

## **EXHIBIT 15-A**

### **MPWMD Redistricting Advisory Commission: Purpose and Formation**

#### **Purpose of Commission**

On October 18, 2021, the Board approved formation of the MPWMD Redistricting Advisory Commission charged with making recommendations to the Board of Directors on changes to resident voting division boundaries based on the 2020 Census. The MPWMD Redistricting Advisory Commission (RAC) should recommend at least two significantly different plans (maps) to cause the voter division boundary changes. Although the commission should strive to unanimously endorse one plan, a minority position may be presented to the Board of Directors as an attachment to the commission's final report.

Meetings of the RAC shall comply with the Brown Act, be open and public, and shall allow the public an opportunity to comment. The presiding officer (and parliamentarian) for the RAC shall be designated as the District General Manager, or his appointee, by the Board to serve as a non-voting facilitator and chair for the commission.

#### **Formation of the Commission (as adopted by the Board on 10-18-2021)**

##### Director Appointments

Each Director shall appoint a participant from their division, and the mayoral and county representatives appoint one from their city or supervisorial district. The Board will ratify the appointments in January 2022.

##### At-Large Appointments

The Board as a whole agree on two additional "at large" participants at the regularly scheduled meeting in January 2022.

#### **Invitation to Communities of Interest to Participate**

Shown below is the list of organizations that were invited to participate in the 2021 redistricting effort. These groups represent either a recognized ethnic organization or an area of specific geographic interest. However, there are variations as to who could sit on the Redistricting Advisory Commission. The public, media, ethnic groups, special interest groups, neighborhood groups, cities, the League of Women Voters and others could be invited to join. *The Board should provide direction to staff on the names of other groups that should be invited to participate.*

##### Invited Communities of Interest

- League of Women Voters of Monterey County
- NAACP
- LULAC
- Filipino Community Organization of the Monterey Peninsula
- Korean American Organization of Monterey County

- Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce
  - Carmel Residents Association
  - Carmel Valley Association
  - Central Labor and Building Trades Council
  - Monterey County Association of Realtors
  - Del Monte Forest Property Owners
  - Monterey Bay Chinese Association
  - Japanese American Citizens League of Monterey Peninsula
  - Esselen Tribe of Monterey County
  - Costanoan Rumsen Carmel Tribe
  - Ohlone/Costanoan-Esselen Nation
  - Amah Mutsun Tribal Band
  - Indigenous Peoples Consultant Ohlone/Costanoan Esselen Nation
  - Rumsen Ohlone Community
1. The city/county representatives shall be appointed to represent interests of that community “at large,” but shall not be a member of the city council, board of supervisors or a paid member of staff.
  2. Each representative must be a resident of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District.
  3. The District shall publish notice that any unrepresented ethnic group may seek appointment to the advisory commission by a letter requesting such representation. Any such letter must be received by the District no later than the close of business on January 7, 2022.
  4. Guidelines for conduct of the MPWMD Redistricting Advisory Commission and a charge for the commission are included as **Exhibit 15-B**.