, Airport Advisory Committee, Yosemite West District Advisory Committee
6/16/2021	G.I.S. webtool goes live at www.mariposacounty.org/mymap . Allows people to draw their own district boundaries, and see COI worksheet responses.

Attachment: REDISTRICTING ENGAGEMENT LOG (11951 : Redistricting Public Hearing #4)

6/9/2021 COI Worksheet distributed to: Agricultural Advisory Committee
 Catheys Valley Community Planning Advisory Committee
 Coulterville Planning Advisory Committee
 Creative Placemaking Strategy Advisory Committee
 El Portal Planning Advisory Committee
 Fish Camp Town Planning Advisory Council
 Greeley Hill Planning Advisory Committee
 Housing Programs Advisory Committee
 Historic Sites and Records Preservation Commission
 Merced River Trail Community Working Group
 Midpines Planning Advisory Committee
 Town of Mariposa Transportation Citizens Advisory Committee
 Wawona Town Planning Advisory Committee

6/8/2021	Public Hearing #1 Held at 2:00 PM
6/3/2021	COI Worksheet distributed to American Indian Council
6/3/2021	COI Worksheet distributed Mariposa Business Association
6/3/2021	Display Ad published in the Mariposa Gazette
6/1/2021	COI Worksheet sent to Mariposa Co. Republican Central Committee
6/1/2021	COI Worksheet sent to Mariposa Co. Democratic Central Committee
5/27/2021	Notice of Public Hearing #1 Published
5/25/2021	COI Worksheet sent to Lions Club
5/21/2021	COI Worksheet sent to Chamber of Commerce
5/21/2021	Four PSAs Recorded and to Radio to play 6x/day through November
5/20/2021	COI Worksheet sent to Mariposa Rotary Club
5/20/2021	COI Worksheet sent to Farm Bureau
5/19/2021	Redistricting COI Worksheet Released to Public (hard copy, fillable PDF, and online form)
5/19/2021	Infographic published on Facebook - Redistricting 101, no 2
5/18/2021	Website goes live (www.mariposacounty.org/redistricting)
5/18/2021	Infographic published on Facebook - Redistricting 101, no 1
5/18/2021	Board of Supervisors Approves the Public Hearing Schedule
5/11/2021	Board of Supervisors Meeting: Discussion and Direction Item. Board will manage the process with County staff guidance.