



**RESOLUTION NO. 2-2022
ROWLAND WATER DISTRICT**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ADJUSTING BOUNDARIES OF DIRECTOR ELECTORAL DIVISIONS**

BE IT RESOLVED:

SECTION 1: The Board of Directors (Board) finds and determines:

- a. The U.S. Census Bureau (Bureau) is required by Article I, Section 2, of the U.S. Constitution to conduct an accurate count of the population every ten years;
- b. California Elections Code Section 22000 et seq. requires that “after each federal decennial census, and using that census as a basis, adjust the boundaries of any divisions so that the divisions are, as far as practicable, equal in population and in compliance with Section 10301 of Title 52 of the United States Code, as amended, to the extent those provisions apply;”
- c. The Elections Code requires that the Board adopt a resolution amending director divisions no later than April 17, 2022;
- d. The Board held public hearings on December 14, 2021 and February 8, 2022, and a Regular Board meeting on January 18, 2022, to receive public testimony relating to redistricting criteria and communities of interest, and directed staff and the District’s demographic consultant to prepare draft division plans for consideration;
- e. At the Regular Board meeting on January 18, 2022, the Board received a presentation on two draft maps prepared by the District’s demographic consultant for compliance with applicable laws and standards;
- f. At its January 18, 2022 Regular Board meeting the Board expressed preference for draft Map 2 and directed the map be revised to address two areas of concern;
- g. The District’s demographic consultant revised Map 2 and developed Map Option 3, which was presented to the Board at the public hearing on February 8, 2022. At the hearing on February 8, 2022, the Board selected Map Option 3 (now “the Preferred Map”), for adoption;
- h. At each of the public hearings on redistricting, the Board heard staff’s presentation relating to “communities of interest,” which led the Board to reach the following determinations about communities of interest on the Preferred Map relevant to Rowland Municipal Water District voting divisions as required under federal and state law:

- (1) *The divisions are geographically contiguous.* The divisions are arrayed in a simple and logical form without any islands and minimal intrusions from the area of one division into another;
- (2) *To the extent practicable, the Preferred Map respects the geographic integrity of local neighborhoods and local communities of interest.* The map redraws division lines to better align with communities of interest and most other County municipalities.
- (3) *The Preferred map respects the geographic integrity of cities and census designated places, with divisions in those cities and places minimized.* The Preferred Map also respects in large part the jurisdictional boundaries of the County's other cities and special districts.
- (4) *The divisions are easily identifiable and understandable by residents.* The divisions in the Preferred Map form a relatively simple pattern.
- (5) *To the extent practicable, the divisions are geographically compact.* Their configurations for the most part are compact, simple shapes, with nearby populations included in the same divisions.
- (6) *The divisions are balanced in terms of total population and voting age population.* The divisions are well within the one-person/one-vote deviations permitted under federal and state voting rights laws.
- (7) *The divisions conform to concentration of minority voters.* Division 1 is drawn to create a majority-minority Hispanic voting division (a division in which voters of a particular racial minority comprise a majority of voters in that division) and Divisions 2-5 are drawn to create a majority-minority Asian voting division.

k. All information in the staff reports, maps, presentations, Board debate and public testimony referenced above is hereby incorporated into this decision and serves as evidentiary basis for these findings and legislative decision.

SECTION 2: Pursuant to the provisions of the Fair Maps Act of 2019 as amended in 2020, codified at California Elections Code section 21500 to 21509, after giving consideration to those provisions and applicable decisions of the courts, the Board hereby adjusts, changes, and establishes the boundaries of the director divisions as set forth in Exhibit A, which was considered by the Board at its public hearing on February 8, 2022., and they shall constitute and are hereby established as the boundaries of the director divisions of the Rowland Municipal Water District for subsequent elections until further readjustment is required by law.

SECTION 3: Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, and pursuant to California Elections Code section 22000, subdivision (e) (1) and (2), each of the directors in office at the time this Resolution takes effect shall continue in office until the expiration of the full term to which he or she was elected and until his or her successor is qualified, and any vacancy in a term currently underway shall be filled based on the divisions in effect at the time the current directors were elected.

SECTION 4: All resolutions, or parts thereof in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5: The General Manager is directed to take all necessary steps to give effect to this Resolution. If necessary to facilitate the implementation of this Resolution, the General Manager or his or her designee is authorized to make technical adjustments to the division boundaries that

do not substantively affect the populations in the divisions, the eligibility of candidates, or the residence of elected officials within any division. The General Manager shall consult with District General Counsel concerning any technical adjustments deemed necessary and shall advise the Board of any such adjustments required in the implementation of the divisions.

SECTION 6: This Resolution is adopted following two noticed public hearings as required by Elections Code section 22001 and shall take effect and be in full force immediately upon adoption.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Directors that the resolution is hereby approved and adopted by the Board of Directors.

ADOPTED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROWLAND WATER DISTRICT HELD FEBRUARY 8, 2022, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Directors Bellah, Hsu, Lewis, Lima, Lu Yang
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

/s/Anthony J. Lima
ANTHONY J. LIMA, President

ATTEST:

/s/Tom Coleman
TOM COLEMAN
Board Secretary

I certify that the forgoing Resolution is a true and correct copy of the Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Rowland Water District adopted on February 8, 2022.

/s/Tom Coleman
TOM COLEMAN
General Manager/Board Secretary

EXHIBIT A

MAP OF ADOPTED DIVISION LINES

