

Amador County Redistricting Advisory Committee
MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, September 1, 2021
TIME: 6:00 p.m.
LOCATION: County Administration Center, 810 Court Street, Jackson, California

The Redistricting Advisory Committee of Amador County met at the County Administration Center, 810 Court Street, Jackson, California, on the above date pursuant to adjournment, and the following proceedings were had, to wit:

Present on Roll Call:

Keith Sweet, District I, Chairman, Regular Member
Wayne Garibaldi, District I Regular Member
Dana Jorgensen, District I, Alternate Member
Patti Fisher-Misuraca, District II Regular Member
Robert Enyeart, District II, Alternate Member
Stephanie Thompson, District III, Regular Member
Andy Byrne, District IV, Regular Member
Bruce Baracco, District IV, Regular Member
Jan Houghton, District IV, Alternate Member – attended via ZOOM
Don Dowell, District V, Regular Member
Tom Patten, District V, Regular Member
Anne Heissenbuttel, District V, Alternate Member

Staff: Chuck Beatty, Director of Planning
Ruslan Bratan, Planner
Heather Peek, Deputy Clerk of the Board

Absent: Charles T. Iley, County Administrative Officer
Katya Anderson, District III, Vice-Chairman, Regular Member

REGULAR SESSION: At approximately 6:00 p.m., the Committee convened into regular session.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chairman Keith Sweet led the Committee and the public in the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

PUBLIC MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA: Discussion items only, no action to be taken. Any person may address the Committee at this time upon any subject within the jurisdiction of the Amador County Redistricting Advisory Committee; however, any matter that requires action may be referred to staff and/or Committee for a report and recommendation for possible action at a subsequent Committee meeting. Please note - there is a **three (3) minute limit per person**.

There were no public comments at this time.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Review and possible approval of the September 1, 2021 agenda.

ACTION: Direction given pursuant to the following motion.

MOTION: It was moved by Andy Byrne, District IV, seconded by Wayne Garibaldi, District I, and unanimously carried to approve the September 1, 2021 agenda.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 18, 2021 MINUTES: Review and possible approval of the August 18, 2021 Minutes.

ACTION: Direction given pursuant to the following motion.

MOTION: It was moved by Andy Byrne, District IV, seconded by Robert Enyeart, District II, and unanimously carried to approve the August 18, 2021 Minutes.

REVIEW SUBMITTED AND MAPPED COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST: Chairman Sweet suggested to the committee members not to be too rigid since it depends on where the populations lie when the new census arrives and that some boundaries will change. The committee members reviewed and discussed a number of communities of interest (COI) maps the committee had submitted thus far, starting with Amador Pines. Mr. Reinoehl, District IV resident, stated, via ZOOM, that Amador Pines consists of a total of five units, some of which fall in both District III and V. Mr. Dowell, District V committee member mentioned there may be five sub developments that are to be broken up, but that may be untrue because they may already be. Mr. Dowell went to say that if the committee is going to break it up now with individual subdivisions as they were built, then the committee will need more information on the geographical boundaries. Chairman Sweet asked if Amador Pines should be considered as one group and Mr. Byrne replied that when you have a community that is one large subdivision that has brackets of the subdivisions, and you also have one neighbor across the street that a different supervisor; some people have the feeling that they don't have the same kind of representation. Ms. Brown, District IV resident, stated via ZOOM, that Amador Pines has been talked about and it shouldn't be in two districts and would be more realistic if it were to fall in District III. The committee moved on to the next COI, as Buckhorn. It was determined it is already a census designated area. Mr. Byrne, District IV committee member, added it might be expanded in some areas and that it's tagged, so if a line is going through, there'd be something to work with. Hearing no comments, the committee moved onto the COI of Bonnefoy, which was declared as a small neighborhood to itself bounded by Highway 88 and New York Ranch Road, falls into District I. Mr. Enyeart, District II committee member, spoke on the COI of Buena Vista as drawn, even if the boundary is a little larger and if it went beyond Highway 88 that it would still be represented as District II. With no comments, the committee spoke on Burke Ranch and their plan to keep the spheres of influence (SOI), because the city of Plymouth has eyes on those extra pieces of property. Chairman Sweet added that it doesn't affect Burke Ranch at all and won't be expanded. For the COI of Butte Mountain, Mr. Dowell, District V committee member said it will overlap with the Electra COI which has been identified. Mr. Byrne, District IV committee member, added there's one real large block that has a very small number of people on the Butte Mountain side and not on the Electra side. Mr. Garibaldi, District I committee member, stated both of these COI's are likely to remain in District I; the size and exact dimensions are not important at the moment. Next on the list was the COI of Comanche and Mr. Byrne, District IV committee member, mentioned that it's one giant community with several little communities inside of it; which can become a challenge. Mr. Enyeart, District II committee member, referenced Butte Mountain and that Comanche isn't likely to deviate from District II, yet the three areas probably all identify as their own COI, but the larger community made up of by the small parts; he doesn't see them moving anywhere. Mr. Dowell, District V committee member said that it's smaller to the south or smaller to the north, which would be Willow Springs or Comanche and that one of them would go. Mr. Enyeart, District II committee member, said he'd agree with that assessment but that District I is also likely to shrink. Mr. Byrne, District IV committee member, added that this will become very critical when the committee does start drawing the lines. Ms. Fisher-Misuraca, District II committee member also mentioned the committee will have to keep in mind that Comanche identifies as Lone and that could be troublesome because their address is lone. Mr. Byrne stated that is the crux of the issue

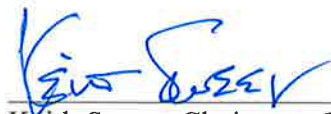
that the committee will be dealing with because there will be portions that will end up in a different district because of how the population lays out and that is going to be the final decision the Board will have to make. Chairman Sweet added that Comanche North Shore will be combined with Comanche Village. The committee went on to discuss the COI of Carbondale. Chairman Sweet assumed one of the boundaries is Carbondale Road. Mr. Bratan, Amador County Planner, replied that within this COI there is Moriah Heights and Willow Creek. Ms. Fisher-Misuraca, District II committee member, said she believes a lot of those residents identify with the Plymouth side. Mr. Dowell, District V committee member, added that since there are three communities in Carbondale, and the committee isn't splitting it up, that we don't need the other two designated communities. For the COI of Climax it was determined that Toyon Road is already encompassed with another COI making it larger than it needs to be. Mr. Dowell, District V committee member, added that it's close to the Pine Grove community. Mr. Byrne stated knows people that live on Toyon Road that consider themselves Pine Grovians. Ms. Houghton, District IV committee alternate member, chimed in via ZOOM that she knows people who have lived on Climax Road and that they do in fact consider themselves Pine Grovians. Mr. Reinoehl, District IV resident, via ZOOM said he also knows people on the upper end of Climax Road and that consider themselves in Pine Grove. Chairman Sweet mentioned one of the redistricting committee requirements is that we're not supposed to have boundaries like that. Climax would encompass this section that's called Toyon Road. Mr. Byrne said that he agrees, but that there's no road connection so that was why he didn't map it. At this time, Chairman Sweet thanked Mr. Bratan for all his work. For the COI of Clinton, Mr. Garibaldi, District I committee member asked if it was all in District I. The answer was yes. Mr. Byrne indicated he'd mapped this COI last week it was one that was listed, although not clear, he included in Jackson Pines and separated it out as a placeholder because he don't know the area well. Given that it's an alternate route to Highway 88, it makes it a through traffic pattern, which would give it a sense of community. If Highway 88 shuts down, that's all the traffic that goes through there and there wouldn't be a common aspect. Mr. Patten, District V committee member, commented on the COI of Dry Creek and that it's more geographical in regards to land uses and topography. Mr. Patten, District V committee member, went on to discuss the ridges of Shakeridge and Fiddletown Road and everything going down into the Dry Creek valley which includes the Rancheria creeks and the core interest in maintaining the open lands and wildfire mitigation. Mr. Dowell, District V committee member, said there are a number of COI's that will overlap. There were no changes on the COI for Drytown. The next COI on the list was Eagles Nest and Chairman Sweet said that based on the census blocks it doesn't appear to be split up easily. Mr. Byrne mentioned it is on an edge of boundaries of District II and District III, a boundary we know will happen. Ms. Fisher-Misuraca, District II committee member, stated it's another area, although small, that definitely is unique to one another with their airplane community and is a COI and doesn't know how far their airstrip runs, but there's a portion of Eagles Nest that associates with both Lone and Plymouth and need to stay together. The COI of Electra had no changes. Mr. Patten, District V committee member reflected on the COI of Fiddletown and the people along Fiddletown road up to Brockman Mill and Del Monte Estates all identify with Fiddletown. Mr. Byrne, District IV committee member said Fiddletown is a broad, cultural area where people with large properties would identify with more in the wild lands. Mr. Patten, District V committee member, stated several group community leaders live in Brockman Mills. Mr. Byrne commented that the COI Gayla Manor butts up against with the COI of Homestead and with the census blocks, Homestead has a large chunk that would really be part of the Gayla Manor COI. Initially it was mapped smaller, because he was plotting Homestead in as well, but since then, he could map them separately although they now overlap. Ms. Heissenbittel, District V committee alternate member, discussed Grinding Rock 2 being drawn bigger than she intended, stating it goes from Grass Valley Creek along the Pine Grove end towards Sutter Creek and almost up to the Volcano COI and also from Pine Grove Volcano Road all the way out to Mitchell Mine road. Ms. Heissenbittel, District V committee alternate member went on to say it's a subset of the original Pine Grove COI, but was broken out because residents really do associate with the park in that regional area. Mr. Byrne, District IV committee member, suggested using her COI since it's the larger one. He also mentioned the COI of Homestead in reference to Gayla Manor are two different places but have a census block that goes in between them; they don't connect together and wouldn't have a problem lumping them together and putting Homestead into Gayla Manor, although it would need to be remapped it to include it. Ms. Thompson, District III committee member asked if any of the residents from Gayla Manor and Homestead identify themselves as Pioneers or Pine Grovians and added for the maps that she proposed, she placed them in District III. Mr. Byrne, District IV committee member said he knew people who identified their COI as Pine Grove but

can't speak for anyone else. Chairman Sweet announced there were still a number of COI's to go through and asked all committee members to review and make their comments so they can run through them quicker at the next meeting. Chairman Sweet also added that now the committee knows the procedure and what they're thinking of looking at, that they'll be able to see that some of these are subsets in relationships to others. Mr. Reinoehl, District IV resident added via ZOOM, that he knows people who live in the general area of Gayla Manor and they do see themselves in District IV and that lumping them with Homestead may not be the right thing to do. Chairman Sweet thanked Mr. Reinoehl for his comment and said the committee would take it into consideration as they go along. Chairman Sweet also mentioned he'd like two volunteers to work together on the survey compilation (prior to next meeting 9/29) with Ms. Houghton, District IV committee alternate member. Ms. Heissenbuttel, District V committee alternate member and Robert Enyeart, District II committee member, volunteered to coordinate together with Ms. Houghton.

UPDATE ON THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING TIMELINE: Mr. Byrne brought this item forward and wanted to go over time schedule and where the committee was on the process. Chairman Sweet stated he'd inquired on if the Board of Supervisors had any discussions on what their timeline may be and what this committee needs to provide to them so they can make their decision. Chairman Sweet said he'd reviewed the minutes from previous Board meetings and this hasn't been discussed as of yet. Chairman Sweet also added, that as a review for everybody, the committee's drop dead date for giving the Board something is November 15, 2021. Chairman Sweet announced the committee can't publish a draft until three weeks after they've received the prison numbers locations which will be by the end of October. Mr. Garibaldi, District I committee member stated his interest on reaching out to Sacramento and El Dorado Counties to see to see what their reaction to the deadline(s) are and if they have a different plan.

COMMITTEE MEMBER ATTENDANCE: Mr. Byrne, District IV expressed his concern and importance on committee member attendance and wanted to make sure every area of the County was being looked at and not missed. Chairman Sweet added that he'd had Ms. Peek do an attendance count and sent that on to the supervisors.

ADJOURNMENT: Until Wednesday, September 29, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.



Keith Sweet, Chairman, Redistricting Advisory Committee

ATTEST:



HEATHER PEEK, Deputy Clerk of the
Board of Supervisors, Amador County,
California