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SCV Water to hold final public hearing on redistricting *Community input invited*

SANTA CLARITA – Over the last several months, SCV Water has undertaken a review of electoral division boundaries, as required after each census by state law. The final virtual public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, March 15 at 6:30 p.m., and the public is invited to attend. The hearing will share the recommended map for division boundaries and provide opportunity for public input prior to a final vote on the matter by the agency board of directors.

Census data from 2020 shows the current division boundaries still result in an almost perfectly balanced population distribution, with less than 1% difference between any of the three. Even with expected growth by the mid-decade point in 2025, the existing divisions are projected to be close to population balance. The proposed map does include updates based on two very small recent annexations into the service area.

The redistricting process must maintain connections within communities, consider the geography and topography, such as natural and man-made boundaries, as well as the cohesiveness and integrity of the area, and address planned future growth. The process must also not draw divisions to favor or disfavor political incumbents, candidates, or political parties. The information has been discussed at a special meeting on October 27, 2021, and a public hearing on January 25, 2022.

To attend the meeting, the agenda with Zoom link can be found at <https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/SCV-Regular-Board-Meeting-Packet-Revised.-March-15-2022.pdf>.

For more information, visit <https://yourscvwater.com/redistricting/>.

What is redistricting?

Redistricting is the process of adjusting the boundaries of election districts for cities, counties, school boards, and water agencies. Local governments must redistrict following population shifts based on federal census data once every ten years to ensure communities have equal access to political representation. This process is important in ensuring each elected board member represents about the same number of constituents and in determining which neighborhoods and communities are grouped into divisions to elect representatives.

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About SCV Water:

The Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (SCV Water) is a full-service regional water agency located in the Santa Clarita Valley. SCV Water provides water service to approximately 75,000 business and residential customers. It was formed on January 1, 2018, when local water suppliers combined into one integrated, regional water provider. More information can be found at www.yourSCVwater.com

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