



# ADVISORY REDISTRICTING COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING AND PUBLIC WORKSHOP

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## SUMMARY MINUTES

### SPECIAL MEETING AND PUBLIC WORKSHOP AGENDA

Hybrid Meeting – In-person and via Zoom

Wednesday, September 29, 2021, 6:30pm

Felton Branch Library  
6121 Gushee St, Felton

Attend Meeting by Internet: <https://zoom.us/j/92519338521>  
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### HYBRID MEETING PROCESS

Pursuant to the provisions of the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20, and upon the recommendation of the Board of Supervisors and the County Health Officer, public meetings and workshops convened by the Santa Cruz County Advisory Redistricting Commission will be in a hybrid format, so attendance can be virtually by teleconference or in-person. If you attend in person, a mask is required. Meeting content will be recorded and placed on the Santa Cruz County Redistricting 2021 website for reference.

**Public Workshop Agenda Materials** are available for review in person at the office of the Clerk of the Board, Government Center, 5th Floor, 701 Ocean Street, Rm 520; and electronically on the County's Redistricting website, at: [www.santacruzcounty.us/Redistricting2021](http://www.santacruzcounty.us/Redistricting2021).

**Public Comments** on agenda items can be made on the County's Redistricting website at [www.santacruzcounty.us/Redistricting2021](http://www.santacruzcounty.us/Redistricting2021). Comments must be received before 5:00 p.m. the day before the meeting to be included with agenda materials. Comments received after 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday and before 4:00 p.m. on the day of the workshop will be included in the minutes record. For additional information, call the County Administrative Office at 454-3400 (TTY/TDD call 711). If attending via Zoom, public comment can be made using the link provided to access a Zoom-based meeting, or by calling the telephone number provided on the agenda.

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**1. Roll Call**

**Present:** Commissioners: O’Neil, Mosher, Vice-Chair Radin and Chair Watkins

**Excused:** Commissioner Reyes

**2. Welcome and Introductions**

This is an opportunity for Advisory Redistricting Commission members present and staff to introduce themselves and give an overview of the agenda.

**3. Staff Presentations**

A. Redistricting Basics and Website: Presentation on the fundamentals of redistricting, the new legislative environment guiding redistricting in 2021, what is (and isn’t) a community of interest, a timeline for the redistricting work ahead, and a quick overview of the website.

B. Redistricting Software: Introduction to the software available to capture Communities of Interest via a form and mapping tool located on the County’s redistricting website; an overview of Census data for redistricting; and a preview of the web-based redistricting software that will allow the public to create their own maps.

C. Census Data for Redistricting: Presentation of the current population totals for each district and an opportunity for Commissioner discussion.

**Presented**

**The commission discussed**

- Changes in Census population data and distribution from 2011
- Effects of COVID pandemic and UCSC student population on Census population
- Current redistricting legislative criteria
- Effects of CZU Fire evacuations on Census population

Helen – Question on efforts made to encourage community members to participate in the Census who were impacted by the CZU Fire.

M. Martinez – Requested that any considerations to expand District 5 include residents with similar lifestyles such as North County and Bonny Doon.

E. Westlund – Requested information on priority to keep cities like Scotts Valley together in one district.

**4. Communities of Interest Exercise**

Testimony on communities of interest, which determine how neighborhoods or communities might be grouped together for the purposes of elections, will be taken through a mapping exercise and storytelling. Opportunity will be provided to members of the public attending the workshop in-person and online to share how they think district boundaries should be drawn to best represent their communities.

**Presented**

M. Mosher – Provided input on the inclusion of Bonny Doon with San Lorenzo Valley in same district due to similar environmental and social concerns in both communities, which is different than Scotts Valley community.

M. Martinez – Provided input on keeping the San Lorenzo Valley community together.

Helen – Provided input on the communities of Brookdale and Boulder Creek.

## **5. Public Comment**

This is an opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on any item listed on today's agenda or a topic not on the agenda provided that the subject matter is within the jurisdiction of the Commission. Please note that the Commission is not able to take actions or engage in discussion on any item that is not on today's agenda. Such items may be referred to staff for follow up or placed on a future agenda. Each speaker will be permitted a maximum of three minutes each, with a maximum of 30 minutes set aside for this period.

L. Martin – Provided input on bringing cities into the same districts.

## **6. Reports and Announcements**

This is an opportunity for Commissioners and Staff to provide updates on Public Workshops and Public Hearings, an update on what's happening at the State and local level, and any other items associated with redistricting that may be of interest.

R. Martinez (County staff) announced AB361 which allows for continued hybrid, in-person and teleconferencing, meetings

## **7. Adjournment**

Public Workshops will be noticed on the redistricting website at least five days in advance of the meeting at [www.santacruzcounty.us/Redistricting2021](http://www.santacruzcounty.us/Redistricting2021)

Adjourned at 7:54 p.m.