

**Sierra County
Board of Supervisors'
Agenda Transmittal &
Record of Proceedings**

MEETING DATE: February 15, 2022	TYPE OF AGENDA ITEM: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Timed <input type="checkbox"/> Consent
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DEPARTMENT: Clerk-Recorder/Elections
APPROVING PARTY: Heather Foster, Clerk-Recorder
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AGENDA ITEM: Minutes from the special meeting held on November 16, 2021.

SUPPORTIVE DOCUMENTS ATTACHED: Memo Resolution Agreement Other

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

FUNDING SOURCE:
GENERAL FUND IMPACT: No General Fund Impact
OTHER FUND:
AMOUNT: \$ N/A

ARE ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL REQUIRED?

 Yes, -- --
 No

IS THIS ITEM ALLOCATED IN THE BUDGET? Yes No

IS A BUDGET TRANSFER REQUIRED? Yes No

SPACE BELOW FOR CLERK'S USE

<p>BOARD ACTION: <input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Approved as amended <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted as amended <input type="checkbox"/> Denied <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> No Action Taken</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Set public hearing For: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Direction to: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Referred to: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Continued to: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Authorization given to: _____</p>	<p>Resolution 2022- _____ Agreement 2022- _____ Ordinance _____ Vote: Ayes: Noes: Abstain: Absent: <input type="checkbox"/> By Consensus</p>
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COMMENTS:

CLERK TO THE BOARD DATE



**STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SIERRA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING**

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The Sierra County Board of Supervisors met in special session commencing at 6:00 p.m. on November 16, 2021. This meeting was recorded for posting on the Board of Supervisors' website at www.sierracounty.ca.gov.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Supervisor Huebner

ROLL CALL

Present: Lee Adams, Supervisor, Chair, District #1
Peter W. Huebner, Supervisor, Vice Chair, District #2
Paul Roen, Supervisor, District #3
Terry LeBlanc, Supervisor, District #4
Sharon Dryden, Supervisor, District #5

Staff: Heather Foster, County Clerk-Recorder
Scott McLeran, Assistant County Counsel
Tim Beals, Director of Planning/Public Works/Transportation/OES

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR AGENDA

The Board moved to approve the Regular Agenda.

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APPROVED. Motion: Huebner/Roen/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

REGULAR AGENDA

2. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

At 6:05 p.m. Chair Adams opened and closed the public comment opportunity with no persons addressing the Board.

3. 6:00 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING - 2021 REDISTRICTING

Assistant County Counsel presented a PowerPoint on the 2021 Redistricting Process and the new supervisorial district boundary options presented by staff.

In response to Board inquiry, Assistant County Counsel explained when the new district boundaries take effect outlined in the California Elections Code.

At 6:21 p.m. Chair Adams opened the public hearing.

Cindy Ellsmore presented a PowerPoint to the Board identifying the problems with the current district 2 boundary and proposing two new supervisorial district boundary options – Option 1 would shift Calpine, Sattley and Webber Lake into District 2, Verdi into District 5, and Long Valley into District 3; and Option 2 would shift Sierraville and Webber Lake into District 2, Verdi into District 5, and Long Valley into District 3.

Public comment was received by Sylvia Lopez, Sig Ostrom and Carl Butz in favor of Mrs. Ellsmore’s proposed changes to the district 2 boundaries.

In response to Mrs. Ellsmore’s inquiry, Assistant County Counsel explained that the Elections Code states that when the election for a particular district is up, that is when prospective candidates would seek candidacy for the newly revised district map for that district.

Supervisor Roen commented on concerns he’s heard from constituents regarding Mrs. Ellsmore’s proposed changes.

Supervisor Dryden suggested calling on the Director of Planning to provide the Board and the public the historical reasoning for the current district boundaries.

Public comment was received by John Mitchell in favor of staff’s proposals as he doesn’t see the current boundaries as unfair and believes there are some logical reasons why the lines were drawn the way they are.

Additional comments were received by Mrs. Ellsmore.

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The Director of Planning provided detailed background on how the current boundaries were formulated back in 2000.

Supervisor Huebner commented on the changes in his district since he was first elected and on how well he feels District 2 is currently represented and is a good district with a lot in common. Supervisor Huebner further recommended staff option 3 as it has the best representation for District 2.

Chair Adams commented on County Counsel's statement that the law favors keeping the status quo unless there's a justifiable reason for change and reviewed the minimum number of population changes to Districts 2, 3, 4 and 5 to comply with the 10% deviation. Chair Adams further expressed concerns with the two options presented by Mrs. Ellsmore including separating three districts by unnamed mountain passes, splitting the three ranching communities of the Sierra Valley, and splitting Verdi and Long Valley which share commonality.

Chair Adams continued to explain that districts are not created for the Board's convenience or anyone running for these offices, and Verdi and Long Valley will always be outliers as well as Alleghany – there is no perfect way to split this pie.

Supervisor Dryden commented on the boundaries of District 5 and agreed with either staff option 1 or option 3 as they make the least number of changes, accommodates potential growth at the Loyalton Mobile Home Park property and keeps the districts within the 10% deviation. Supervisor Dryden continued to comment on the commonality between Loyalton Pines and Sierra Brooks, Calpine and Sierraville, and the reasoning for the current district boundaries presented by the Director of Planning.

Mrs. Ellsmore commented that this is about representing people and not geography and Sierra City doesn't have any connection with the people in Verdi or Long Valley. Mrs. Ellsmore added that the Board needs to acknowledge that Sierraville is changing as a lot of people are moving in, as in many other places in the county, and will change the attitude of what constitutes a district.

The Clerk entered into the record emails received by John Mitchell, Cheri Sposito, and Sally Wise.

Supervisor LeBlanc commented that he's willing to give some of his district to Supervisor Dryden and he believes the Board represents the whole county, not just a portion of it.

At 7:22 p.m. Chair Adams closed the public hearing with no further persons addressing the Board.

Assistant County Counsel clarified that the Board is not approving a final map today, this was to hear from the public and consider additional options. Staff was directed at the prior meeting to come back with a resolution or ordinance, but the public can still

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submit comments/options until the final action of the Board. Assistant County Counsel further suggested a motion of intent on a preferred option.

Supervisor Huebner made a motion of intent to adopt option 3.

Motion died due to a lack of a second.

In response to Chair Adams' inquiry, Assistant County Counsel clarified that public can still submit options which can be considered by the Board until the Board takes final action.

Following discussion, the Board made a motion of intent to consider staff Options 1 and 3 at the December 7, 2021.

APPROVED. Motion: Roen/LeBlanc/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

ADJOURN

At 7:31 p.m., with no further business, Chair Adams adjourned the meeting.

LEE ADAMS, CHAIR
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:

HEATHER FOSTER
CLERK OF THE BOARD