



**MINUTES**

**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING / PUBLIC FORUM #7**

**Wednesday, June 19, 2019, 6:00 p.m.**

**Fallbrook Regional Health District, Community Room, 138 S. Brandon Rd., Fallbrook**

**A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman Howard Salmon called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members Present: Directors Howard Salmon, Jennifer Jeffries and Kate Schwartz-Frates.

Board Members Absent: Directors Barbara Mroz and Bill Leach.

Also Present: Executive Director Rachel Mason and Legal Counsel Jeffrey Scott.

Staff Present: Linda Bannerman

**B. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

None

**C. BOARD MEMBER AND PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Director Schwartz-Frates provided a brief review of the last open forum meeting at the request of Chairman Salmon.

Tom Frew thanked the Board for listening to the community and said he prefers the Yellow map.

Joy Frew expressed favor for the Yellow map, noting many people walk to town within that area.

Ricardo Favela thanked the Board and said he is pleased with the boundaries on the Yellow map.

Leticia Stamos said she has been impressed with the openness of this Board. She likes the Yellow Map.

Daniel Barajas said the interactive map online was very helpful. He also favors the Yellow map.

**D. PUBLIC HEARING**

D1. Public Discussion Regarding Draft Maps for a Transition from At-Large to Zone-Based Elections – Elections Code

*After public hearings, public and Board discussion, four draft maps were prepared by National Demographics Corporation and three draft maps were prepared by Dustin Glasgow and published on the District's website beginning May 22, 2019, and a public hearing was held on May 29, 2019 at which the public was invited to provide input regarding the content of the draft maps. As a result of public input and Board discussion, staff and the consultant were directed to bring back three maps to be considered at this public hearing on June 19, 2019. The three draft maps were published on the District's website beginning June 12, 2019, and pursuant to Elections Code Section 10010(a), the public has been invited to provide input (in person and/or in writing) regarding the content of the draft maps and the proposed sequence of elections. After input and discussion, the Board may consider a Resolution approving one of the proposed maps and the sequence of the Elections.*

Robert McEntire of National Demographics Corporation reviewed the law requiring this action, the history and rules that apply, noting that Latinos are the protected class in our area. He said we have exceeded the number of public hearings required and experienced better public

participation than many other entities. He noted this will need to be done again after the 2020 census, in 2021 for the 2022 election. It should be an easier process, with minor adjustments considering changes in the census.

Chairman Salmon asked the audience if they would agree if the Board voted to approve the Yellow map. There was consensus in favor of the map. Chairman Salmon closed the public hearing.

Legal Counsel Jeff Scott indicated that it is important that the public recognize this Board voluntarily elected to go through this process at this time, before being threatened with a lawsuit and incurring additional legal fees. He said there has been good public input and together with the Board they have developed multiple maps that each meet the goal of providing the protected class of Fallbrook residents with an opportunity for representation in the 2020 election. He noted that Director Bill Leach was unable to attend the meeting tonight and he had submitted a letter to the Board stating that the Maps were unacceptable and will preclude him from running for re-election in 2020. Mr. Leach also raised concerns that current board members will be running against each other in future elections. A copy of the letter is available at the District office. Board and public discussion ensued. After Board discussion Resolution No. 428 was considered.

D2. Consideration of Resolution No. 428 Establishing and Implementing Zone-Based Elections Pursuant to Elections Code Section 10010(e)(3)(A) and Health & Safety Code Section 32100.1

Counsel Scott reviewed the content of Resolution 428 and congratulated the Board of Directors and the public for having successfully met the intent and purpose of the California Voting Rights Act.

**Action:**


It was moved, seconded and carried to approve Resolution No. 428, adopting the Yellow map as Exhibit A and at that sequencing.

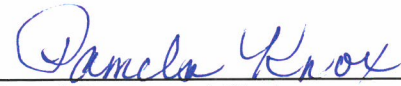
**Motion carried by following roll call vote::**

Director Kate Schwartz-Frates	Aye
Director Jennifer Jeffries:	Aye
Director Howard Salmon:	Aye
Director Bill Leach:	Absent
Director Barbara Mroz:	Absent

**E. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

  
Howard Salmon, Chairman

  
Board Secretary/ Clerk