



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 12/7/2021

File #: 21-1744

To: Board of Supervisors

From: County Administrative Office

Agenda Section: Time Certain Matter

SUBJECT:

10:00 am - Public Hearing and Resolution to Adopt a Redistricting Plan for Humboldt County

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Open the public hearing;
2. Receive the presentation on final draft supervisorial district map;
3. Adopt Resolution No. _____ to Adopt a Redistricting Plan for Humboldt County, ensuring the county meets the state mandated deadline for redistricting, on December 15, 2021;
4. Direct the Clerk of the Board to return one fully executed certified copy of the attached resolution to the County Administrative Office; and
5. Close the Public Hearing.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

General Fund (1100)

DISCUSSION:

On Nov. 16, 2021, your Board received two draft supervisorial maps to consider for adoption in relation to the local redistricting. These drafts were based on the current supervisorial district map but had two changes. Per your Board's direction, Blue Lake Rancheria, which was previously split between District 3 and District 5, was united with in a single district and combined with the City of Blue Lake. Each map reflected a version of this change, reflecting the united regions in either District 3 or District 5. After review of the maps and in light of public comment received on the shift noted above, your Board elected to reject both maps in favor of one that mirrored the current supervisorial districts (Attachment 1) as closely as possible.

Staff was directed to return on Dec. 7, 2021 with a final draft based on the current supervisorial map, that has been in place in Humboldt County since 2011. The final draft map (Attachment 2) meets this directive, while adjusting where appropriate for minor changes in census blocks that resulted from the 2020 Complete Count Census. The majority of lines remained the same, with some fluctuations along the Mad River, resulting from shifts in population. These areas will be reviewed with your Board

during the presentation by our consultants.

Staff recommends your board receive the presentation on this final draft district map, hear public comment and adopt Resolution No. _____ to adopt a redistricting plan for Humboldt County. This action ensures the county has met the state mandated deadline of Dec. 15, 2021 and provides the Office of Elections necessary data to prepare for upcoming elections in spring, 2022.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no impact to the county General Fund in receiving this report and/or to making the related recommendations. Costs related the overall redistricting effort, attributed to CCRP, for outreach services, and Redistricting Partners, for mapping and consultation services, total \$100,000. These funds were included in the adopted budget for fiscal year 2021-22 within the County Administrative Office budget unit 1100-103.

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

This action supports your Board's Strategic Framework by inviting civic engagement and awareness of available services fostering transparent, accessible, welcoming and user friendly services and by providing community-appropriate levels of service.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Board Discretion

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Current Supervisorial District Map
2. Humboldt County Final Draft Map
3. Resolution to Adopt a Redistricting Plan for Humboldt County
4. Elections Code § 21500
5. Elections Code § 23000

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: G-3, L-2, I-1, I-1, I-1, I-1, L-1, L-1

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