

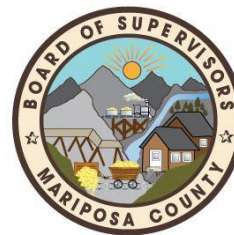


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DISTRICT I
DISTRICT II
DISTRICT IV
DISTRICT V

ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES

July 17, 2021

SPECIAL MEETING

A. 10:00 AM Called to Order and Roll Call

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Rosemarie Smallcombe	District I Supervisor	Present	10:00 AM
Tom Sweeney	District II Supervisors	Present	10:00 AM
Marshall Long	District III Supervisor	Present	10:00 AM
Wayne Forsythe	District IV Supervisor	Present	10:00 AM
Miles Menetrey	District V Supervisor	Present	10:00 AM

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Long led the Pledge.

C. Regular Agenda

- 1. Clerk of the Board of Supervisors (ID # 11944)**

CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING #2 to Review Existing District Boundaries, Review State Redistricting Criteria, and Receive Public Input and Proposals Regarding County Supervisor Districts

10:01 AM Chair Long opened the public hearing.

René LaRoche/Clerk of the Board gave the staff report noting that due to the special election, the next hearing was rescheduled from Tuesday, September 14th to Wednesday, September 15th at 2:00 PM. She also provided 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 sixteen Community of Interest forms received so far and noted that those with geographic boundaries are valuable to this process. Board discussion ensued regarding the public hearing schedule, the delay in the release of the relevant census data, and the legal mandate requiring that draft maps can only be produced once three weeks have passed after

the release of census data. Ms. Williams offered to produce a map with the current district boundaries with overlays of 2010 data so that people could look to see how things were balanced the last time. The Board concurred with the idea.

Public comment opened.

Paul Brickett inquired about the number of census blocks in Mariposa County, whether the 2010 data is available, and whether there is a list of Zones of Benefit for people to evaluate.

Kenneth Boche spoke regarding a proposal for a dog park, and suggested that both sides of the Sierra up to the Oregon border be included in one district. Public comment closed.

In response to Mr. Brickett's questions, Sarah Williams noted that she does not have the census block information, 2010 population numbers, or Zones of Benefit information with her but can supply it to Mr. Brickett. Supervisor Sweeney noted that a list of Zones of Benefit were included in last week's Board packet.

René LaRoche advised Mr. Boche that his comment regarding a Sierra District was applicable to the statewide redistricting process and advised him where to find information on that process.

10:41 AM Chair Long closed the public hearing.

RESULT: HEARING CONCLUDED

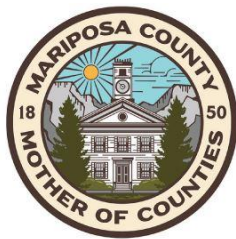
D. Adjournment

10:41 AM Chair Long adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

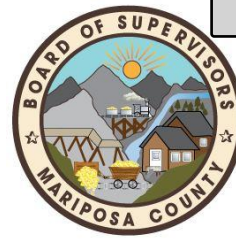
René LaRoche
Clerk of the Board

Marshall Long
Chair, Board of Supervisors



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MEETING: July 17, 2021

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Rene LaRoche, Clerk of the Board

RE: Redistricting Public Hearing #2

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING #2 to review existing district boundaries, review state redistricting criteria, and receive public input and proposals regarding county supervisor districts.

Overview

Redistricting is required every ten years and follows the decennial federal census, which is required by the U.S. Constitution. In turn, the redistricting process (also known as reapportionment) is automatically triggered by various laws among all levels of federal, state, and local governments once the federal census is complete (Cal Elections Code (Ca EC) Section 21500, et seq.) With the completion of the 2020 U.S. census, redistricting has now been triggered. This, then, is the second in a series of public hearings that have been scheduled to receive public input. The next public hearing will be held on Wednesday, September 15, 2021, at 2:00 PM.

Map Criteria

The redistricting process is defined by various state and federal laws which outline not only the process, but the criteria that must be used for the final district boundaries. Those boundary criteria are:

- 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 last U.S. Census (*Ca EC 21500(a)-(b)*) - which will be the 2020 census.
- 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).*)
(A community of interest is a population that shares common social or economic interest 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.)

Agenda Item - No Resolution Requested

- 5) They must maintain the geographic integrity of “Census Designated Places” in a way that minimizes their division *(Ca EC 21500(c)(3).)*
(While we are still waiting for the 2020 census data, the Census Designated Places within Mariposa County in the 2010 census 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.)
- 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) And, finally, supervisorial district boundaries may not be adopted for the purpose of favoring or discriminating against a political party *(Ca EC 21500(d).)*

Process

In terms of process, the existing laws also require enhanced public engagement, as well as a series of public hearings. Public engagement is expected to continue in some degree through the end of the process. Since June 3, 2021, the Communities of Interest worksheet has been distributed to fifteen more organizations, as well as sixteen County committees, boards, and commissions. (A full listing of activities can be found on the attached Public Engagement Log.) Additionally, the ability to submit Communities of Interest input has now been supplemented by a new G.I.S. feature which allows people to “draw” their own district boundaries. This feature went live on June 16, 2021, and is accessible by the public at www.mariposacounty.org/mymap.

Beyond the above public engagement, 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. Today’s public hearing fulfills the latter requirement; however, an evening meeting has also been scheduled for Monday, November 1, 2021, for a total of five scheduled public meetings.

Lastly, under Ca EC Section 21501(a)(2), the entire process must be completed, and a final ordinance adopted, no later than December 15, 2021.

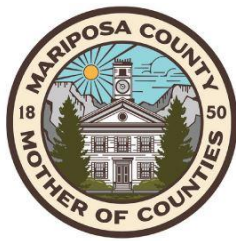
Draft Maps

The County cannot produce draft maps until two things occur: 1) at least one public hearing has been held (Ca EC Section 21507.1(a)(1)), and 2) at least three weeks have elapsed since the release of the block-level census data (Ca EC Section 21508(d)(3)(A)). While the first public hearing was conducted on June 8, 2021, as of the date of this writing, the block-level census data has not yet been released. Unfortunately, this means that the County is still unable to produce draft maps.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

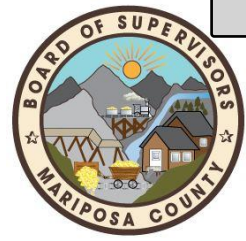
June 8, 2021: The Board conducted Public Hearing #1 at 2:00 PM.

May 11, 2021: The Board scheduled five public hearings, one special Saturday



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meeting, and one special Monday evening meeting to receive public input for the redistricting process.

May 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 Ca EC 21507.1(d) which requires redistricting public hearings to begin at the date and time set in the public hearing notice.

ATTACHMENTS:

Communities of Interest Input through 2021.07.14.101436 (PDF)

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

REDISTRICTING ENGAGEMENT LOG (PDF)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - published July 8, 2021 (PDF)

PUBLIC INPUT - Received from Kenneth Boche (PDF)

RESULT: HEARING CONCLUDED

Summary Report for Mariposa County Community of Interest Worksheet

Selected record count: 16

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19	Anonymous user	June 28, 2021 11:50 AM
18	Anonymous user	June 27, 2021 6:03 PM

A summary section can also be put at the end of the report.



Individual Record Report for Mariposa County Community of Interest Worksheet

1. What is Your Name?

Arthur Cormier

2. What is Your Email Address?

[REDACTED]

3. Are you a resident of Mariposa County?

Yes

3a. What District Do You Currently Live In?

1

4. What is the nature of the bond or common interest of your Community of 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.

5. Where are the boundaries of your Community of Interest?

Yosemite West

6. What is the rationale for your Community of Interest to be used in this districting?

Utility rates and new applications for TOT for old houses.

7. What do you like or dislike about the current district lines?

8. Is there anything else you would like us to consider?



Individual Record Report for Mariposa County Community of Interest Worksheet

1. What is Your Name?

Irene Vasquez

2. What is Your Email Address?

[REDACTED]

3. Are you a resident of Mariposa County?

Yes

3a. What District Do You Currently Live In?

4

4. What is the nature of the bond or common interest of your Community of Interest?

Environmental conservation

5. Where are the boundaries of your Community of Interest?

Bootjack to Midpines

6. What is the rationale for your Community of Interest to be used in this districting?

We are most affected by drought/beetle kill.

7. What do you like or dislike about the current district lines?

I dislike the large size of some of the districts in the least populated areas.

8. Is there anything else you would like us to consider?

Age demographics



Individual Record Report for Mariposa County Community of Interest Worksheet

1. What is Your Name?

Tom Lambert

2. What is Your Email Address?

[REDACTED]

3. Are you a resident of Mariposa County?

Yes

3a. What District Do You Currently Live In?

1

4. What is the nature of the bond or common interest of your Community of Interest?

Yosemite National Park, nature, outdoor recreation, the tourism industry

5. Where are the boundaries of your Community of Interest?

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.

6. What is the rationale for your Community of Interest to be used in this districting?

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

7. What do you like or dislike about the current district lines?

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.

8. Is there anything else you would like us to consider?



Individual Record Report for Mariposa County Community of Interest Worksheet

1. What is Your Name?

Pat Elka

2. What is Your Email Address?

[REDACTED]

3. Are you a resident of Mariposa County?

Yes

3a. What District Do You Currently Live In?

4

4. What is the nature of the bond or common interest of your Community of 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."

5. Where are the boundaries of your Community of Interest?

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.

6. What is the rationale for your Community of Interest to be used in this districting?

We are all impacted by the agreed desire to preserve both the historic and rural character of "town."

7. What do you like or dislike about the current district lines?

8. Is there anything else you would like us to consider?



Individual Record Report for Mariposa County Community of Interest Worksheet

1. What is Your Name?

Ted Williams

2. What is Your Email Address?

[REDACTED]

3. Are you a resident of Mariposa County?

Yes

3a. What District Do You Currently Live In?

1

4. What is the nature of the bond or common interest of your Community of 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.

5. Where are the boundaries of your Community of Interest?

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.

6. What is the rationale for your Community of Interest to be used in this districting?

Yosemite West is impacted by many Planning Commission zoning decisions, and BoS decisions relating to Public Works, including roads, water, and sewer.

7. What do you like or dislike about the current district lines?

Yosemite West and Wawona are already fully within District 1, and should remain together.

8. Is there anything else you would like us to consider?



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2. What is Your Email Address?

3. Are you a resident of Mariposa County?

Yes

3a. What District Do You Currently Live In?

1

4. What is the nature of the bond or common interest of your Community of Interest?

Yosemite National Park, economics directly & heavily tied to Park visitation, enjoyment of nature, being away from 'towns' or 'cities'

5. Where are the boundaries of your Community of Interest?

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..

6. What is the rationale for your Community of Interest to be used in this districting?

NPS/Yosemite issues have direct affect; unique symbiosis between our communities and Yosemite.

7. What do you like or dislike about the current district lines?

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).

8. Is there anything else you would like us 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.



Individual Record Report for Mariposa County Community of Interest Worksheet

1. What is Your Name?

2. What is Your Email Address?

3. Are you a resident of Mariposa County?

3a. What District Do You Currently Live In?

4. What is the nature of the bond or common interest of your Community of Interest?

5. Where are the boundaries of your Community of Interest?

6. What is the rationale for your Community of Interest to be used in this districting?

7. What do you like or dislike about the current district lines?

8. Is there anything else you would like us to consider?



Individual Record Report for Mariposa County Community of Interest Worksheet

1. What is Your Name?

James Rhodes

2. What is Your Email Address?

[REDACTED]

3. Are you a resident of Mariposa County?

Yes

3a. What District Do You Currently Live In?

2

4. What is the nature of the bond or common interest of your Community of Interest?

(1) Baha'i Faith member (2) combat veteran

5. Where are the boundaries of your Community of Interest?

(1) We are mostly in District 4 but have members in each district (2) we are numerous throughout the county

6. What is the rationale for your Community of Interest to be used in this districting?

(1) We are concerned with discrimination & oppression & seek diversity (2)
we seek veteran rights

7. What do you like or dislike about the current district lines?

I yield to those more informed-looks okay to me.

8. Is there anything else you would like us 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.



Individual Record Report for Mariposa County Community of Interest Worksheet

1. What is Your Name?

2. What is Your Email Address?

3. Are you a resident of Mariposa County?

Yes

3a. What District Do You Currently Live In?

4

4. What is the nature of the bond or common interest of your Community of Interest?

5. Where are the boundaries of your Community of Interest?

W. Whitlock

6. What is the rationale for your Community of Interest to be used in this districting?

7. What do you like or dislike about the current district lines?

I like being in district 4, and hope to stay there

8. Is there anything else you would like us to consider?



Individual Record Report for Mariposa County Community of Interest Worksheet

1. What is Your Name?

2. What is Your Email Address?

3. Are you a resident of Mariposa County?

Yes

3a. What District Do You Currently Live In?

5

4. What is the nature of the bond or common interest of your Community of Interest?

We are primarily tourist driven. There are many vacation rentals in the area.

5. Where are the boundaries of your Community of Interest?

The foothills of the Sierra

6. What is the rationale for your Community of Interest to be used in this districting?

Tourist centric issues need to be at the forefront of decisions. No dirty industries. But marijuana production and sales should be promoted.

7. What do you like or dislike about the current district lines?

8. Is there anything else you would like us 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.



Individual Record Report for Mariposa County Community of Interest Worksheet

1. What is Your Name?

Barbara Hamilton

2. What is Your Email Address?

[REDACTED]

3. Are you a resident of Mariposa County?

Yes

3a. What District Do You Currently Live In?

4

4. What is the nature of the bond or common interest of your Community of Interest?

Quiet rural area, low crime rate, good schools, excellent services, quaint town with small family businesses.

5. Where are the boundaries of your Community of Interest?

Our COI is rural and remote, surrounding a small town of businesses geared toward tourism.

6. What is the rationale for your Community of Interest to be used in this districting?

Although we may live outside the town limits, it's OUR town.

7. What do you like or dislike about the current district lines?

Nothing

8. Is there anything else you would like us to consider?

No



Individual Record Report for Mariposa County Community of Interest Worksheet

1. What is Your Name?

Ray Marean

2. What is Your Email Address?

[REDACTED]

3. Are you a resident of Mariposa County?

Yes

3a. What District Do You Currently Live In?

1

4. What is the nature of the bond or common interest of your Community of Interest?

A good Sheriff department, meeting with folks around town, the fair, the freedom and no traffic signals

5. Where are the boundaries of your Community of Interest?

Mariposa CA

6. What is the rationale for your Community of Interest to be used in this districting?

3848 Brodiea Lane

7. What do you like or dislike about the current district lines?

I have no opinion

8. Is there anything else you would like us to consider?

Not at this tim.



Individual Record Report for Mariposa County Community of Interest Worksheet

1. What is Your Name?

Marilyn Saunderrrs

2. What is Your Email Address?

[REDACTED]

3. Are you a resident of Mariposa County?

Yes

3a. What District Do You Currently Live In?

4

4. What is the nature of the bond or common interest of your Community of Interest?

Geographic and business district

5. Where are the boundaries of your Community of Interest?

6. What is the rationale for your Community of Interest to be used in this districting?

population concentration; size of parcels; use of land

7. What do you like or dislike about the current district lines?

Seems about right

8. Is there anything else you would like us to consider?



Individual Record Report for Mariposa County Community of Interest Worksheet

1. What is Your Name?

2. What is Your Email Address?

3. Are you a resident of Mariposa County?

Yes

3a. What District Do You Currently Live In?

4. What is the nature of the bond or common interest of your Community of Interest?

NOT Ag. NOT Townies Like privacy and openness. willing and able to commute

5. Where are the boundaries of your Community of Interest?

Don't know exactly. Appears to be mostly geographical, with a somewhat arbitray boundrary on SW side bordering district 3

6. What is the rationale for your Community of Interest to be used in this districting?

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

7. What do you like or dislike about the current district lines?

They are OK. Our neighborhood is one that bumps around every 10 years. Has been in 5 and 3. We prefer 5

8. Is there anything else you would like us to consider?

NO



Individual Record Report for Mariposa County Community of Interest Worksheet

1. What is Your Name?

2. What is Your Email Address?

3. Are you a resident of Mariposa County?

Yes

3a. What District Do You Currently Live In?

4

4. What is the nature of the bond or common interest of your Community of Interest?

Democratic representation. Cultural community including the arts, commerce, tourism, etc.

5. Where are the boundaries of your Community of Interest?

Down town Mariposa. I live several blocks from Highway 140.

6. What is the rationale for your Community of Interest to be used in this districting?

To coordinate art and commerce in the downtown area. Galleries, restaurants, shopping, history and more.

7. What do you like or dislike about the current district lines?

I want to be able to vote for board of supervisors in all districts. We are ONE county.

8. Is there anything else you would like us to consider?

I will consider progressive ideas for this wonderful town.



Individual Record Report for Mariposa County Community of Interest Worksheet

1. What is Your Name?

Danielle Bondshu

2. What is Your Email Address?

[REDACTED]

3. Are you a resident of Mariposa County?

Yes

3a. What District Do You Currently Live In?

5

4. What is the nature of the bond or common interest of your Community of Interest?

Woodland School - Brings our children together. It is also the center of where our youth sports in the spring are held.

5. Where are the boundaries of your Community of Interest?

I like our district the way it is.

6. What is the rationale for your Community of Interest to be used in this districting?

Most children in District 5 attend woodland school

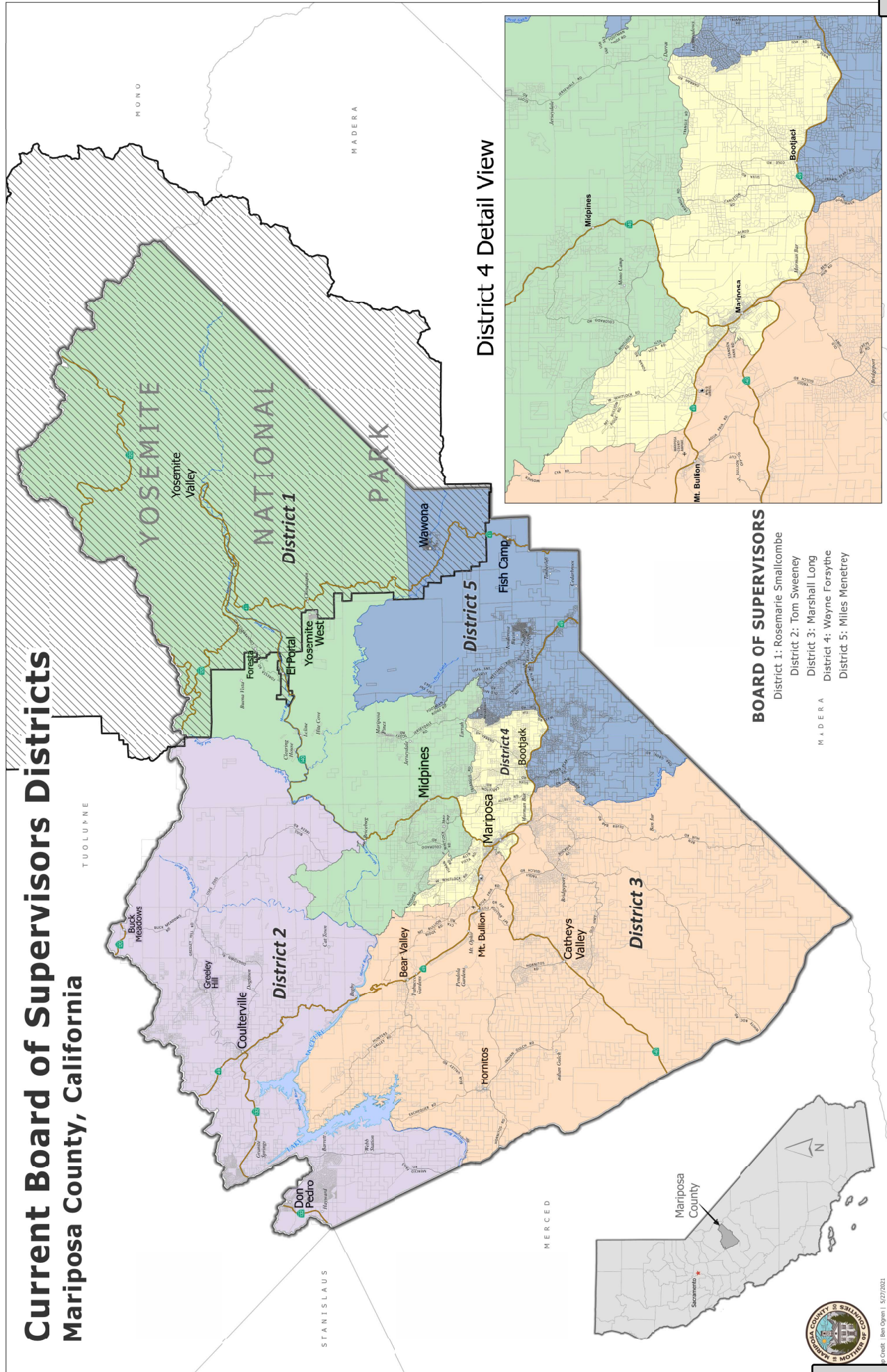
7. What do you like or dislike about the current district lines?

N/A

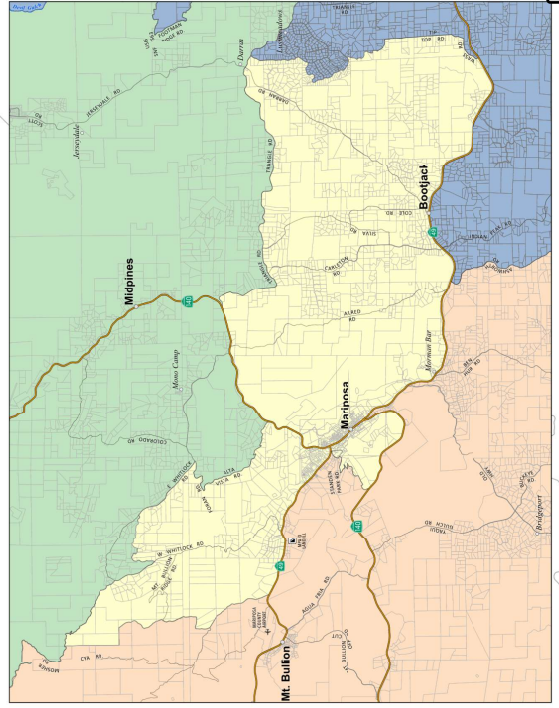
8. Is there anything else you would like us to consider?

That you all are doing a fantastic job!

Current Board of Supervisors Districts Mariposa County, California



District 4 Detail View



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- District 1: Rosemarie Smallcombe
- District 2: Tom Sweeney
- District 3: Marshall Long
- District 4: Wayne Forsythe
- District 5: Miles Menetrey



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REDISTRICTING PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT EFFORTS

Last Updated: 6-25-2021

Date	Action
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, Soroptimists, 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.
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

Attachment: REDISTRICTING ENGAGEMENT LOG (11944 : Redistricting Public Hearing #2)

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.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

To Receive Public Input and Proposals Regarding County Supervisor Districts

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to California Elections Code Section 21507.1, the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors will hold a series of five public hearings to receive input regarding potential redistricting of supervisorial districts.

Public Hearing #2 is scheduled as follows:

DATE: **Saturday, July 17, 2021**
 TIME: **10:00 AM**
 LOCATION: **Board Chambers**
Mariposa County Government Center
5100 Bullion Street, Mariposa, CA

The public is invited to submit information regarding their Communities of Interest, and proposed district boundaries for the 2021 redistricting process. Draft maps will not be available until county-level 2020 U.S. census data is released.

- Community of Interest forms can be submitted online at:
www.mariposacounty.org/COIs
- Hardcopy forms can be downloaded from: www.mariposacounty.org/paperCOI and returned in person to the Clerk of the Board's Office at the above address or sent by mail to PO Box 784, Mariposa, Ca. 95338.
- Questions or input may also be emailed to redistricting@mariposacounty.org

Future hearing dates on this matter are scheduled in the Board Chambers as follows:

PUBLIC HEARING #3:

DATE: Tuesday, September 14, 2021
 TIME: 2:00 PM

PUBLIC HEARING #4

DATE: Monday, November 1, 2021
 TIME: 6:00 PM

PUBLIC HEARING #5

DATE: Tuesday, November 2, 2021
 TIME: 2:00 PM

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION

DATE: Tuesday, November 23, 2021
 TIME: 2:00 PM

ORDINANCE ADOPTION

DATE: Tuesday, December 7, 2021
 TIME: 2:00 PM

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Dated: June 22, 2021

By: René LaRoche, Clerk of the Board of Supervisor

Dog Park Proposal: (Part 1) By Kenneth Boche, FrogFaceFarm.com

If the Mariposa County Business Association (MCBA), Mariposa Co. Planning Dept. (MCPD), and our Tourism Bureau (TB) want to make Mariposa County a destination apart from Yosemite, promoting Mariposa as a dog-friendly destination would help diversify our residents' and visitors' options, especially visitors who live within driving distances from Mariposa.

With Covid-19, more people have become dog-owners, and those who bring them to visit Yosemite want more diverse, pet-friendly options than are found in Yosemite, even if they can get Yosemite entrance permits.

A dog park could expand opportunities to help heal some divisive perspectives by providing ways to connect with our neighbors about common concerns. While their dogs are romping, sniffing, wagging tails, chasing balls, and more, dog owners would probably talk about their dogs, essentially some personal story-telling. As a result, we'd probably find that we have more in common with our neighbors and visitors than we have differences. For example, while two dog owners are talking, one owner might ask the other, "How've you been?" My answer would be, "Actually I just had a trip to our hospital's emergency room, and they took great care of me, got my tests run promptly, and I felt really well-cared for." Another truthful response of mine might be, "I have a friend, older than I am (76), and he was having a heart-attack here, but he got flown from our ER to Modesto by helicopter, and it saved his life! Now he's back to leading tours, gold-panning, and generally enjoying his life again."

The conversation might continue, "What do you know about the new initiative to save our hospital?"

"Not much, but my trip to the emergency room convinced me of the life-saving necessity to keep our hospital in business. I think there will be another vote on it soon."

For now, the tennis and basketball courts at Mariposa Park could serve the Dog-Park purpose. There is already a pickle-ball / dog park group that meets there regularly. It would cost no money to set up a schedule and allow for multiple uses. And with Mariposa County's successes at obtaining economic development grants, a small amount of that money could go to Public Works for funding some "User Guidelines" signage, a dispenser-receptacle for dog poop, and some weekly time for maintenance.

Another urgent topic involves threats to our families, homes, and communities from wildfire! One dog-park visitor might ask their neighbor, "Are you at all concerned about wildfires this summer?"

"Yes, even if our homes are not threatened directly, we still have to breathe the smoke that can hang over our county for weeks, creating health issues for everyone."

The neighbor might respond, "Did you know that there's a Prescribed Burn Association (PBA) forming around Mariposa whose goal is reducing wildfire fuels, neighbors-helping-neighbors, to keep fires from threatening our homes and families. Our foothills' oak-chaparral plant communities burn violently whether green or dried."

Innovative programs at nearby colleges could train forestry and wildfire technicians, landscape contractors, and other entrepreneurs to reduce fuel, so that wildfires threats would decrease. Hawaii Community College's Forest TEAM Program with its high school outreach could serve as one model that could be adapted here. Local colleges could link wildfire fuel-reduction programs to MCHS's students, providing career pathways that would keep our youth here at home with their own small businesses or good jobs plus our community's respect.

Furthermore, college engineering programs or innovative entrepreneurs might design, build, and patent small-scale cutting, digging, and wood-chipping tools that could be towed and powered by an ATV to sloping sites where existing machinery cannot go. There could be vast markets for such wild-fire fuel-reduction tools throughout the mountainous western states as well as in Canada.

Another way the MCPD / TB could diversify our economy would be to create an on-line tour of Mariposa County's back roads. This could include historic farm and mining machinery with their backgrounds and photos as well as locations of farms where local gardeners could sell their home-grown, custom-processed agricultural products, perhaps on-line. Solar-dried persimmons or apples anyone?

END PART 1

MCBA INSPIRED "COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST" PART 2

For generations, people have chosen to live in the Sierra Nevada for a variety of reasons, including living near opportunities for low-cost, self-sufficient lifestyles like hunting which puts food on their tables and helps to limit deer populations, fishing, certainly mining, and more recently other interests such as mountaineering, photography, hiking, river-running, wildlife sightings, and more. Other people, who just want more space from their neighbors or who share common interests in local traditions, have settled here. Many do not want to listen to their neighbors' loud music or other disturbances.

Today, the Yosemite Gateway Partners (YGP), located in the surrounding communities, help bind together the historical, social, and business interests of the Yosemite area. More broadly, the Sierra's "Communities of Interest" stretch from the Kern River northward to include all of the westward flowing rivers as far north as the American River and beyond. People living near Lake Tahoe also share our "Communities of Interest," knowing that their families enjoy their own natural beauty and the recreational activities available there. They know that their livelihoods and businesses depend on the visitors who come there for their similar special qualities. The Sierra Business Council (SBC) serves similar binding effects in that area that YGP does near Yosemite.

Beyond the Lake Tahoe region, our "Communities of Interest" extend northward to include Mt. Lassen Volcanic National Park, Mt. Shasta, Lava Beds National Monument and other volcanic features, plus many wildlife refuges and their own dispersed communities.

Traditionally, planners have used mountain ranges as borders between counties and other entities. It should be the opposite for the Sierra: the east and west sides and the northern and southern ends share similar "Communities of Interest" throughout the mountains.

Not only do the Sierra communities share common personal, recreational, and business interests, but we also share similar threats from wildfires from our fire-adapted vegetation types. To counter these threats, we can adopt traditional Indian cultural burning practices to promote both cultural revival and family survival by using fire to create safer, more livable conditions for Sierra residents. This burning can promote plants that have been traditionally used for food, medicine, basketry, and more. There is an on-going resurgence of basket-making which can provide artistic satisfaction and possibly lovely items for sale to friends, in our local galleries, or on-line.

Our Sierra "Communities of Interest" need a vast expansion of the USDA/NRCS incentives that provide private landowners with resources to manage their lands for both productivity and community fire safety. Local prescribed burn associations (PBAs) that have their own tools, with support from Cal-Fire, can conduct fuel reduction burns that will benefit both those landowners and their neighbors.

Lastly, we need to clearly define the Sierra's "Communities of Interest" as different from the Central Valley's. In the past, well-funded politicians have successfully diluted our interests by attaching small portions of the Sierra's communities to the adjacent Central Valley's more populous congressional districts.

However, the Central Valley communities have few of the concerns or "Communities of Interest" that define those of Sierra!

Innovative programs at community colleges could train forestry and wildfire technicians and support landscape contractors to reduce fuels, so that wildfires will be less destructive. Hawaii Community College's Forest TEAM Program with its high school outreach could serve as one model that could be adapted for use here.

Places like Bridgeport, Lee Vining Canyon, Mammoth Lakes, the Inyo and Mono Craters, June Lake Loop, and the towns of the Owens Valley depend on visitors who come to access the east side of the Sierra, the Bristlecone Pines, the various hot springs, and more for recreation and relaxation. The west and east sides of the Sierra are bound by these same "Communities of Interest."

Local economies would be decimated by building more dams to export more water to the Central Valley's corporate, mono-crop agri-businesses. We have "communities of interest" that are far different from theirs.