Commissioner Enholm (District 5) will lead the discussion of the revised boundaries for the five districts of the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors as it affects the communities represented by the five County Library Commissioners appointed by the Board of Supervisors.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
None
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS/LIBRARIES:

DISTRICT 1 – John Gioia
El Cerrito
El Sobrante
Kensington *
Pinole *
San Pablo

DISTRICT 2 – Gayle B. Uilkema
Danville *
Lafayette
Moraga
Orinda
San Ramon/Dougherty Station *

DISTRICT 3 – Mary Piepho
Brentwood
Byron
Oakley *
Prewett *

DISTRICT 4 – Karen Mitchoff
Clayton
Concord
Pleasant Hill
Walnut Creek
Ygnacio Valley

DISTRICT 5 – Federal Glover
Antioch
Bay Point
Crockett *
Hercules *
Martinez *
Pittsburg
Rodeo *

* Redistricting - Library changes as of 9-9-2011
Every decade, the U.S. Census provides us with an amazing array of demographic information about the country, with detailed information at the federal, state and local level that can provide a snapshot of even a neighborhood's makeup. The completion of the Census, though, is just the beginning of a process for state and local governments known as redistricting. Following each Census, cities, counties and states must analyze the data and redraw boundary lines for legislative districts that are based upon population. These include our county supervisorial districts and, for Contra Costa County, we have just completed an adjustment of our boundaries with the new ones going into effect September 9, 2011.

"Tackling the total population of the county and dividing into five equal portions might seem simple, but the task of redistricting is so much more complicated than that," noted Katherine Kutsuris, whose Department of Conservation and Development (DCD) led the county's efforts. "There are many factors that go into creating districts that follow logical lines, and people living within them that have vastly different ideas about which neighborhoods and cities belong together." Keeping in mind that there can only be a slight variance in population between each district, it becomes clear that this is more difficult than it seems. Widespread growth in any one part of the County, as we saw in the San Ramon Valley and in East County over the past decade, can make it difficult to just perform the smallest of tweaks.

Kutsuris's team carried out the mission of soliciting widespread public input. More than a dozen community meetings and public hearings generated input that allowed staff to draw various map concepts to put before the Board of Supervisors for consideration. Public testimony at Board hearings found strong support for a number of very different map concepts, making it clear that everyone would have to give a little in order to reach a compromise.

New to the process this year was a mapping tool that allowed anyone with an idea of how to draw the maps to actually take part and create their own districts. This brought community input to a new level and truly enhanced the ability of the public represented by our Board members to have a greater say in who might represent them.

The complexity that level of input brought to the process generated wide praise to the DCD staff that had to assimilate the data quickly and accurately into maps that could be printed and explained to the Board of Supervisors and the public. Adjustments came frequently, and DCD crews were able to quickly produce new versions as needed. "Conservation and Development's redistricting team was amazing in their responsiveness to changes, managing the flow of suggestions and ensuring we were presenting concepts that would meet legal requirements. It was an exciting, dynamic process," Kutsuris said.

The Board of Supervisors ultimately agreed to a map that was based upon many compromises, and will mean some shifting in constituency for all five Board members. The new supervisorial district map, approved by the Board, will remain in effect for another decade when the process kicks-off all over again.

Learn more about the process and the map adopted by visiting the County's redistricting website at www.CCRedistricting.org.

Fast Facts:
- 15 public workshops on redistricting conducted in all 5 Supervisorial Districts from May 16 to June 4
- 340 email comments or inquiries submitted by the public through the County's redistricting website
- 30 map proposals submitted by the public through a mapping program on the County's redistricting website
- 19 map proposals prepared by DCD for the Board of Supervisors consideration through 3 public hearings
2011 Board of Supervisors Redistricting

Welcome

Thank you for your interest in the Contra Costa County Supervisorial Redistricting process. Please subscribe to our email list to keep updated on the redistricting effort.

What is Redistricting?

Redistricting is the drawing or adjusting of electoral district boundaries following the federal Census to account for population shifts and growth during the previous decade. The redistricting process is governed by the U.S. Constitution, State and federal law.

California Elections Code § 21500 requires the County Board of Supervisors to adjust the Supervisorial district boundaries every ten years following the federal Census so that the districts are as "nearly equal in population as may be" and comply with the Voting Rights Act. This year, the Board of Supervisors is required to redistrict the five Supervisorial districts using 2010 Census data. The County's redistricting process will include broad opportunity for public review and input.

Contra Costa County is committed to an open and transparent redistricting process by hosting community workshops throughout the County, providing all maps and data online, and potentially the ability to create redistricting options online.

The 2010 Census revealed that Contra Costa County has 1,049,025 residents. Extracts of the data for California, counties, places (incorporated cities and Census Designated Places or CDP) and census tracts are available on the Demographic Research Unit website.

American FactFinder will also provide on-line access to more Census 2010 results.

News Updates

Sign Up to receive email notification about the redistricting process.

July 26, 2011: Board of Supervisors Approves Redistricting Map Proposal

The Board of Supervisors approved Map Proposal 17 D Amended on a 3-2 vote as the proposed new supervisorial district boundaries. On Tuesday, August 9, 2011 at 10:00 am the Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing to consider adoption of an ordinance establishing the approved map as the new supervisorial district boundaries. The following provides map and data for the approved redistricting proposal.

Map Proposal 17 D Amended
Map Proposal 17 D Amended - Community Population Summary Table
Map Proposal 17 D Amended - Demographic Data Map

July 26, 2011: Continuation of Board of Supervisors Public Hearing on Map Proposals.

The Board of Supervisors will continue to Public Hearing to Consider Proposal to adjust the boundaries of county supervisorial districts based on the 2010 Census at 1:00 pm on July 26, 2011.

Board Order
July 12, 2011: Continuation of Board of Supervisors Public Hearing on Map Proposals.
The Board of Supervisors will continue to Public Hearing to Consider Proposal to adjust the boundaries of county supervisorial districts based on the 2010 Census at 11:15 am on July 12, 2011.

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Map Proposal 15
Map Proposal 15 - Community Population Summary
Map Proposal 15 - Demographic Data Map
Map Proposal 16
Map Proposal 16 - Community Population Summary
Map Proposal 16 - Demographic Data Map
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Map Proposal 17 - Demographic Data Map
Map Proposal 17 D
Map Proposal 17D - Community Population Summary
Map Proposal 17D - Demographic Data Map
Map Proposal Submitted at Board Hearing
Map Proposal 17 D
Map Proposal 17 D - Community Population Summary
Map Proposal 17 D - Demographic Data Map

Board of Supervisors Public Hearing on Map Proposals
The Board of Supervisors held a public hearing on Tuesday, June 28th at 1 pm to consider a report of Redistricting Map Proposals for County Supervisorial Districts based on 2010 Census data and public input received to date, and to consider approving a Redistricting Map proposal as the basis for an Ordinance to establish the decennial redistricting plan which adjust the supervisorial district boundaries for Contra Costa County.

Video of the June 28th Public Hearing

Board Agenda
Exhibit 1 (note, this is a large file, Quick Links below)
Exhibit 1: Seven Original Concept Maps Used in Public Workshops

Concept 1 Map
Concept 2 Map
Concept 3 Map
Concept 4 Map
Concept 5 (CC Times) Map

Concept 1 Population Summary
Concept 2 Population Summary
Concept 3 Population Summary
Concept 4 Population Summary
Concept 5 (CC Times) Population Summary