



Sacramento County Committee on School District Organization Meeting

Tuesday / May 19, 2020 / 5:30 p.m.

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TO: Members, Sacramento County Committee on School District Organization
FROM: David W. Gordon, Secretary
SUBJECT: Agenda – Tuesday, May 19, 2020
Time: 5:30 p.m.

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AGENDA

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Approval of the Minutes of the September 28, 2019 Sacramento County Committee on School District Organization Meeting
- IV. Adoption of Agenda
- V. Visitor Presentations
 - A. General Public

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NOTE: Anyone may submit public comments to the County Committee on any item that is within the County Committee's subject matter jurisdiction. However, the County Committee may not take action on any item not on this agenda except as authorized by Government Code section 54954.2. Anyone may also submit public comments to the County Committee in support of or in opposition to any item being presented to the County Committee for consideration.

VI. New Business

- A. Public Hearing and Action on Proposal to Adopt Alternative Method of Electing Governing Board Members in River Delta Unified School District and Action on Resolution No. CC-20-01

VII. Adjournment

County Committee Agenda Packet

The full County Committee agenda packet, including supporting materials and items distributed less than 72 hours prior to the scheduled meeting, is available on the Sacramento County Office of Education website (www.scoe.net/cocom). For more information, please call (916) 228-2410.

SACRAMENTO COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION

Minutes of the Meeting of September 28, 2019

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
 - II. Pledge of Allegiance
 - III. Approval of the Minutes of the April 16, 2019 Sacramento County Committee on School District Organization Meeting
 - IV. Adoption of Agenda
 - V. Visitor Presentations
 - A. General Public
 - VI. New Business
 - A. Public Hearing and Action on Proposed Redistricting Plan for River Delta Unified School District Governing Board Trustee Areas and Adoption of Resolution No. CC-19-02
 - VII. Adjournment
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I. Chair Lefkovitz called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. in the Conference Room of the River Delta Unified School District Office, 445 Montezuma Street, Rio Vista, California. Board members present were Al Brown, Harold Fong, Paul Keefer, Bina Lefkovitz, and Karina Talamantes. Also present were David W. Gordon, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board; Teresa Stinson, General Counsel; other staff and visitors; and Carla Miller, Superintendent/Board Liaison. Trustees Ahola and Davis were absent.

II. Mr. Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Mr. Fong moved to approve the Minutes of the April 16, 2019 Sacramento County Committee on School District Organization Meeting. Ms. Talamantes seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 ayes, 2 absent (Ahola, Davis).

IV. Ms. Talamantes moved and Mr. Brown seconded adoption of the agenda. Motion carried 5 ayes, 2 absent (Ahola, Davis).

V.A. There were no requests for visitor presentations from the general public.

VI.A. Chair Lefkovitz announced that the Sacramento County Committee on School District Organization (County Committee) will now hold a public hearing regarding the proposed Redistricting Plan for River Delta Unified School District Governing Board Trustee Areas and Adoption of Resolution No. CC-19-02.

Chair Lefkovitz opened the Public Hearing at 10:10 a.m.

Kathy Wright, River Delta Unified School District (RDUSD) Superintendent, welcomed everyone to the district and submitted the RDUSD Board's proposed "Even 7" redistricting plan for consideration by the County Committee. She stated that there were multiple meetings, discussions, and presentations in the district before the proposed plan was approved by the RDUSD Board. RDUSD followed all the proper

procedures, and the RDUSD Board unanimously approved moving forward with the proposed “Even 7” redistricting plan.

Alicia Fernandez, President of the RDUSD Board, addressed the County Committee in her personal capacity as a Clarksburg resident.

County Committee members discussed the item, and Superintendent Gordon, and General Counsel Teresa Stinson responded to questions.

Chair Lefkovitz closed the Public Hearing at 10:46 a.m.

Mr. Keefer moved and Mr. Brown seconded the motion to approve Resolution No. CC-19-02 adopting the proposed “Even 7” Redistricting Plan for the River Delta Unified School District Board Trustee Areas.

The motion carried (5 ayes, 0 noes, 2 absent) based on the following Roll Call vote:

Ms. Talamantes – yes

Mr. Keefer – yes

Mr. Fong – yes

Mr. Brown – yes

Ms. Lefkovitz – yes

Ms. Ahola – absent

Ms. Davis – absent

VII. Mr. Keefer moved and Ms. Talamantes seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn carried 5 ayes, 2 absent (Ahola, Davis). Meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Gordon
Secretary to the County Committee

Date approved:

SACRAMENTO COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION

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Subject: Public Hearing and Action on Proposal to Adopt an Alternative Method of Electing Governing Board Members in River Delta Unified School District and Action on Resolution No. CC-20-01	Agenda Item No.: VI.A. Enclosures: 19
Reason: Action	From: David W. Gordon Prepared By: Teresa Stinson Board Meeting Date: 05/19/20

BACKGROUND:

The governing board of the River Delta Unified School District (RDUSD) has adopted and submitted resolutions proposing to change the method of electing governing board members in RDUSD. (Ed. Code, § 5019.) Currently, the seven RDUSD board members must reside in specific trustee areas, but are elected by the registered voters of the entire school district (“hybrid/at-large elections”). RDUSD proposes to change its election method so that one governing board member residing in each trustee area will be elected by the registered voters who reside in that trustee area (“by trustee area elections”). (Attachment 1)

PUBLIC HEARING PROCESS:

As you may recall, RDUSD recently revised its trustee area boundaries to equalize population in each trustee area, and the Sacramento County Committee on School District Organization (County Committee) approved these revisions. Soon after, RDUSD initiated the process of changing to “by trustee area elections.” Public hearings and outreach regarding RDUSD’s revised trustee area maps and proposed change of election method have been or will be conducted as follows:

- December 11, 2018 (public hearing) – RDUSD governing board discussed revising its trustee area maps (redistricting) to equalize population in each trustee area;
- January 8, 2019 (public hearing) – RDUSD governing board reviewed legal requirements for redistricting;
- February 19, 2019 (public hearing) – Demographer with expertise in redistricting presented alternative redistricting plans (trustee area maps) to RDUSD governing board based on federal 2010 census data;

- After February 19, 2019 – RDUSD publicized the proposed trustee area maps and solicited community input, including posting the proposed maps and public hearing notices at its school sites, district office, and the RDUSD website;
- March 12, 2019 (public hearing) – RDUSD governing board reviewed the proposed trustee area maps and, after consideration of public input, adopted and recommended the County Committee’s approval of the **Even 7** plan because it creates seven trustee areas with populations that are as equal as possible, while providing the most even distribution of trustees throughout the geographical area of the district;
- September 28, 2019 (public hearing) – County Committee considered and adopted the **Even 7** redistricting plan for the RDUSD trustee areas, to be effective for the November 3, 2020 election (Attachment 2);
- December 17, 2019 (public hearing) – RDUSD governing board discussed and adopted resolution initiating process to change from its hybrid/at-large election method to by trustee area elections;
- January 14, 2020 (public hearing) – RDUSD governing board adopted resolution submitting proposal to County Committee to change to by trustee area elections;
- January 14, 2020 (public hearing) – RDUSD governing board adopted resolution authorizing RDUSD Superintendent to seek waiver from State Board of Education of Education Code section 5020 requirement that proposed election method changes be submitted to school district voters for approval or denial;
- May 7, 2020 (audio/video teleconference hearing) – State Board of Education approved RDUSD’s request to waive voter approval requirement;
- May 19, 2020 (audio/video teleconference hearing) – County Committee to consider and act upon RDUSD’s proposed change of election method.

COUNTY COMMITTEE ROLE:

By law, the County Committee must hold a hearing and, at the conclusion, decide whether to approve or disapprove RDUSD’s proposal to change election methods. Notice of the County Committee’s video and/or audio teleconference hearing has been posted at the RDUSD District Office, six school lunch distribution sites in RDUSD, on the RDUSD and Sacramento County Office of Education websites and distributed to the Clarksburg, Courtland, Walnut Grove, Isleton and Rio Vista public libraries, and was publicly announced at RDUSD’s May 12, 2020 Board meeting.

In the event that the County Committee decides to approve RDUSD’s proposal to change election methods, a proposed resolution is included for consideration. If approved by the County Committee, Education Code section 5020 normally requires the registered voters of RDUSD to make the final decision whether to change election methods. However, because the State Board of Education waived this election requirement for RDUSD, the County Committee’s action will be decisive as follows:

1. If the County Committee approves RDUSD's proposal, RDUSD will change to by trustee area elections, using the trustee area boundary maps included in Attachment 2, beginning with the RDUSD governing board election on November 3, 2020.
2. If the County Committee denies RDUSD's proposal, the process will stop and RDUSD's election method will remain as it is now, with governing board members who must reside within the newly revised trustee areas, but who are elected by the voters of the entire district.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

The County Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Sacramento County Committee on School District Organization hold a public hearing and decide upon RDUSD's proposal to change to by trustee area elections.

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****PLEASE POST****

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held by the Sacramento County Committee on School District Organization (County Committee) to receive public testimony and input from the community regarding the River Delta Unified School District's (RDUSD) proposal to change its method of electing governing board members. Currently, RDUSD governing board members must reside in specific trustee areas, but are elected by the registered voters of the entire school district (hybrid/at-large elections). RDUSD proposes to change its election method so that one governing board member residing in each trustee area will be elected by the registered voters in that trustee area (by trustee area elections). At the conclusion of the public hearing, the County Committee may take action to approve or disapprove RDUSD's proposal to change election methods.

The public hearing is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.**

In compliance with current California Executive Orders and Orders by the Sacramento County Health Officer directing all individuals to stay at home (with limited exceptions not applicable here), and prohibiting all public and private gatherings of any number of people, and Executive Order N-29-20 allowing local legislative bodies to satisfy transparency requirements by holding meetings via teleconference, the County Committee will conduct this hearing via Zoom video and/or teleconference. Members of the public may access the meeting and provide public comment as follows:

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Materials subject to the public hearing are available at the Sacramento County Office of Education website at <https://scoe.net/divisions/board/cocom>. For more information, please call (916) 228-2410.

ATTACHMENT 1

RIVER DELTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 774 INITIATING THE PROCESS OF ELECTIONS BY-TRUSTEE AREAS

WHEREAS, the River Delta Joint Unified School District ("District") currently uses a Hybrid At-Large system of electing the members of its Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, Board intends to initiate a very deliberate, careful, and public process for changing the method of electing members of the Board, to take effect commencing with the November, 2020 election.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby finds the foregoing recitals to be true and correct; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board directs the Superintendent or his designee to initiate the legal and regulatory process of changing the method of electing members of the Board, from the current at-large system whereby each member of the Board is elected by the registered voters of the entire District (Education Code section 5030(a)), to a method which provides that Board members residing in each trustee area will be elected by the registered voters of that particular trustee area (Education Code 5030(b)), in sufficient time for the new method of electing members of the Board to be in place for the November 2020 election; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board directs the Superintendent or his designee to initiate processes for establishing trustee areas and changing the method of electing members of the Board that are inclusive, thoughtful, and public, providing for and encouraging significant input on the issues the Board and the Sacramento County Committee on School District Organization will address from all interested citizens and interest groups; and

BE IT FURTHER AND FINALLY RESOLVED that the Superintendent or her designee is authorized to initiate the legal and regulatory process to seek a waiver from the State Board of Education, of the requirements of Education Code section 5020 and related statutes, so that action of the Sacramento County Committee on School District Organization to adopt one of the alternative methods of electing Board members specified in Education Code section 5030 does not constitute an order of election.

PASSED AND ADOPTED the 17th day of December, 2019, by the Board of Trustees of the River Delta Unified School District of Sacramento County, California, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: 6 (Fernandez, Olson, Riley, Stone, Casillas, Mahoney)
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 1 (Elliott)
ABSTENTIONS: 0

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, Marilyn Riley, Clerk of the Board of Trustees of the River Delta Unified School District of Sacramento County, California, certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of Resolution No. 774 adopted by the said Board at a Regular Board meeting thereof held at a regular public place of meeting and the resolution is on file in the office of said Board.

ATTEST:

Marilyn Riley
Marilyn Riley, Clerk
Board of Trustees
River Delta Unified School District

December 17, 2019

Katherine Wright
(Date) Katherine Wright
Superintendent
River Delta Unified School District

December 17, 2019

(Date)

**RIVER DELTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 775 AUTHORIZING THE SUPERINTENDENT TO
SEEK A WAIVER FROM THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

WHEREAS; on December 17, 2019, members of the Governing Board ("Board") of the River Delta Unified School District ("District") adopted Resolution No. 774, declaring its intent to transition from at-large to by-trustee area Board elections;

WHEREAS, Education Code sections 5019 and 5030 authorize the County Committee, upon application of a school district's governing board, to change the method of election in a school district under its jurisdiction, and;

WHEREAS, if the County Committee approves this request to change the method of electing board members, Education Code section 5020 requires the County Committee's resolution of approval to be submitted to the electorate for its approval;

WHEREAS, an election to approve the change in voting methods will result in a cost to the District, and Education Code sections 33050-33053 authorize the State Board of Education to waive this voter approval requirement, which could reduce the cost and expedite the timeline for implementation of the By-Trustee area elections;

WHEREAS, in light of the above, the Board wishes to request that the State Board of Education waive the election requirement set forth in the Education Code;

WHEREAS, on January 14, 2020, the Board held a public hearing on the proposed waiver application to solicit input from the public and District stakeholders;

WHEREAS, the District properly posted a timely notice of the aforementioned public hearing in the newspaper, on the district's website and at various sites within the District;

WHEREAS, the District complied with the notice and consulting requirements set forth in Education Code sections 33050 et seq.

THEREFORE, the Governing Board of the River Delta Unified School District hereby resolves as follows:

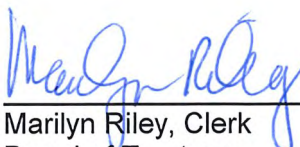
1.The Board hereby authorizes the District to seek a full waiver of Education Code section 5020, and partial waivers of Education Code sections 5019, 5021, and 5030 as set forth in Exhibit A, or as otherwise required by the State Board of Education, to effectuate the District's goal of moving to a By-Trustee Area Election System.

2.The District Superintendent/designee are hereby authorized and directed to take any other actions necessary to effectuate the purposes of this resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED the 14th day of January 2020, by the Board of Trustees of the River Delta Unified School District of Sacramento County, California, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: 5 (fernandez, RILEY, stone, Elliott, Mahoney)
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 2 (olson, Casillas)
ABSTENTIONS: 0


IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, Marilyn Riley, Clerk of the Board of Trustees of the River Delta Unified School District of Sacramento County, California, certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of Resolution No. 775 adopted by the said Board at a Regular Board meeting thereof held at a regular public place of meeting and the resolution is on file in the office of said Board.



Marilyn Riley, Clerk
Board of Trustees
River Delta Unified School District

December 17, 2019
(Date)

ATTEST:



Katherine Wright
Superintendent
River Delta Unified School District

December 17, 2019
(Date)

EXHIBIT A

California Education Code Sections Proposed to be Waived

Request to waive California Education Code Section 5020, and portions of sections 5019, 5021, and 5030, that require a districtwide election. Language proposed to be waived is bracketed and in italics below:

§ 5019. Trustee areas and size of school district governing boards; powers of county committee; proposal and hearing

(a) Except in a school district governed by a board of education provided for in the charter of a city or city and county, in any school district or community college district, the county committee on school district organization may establish trustee areas, rearrange the boundaries of trustee areas, abolish trustee areas, and increase to seven or decrease to five the number of members of the governing board, or adopt one of the alternative methods of electing governing board members specified in Section 5030.

(b) The county committee on school district organization may establish or abolish a common governing board for a high school district and an elementary school district within the boundaries of the high school district. The resolution of the county committee on school district organization approving the establishment or abolition of a common governing board shall be presented to the electors of the school districts as specified in Section 5020.

(e) (1) A proposal to make the changes described in subdivision (a) or (b) may be initiated by the county committee on school district organization or made to the county committee on school district organization either by a petition signed by 5 percent or 50, whichever is less, of the qualified registered voters residing in a district in which there are 2,500 or fewer qualified registered voters, by 3 percent or 100, whichever is less, of the qualified registered voters residing in a district in which there are 2,501 to 10,000 qualified registered voters, by 1 percent or 250, whichever is less, of the qualified registered voters residing in a district in which there are 10,001 to 50,000 qualified registered voters, by 500 or more of the qualified registered voters residing in a district in which there are 50,001 to 100,000 qualified registered voters, by 750 or more of the qualified registered voters residing in a district in which there are 100,001 to 250,000 qualified registered voters, or by 1,000 or more of the qualified registered voters residing in a district in which there are 250,001 or more qualified registered voters or by resolution of the governing board of the district. For this purpose, the necessary signatures for a petition shall be obtained within a period of 180 days before the submission of the petition to the county committee on school district organization and the number of qualified registered voters in the district shall be determined pursuant to the most recent report submitted by the county elections official to the Secretary of State under Section 2187 of the Elections Code.

(2) When a proposal is made pursuant to paragraph (1), the county committee on school district organization shall call and conduct at least one hearing in the district on the matter. At the conclusion of the hearing, the county committee on school district organization shall approve or disapprove the proposal.

RIVER DELTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 776 A PROPOSAL TO THE SACRAMENTO COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION FOR THE ADOPTION OF TRUSTEE-AREA ELECTIONS

WHEREAS, the River Delta Joint Unified School District ("District") currently uses a Hybrid at-large system of electing the members of its Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, on December 17, 2019 the Board adopted Resolution No. 774, signaling its intent to transition to a By-Trustee Area elections, where each trustee must reside within the designated trustee area boundaries and is elected only by the registered voters in that designated trustee area;

WHEREAS, on January 14, 2020 the Board adopted Resolution No. 775 Resolution Authorizing the Superintendent or designee to Seek a Waiver from the State Board of Education;

WHEREAS, Education Code sections 5019 and 5030 authorize the Sacramento County Committee on School Reorganization ("County Committee"), upon application from the school district's governing board, to change the method of election in a school district under its jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, Education Code section 5020 requires the County Committee's resolution of approval to be submitted to the electorate for its approval;

WHEREAS, Education Code sections 33050-33053 authorize the State Board of Education to waive this voter approval requirement, which could reduce the costs associated with the proposed change to trustee-area elections;

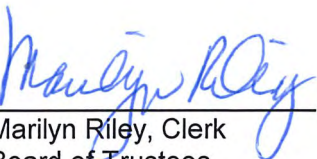
NO THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Governing Board of the River Delta Unified School District hereby resolves the following:

1. The above recitals are correct and true.
2. The District Superintendent or designee is hereby authorized and directed to send a copy of this Resolution to the County Committee, and to work with the County Committee and the County Election's Office to conduct all legally required hearings and other acts necessary so that trustee-area elections can be implemented in the election cycles scheduled in 2020 and 2022.

PASSED AND ADOPTED the 14th day of January, 2020, by the Board of Trustees of the River Delta Unified School District of Sacramento County, California, by the following roll call vote:

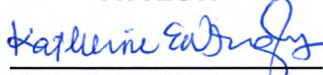
AYES: 5 (Fernandez, Riley, Stone, Elliott, Mahoney)
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 2 (Olson, Casillas)
ABSTENTIONS: 0

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, Marilyn Riley, Clerk of the Board of Trustees of the River Delta Unified School District of Sacramento County, California, certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of Resolution No. 776 adopted by the said Board at a Regular Board meeting thereof held at a regular public place of meeting and the resolution is on file in the office of said Board.


Marilyn Riley, Clerk
Board of Trustees
River Delta Unified School District

January 14, 2020
(Date)

ATTEST:



Katherine Wright
Superintendent
River Delta Unified School District

January 14, 2020
(Date)



RIVER DELTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF INTENT TO INITIATE THE PROCESS TO CHANGE THE ELECTION METHOD FROM "HYBRID AT-LARGE" TO "TRUSTEE-AREA"

A Public Hearing will be held by the River Delta Unified School District, Rio Vista High School, to receive public testimony and input from members of the communities in the River Delta Unified School District. The District may consider changing methods of electing its Board of Trustees by the adoption of a "By-Trustee Area" election method as set forth in Education Code §§ 5019, 5020 and 5030.

The public hearing will enable the Board of Trustees to receive public input and testimony but **not to provide a forum for public debate**. The public hearing is scheduled as follows:

<u>DATE:</u>	<u>TIME:</u>	<u>LOCATION:</u>
December 17, 2019	After 6:30 p.m.	Rio Vista High School Rio Vista, California

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Jennifer Gaston, Executive Assistant to Superintendent Wright. (707) 374-1711 or jgaston@rdsd.org.

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Please Post Until December 18, 2019

POSTED ON December 13, 2019

AT: District Office, All school sites, community libraries and local post offices.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST WAIVER

A Public Hearing will be held by the River Delta Unified School District, Rio Vista High School, to receive public testimony and input from members of the communities in the River Delta Unified School District. The District will consider seeking a waiver from the State Board of Education to waive the voter approval requirement, which could reduce the cost and expedite the implementation to meet the November 2020 elections.

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January 14, 2020

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After 6:30 p.m.

LOCATION:
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Rio Vista, California

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POSTED ON: January 10, 2020

AT: District Office, All school sites, community libraries.

ATTACHMENT 2

SACRAMENTO COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION

RESOLUTION NO. CC-19-02

Resolution to Adopt Redistricting Plan Proposed by the River Delta Unified School District for the Rearrangement of its Trustee Areas

WHEREAS, pursuant to Education Code section 5019, school districts with governing board members who are elected by the voters of the entire school district, but who must reside in defined trustee areas, may adjust their trustee area boundaries with the approval of the county committee on school district organization.

WHEREAS, the governing board of the River Delta Unified School District (RDUSD) is composed of seven (7) members, each of whom must reside within five defined trustee areas but who are elected by the registered voters of the entire school district.

WHEREAS, RDUSD desires to update its trustee area boundaries to equalize population based upon federal 2010 census data. To accomplish this, RDUSD retained a demographer with expertise in redistricting, adopted criteria to guide the adjustment of trustee areas consistent with legal requirements, and developed alternative draft Redistricting Plans using 2010 census data.

WHEREAS, RDUSD intends to update its trustee area boundaries again after 2020 census data is available;

WHEREAS, at a public meeting on December 11, 2018 the RDUSD governing board discussed redistricting and, at a public meeting on January 8, 2019, reviewed the legal requirements of redistricting;

WHEREAS, at a public meeting on February 19, 2019, Steve Demers, a demographer from the Sacramento County Voter Registration and Elections Office, presented two alternative redistricting plans to the RDUSD governing board (***Even 7*** and ***Compromise 7***); and, after review and discussion of each plan, the board unanimously approved moving forward with the ***Even 7*** plan as its recommendation;

WHEREAS, RDUSD staff publicized the proposed redistricting plans extensively and solicited community input, including posting the proposed plans and a notice of public hearing regarding the proposed plans at its school sites, the district office, and the RDUSD website;

WHEREAS, at a noticed public hearing on March 12, 2019, the RDUSD governing board reviewed the proposed trustee area plans and, after consideration of public input, adopted the ***Even 7*** plan, and recommended the ***Even 7*** plan to the Sacramento County Committee on School District Organization for its consideration and approval;

WHEREAS, on September 28, 2019, as required by Education Code section 5019, subdivision (c)(2) and other applicable laws, after complying with all notice requirements, the Sacramento County Committee on School District Organization

conducted a lawful public hearing within the boundaries of RDUSD on the adoption of the proposed Redistricting Plan for the RDUSD trustee areas.

WHEREAS, RDUSD has submitted sufficient evidence in support of its proposed Redistricting Plan, the record reflects rational reasons for RDUSD's redistricting proposal, and RDUSD's redistricting proposal appears to be consistent with the law.

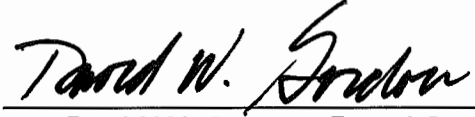
NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that:

1. The recitals set forth above are true.
2. The Sacramento County Committee on School District Organization hereby approves the RDUSD governing board's request to rearrange its trustee areas using 2010 census data.
3. The Sacramento County Committee on School District Organization hereby approves RDUSD's proposed **Even 7** plan as the Redistricting Plan for the RDUSD governing board trustee areas.
4. RDUSD shall submit its Redistricting Plan to the appropriate county elections officials in each of the counties in which RDUSD is located, and to all other necessary parties by all required deadlines.
5. The rearrangement of the RDUSD trustee area boundaries will be effectuated for the next RDUSD governing board election occurring on November 3, 2020, unless at least five (5) percent of the registered voters of RDUSD sign a petition requesting an election on the proposed rearrangement of trustee area boundaries and submit the petition to county elections officials within 60 days of this resolution.
6. The Sacramento County Committee on School District Organization hereby authorizes the County Superintendent of Schools to take any other actions needed to effectuate the purposes of this resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Sacramento County Committee on School District Organization this 28th day of September 2019, following a public hearing within the RDUSD boundaries, by the following vote:








AYES	<u>5</u>	<u>Tong, Keeler, Lefkowitz, Talamantes, Brown</u>
NOES	<u>0</u>	_____
ABSENT	<u>2</u>	<u>Ahola, Davis</u>
ABSTAIN	_____	_____


Bina Lefkowitz, Board President


David W. Gordon, Board Secretary

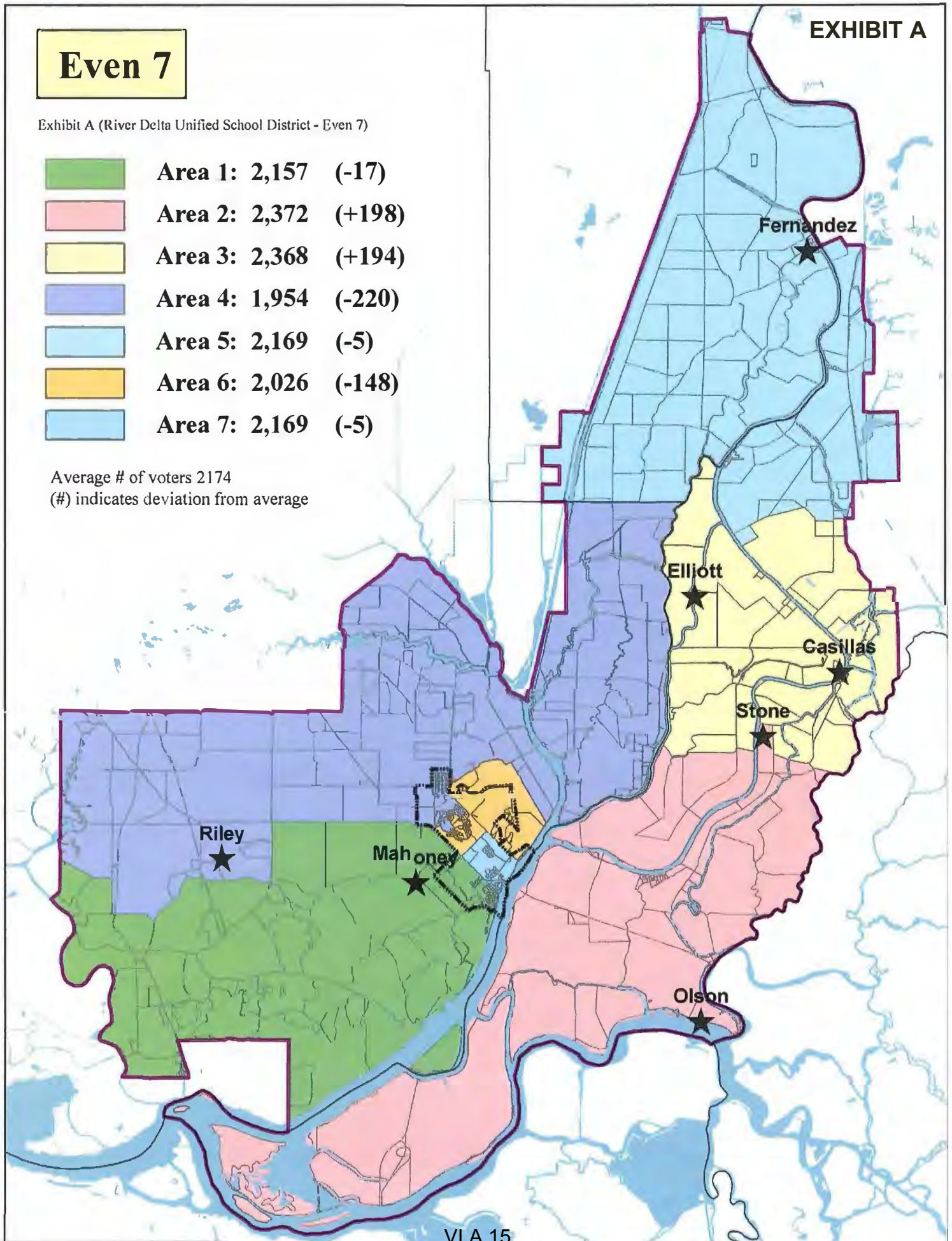
Even 7

Exhibit A (River Delta Unified School District - Even 7)

	Area 1: 2,157 (-17)
	Area 2: 2,372 (+198)
	Area 3: 2,368 (+194)
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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

SACRAMENTO COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION

RESOLUTION NO. CC-20-01

Resolution Approving Alternative Method of Electing Governing Board Members in River Delta Unified School District, Effective November 3, 2020

WHEREAS, the governing board of the River Delta Unified School District (RDUSD) is composed of seven members, each of whom must reside within specified trustee areas but who are elected by the registered voters of the entire school district (“hybrid/at-large elections”);

WHEREAS, Education Code section 5019 authorizes a school district governing board to initiate a proposal to change its method of electing governing board members by resolution;

WHEREAS, Education Code section 5030 authorizes alternative methods of electing school district governing board members, including at-large, hybrid, and by trustee area elections;

WHEREAS, on December 17, 2019 and January 14, 2020, RDUSD’s governing board adopted resolutions proposing to change its election method so that one governing board member residing in each trustee area will be elected by the registered voters who reside in that trustee area (“by trustee area elections”) and seek a State Board of Education waiver from the Education Code 5020 requirement that such election method changes be submitted to the voters for approval or denial;

WHEREAS, RDUSD recently revised its trustee area boundaries to equalize population based upon federal 2010 census data, and the Sacramento County Committee on School District Organization (County Committee) approved these revisions;

WHEREAS, RDUSD intends to update its trustee area boundaries again after 2020 census data is available;

WHEREAS, public hearings and outreach regarding RDUSD’s revised trustee area maps and proposed change in election method have been conducted as follows:

- December 11, 2018 (public hearing) – RDUSD governing board discussed revising its trustee area maps (redistricting) to equalize population in each trustee area;
- January 8, 2019 (public hearing) – RDUSD governing board reviewed legal requirements for redistricting;
- February 19, 2019 (public hearing) – Demographer with expertise in redistricting presented alternative redistricting plans (trustee area maps) to RDUSD governing board based on federal 2010 census data;

- After February 19, 2109 – RDUSD publicized the proposed trustee area maps and solicited community input, including posting the proposed maps and public hearing notices at its school sites, district office, and the RDUSD website;
- March 12, 2019 (public hearing) – RDUSD governing board reviewed proposed trustee area maps and, after consideration of public input, adopted and recommended the County Committee’s approval of the **Even 7** plan because it creates seven trustee areas with populations that are as equal as possible, while providing the most even distribution of trustees throughout the geographical area of the district;
- September 28, 2019 (public hearing) – County Committee considered and adopted the **Even 7** redistricting plan for the RDUSD trustee areas, to be effective for the November 3, 2020 election (Resolution No. CC-19-02, Exhibit A);
- December 17, 2019 (public hearing) – RDUSD governing board adopted resolution initiating process to change from its current hybrid/at-large election method to by trustee area elections;
- January 14, 2020 (public hearing) – RDUSD governing board adopted resolution submitting proposal to County Committee to change to by trustee area elections;
- January 14, 2020 (public hearing) – RDUSD governing board adopted resolution authorizing RDUSD Superintendent to seek waiver from State Board of Education of Education Code section 5020 requirement that proposed election method changes be submitted to school district voters for approval or denial;
- May 7, 2020 (audio/video teleconference hearing) – State Board of Education approved RDUSD’s request to waive voter approval requirement;

WHEREAS, Governor Gavin Newsom has declared a State of Emergency to exist in California as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, and has issued Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-33-20 directing all Californians to follow public health directives and prohibiting them from leaving their homes or places of residence (with limited exceptions not applicable here); and on March 19, April 7, and May 1, 2020, the Sacramento County Health Officer issued orders requiring all individuals to stay at home, with limited exceptions, and prohibiting all public and private gatherings of any number of people;

WHEREAS, Executive Order N-29-20 allows local legislative bodies to satisfy public transparency requirements by holding meetings via teleconference;

WHEREAS, on May 19, 2020, as required by Education Code section 5019, applicable, Executive Orders, and notice requirements, the Sacramento County Committee on School District Organization conducted a hearing on RDUSD’s proposal to change to by trustee area elections, which was accessible to members of the public via Zoom video and/or audio teleconference;

WHEREAS, notice of the County Committee's video and/or audio teleconference hearing was posted at the RDUSD District Office, six school lunch distribution sites in RDUSD, on the RDUSD and Sacramento County Office of Education websites and distributed to the Clarksburg, Courtland, Walnut Grove, Isleton and Rio Vista public libraries, and was publicly announced at RDUSD's May 12, 2020 Board meeting.

WHEREAS, RDUSD has submitted information in support of its proposed change of election method, the record reflects rational reasons for RDUSD's proposal, and RDUSD's proposal appears to be consistent with the law.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that:

1. The recitals set forth above are true.
2. The Sacramento County Committee on School District Organization hereby approves the proposal to adopt an alternative method of electing RDUSD governing board members, whereby one governing board member residing in each trustee area will be elected by the registered voters who reside in that trustee area.
3. The "by trustee area" election method, using the "**Even 7**" trustee area boundary maps included in Exhibit A, will be effective for the next RDUSD governing board election occurring on November 3, 2020.
4. RDUSD shall submit its change of election method and trustee area boundary maps to the appropriate county elections officials in each of the counties in which RDUSD is located, and to all other necessary parties by all required deadlines.
5. The Sacramento County Committee on School District Organization hereby authorizes the Sacramento County Superintendent of Schools to take any other actions needed to effectuate the purposes of this resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Sacramento County Committee on School District Organization this 19th day of May 2020, following a legally authorized public hearing, by the following vote:



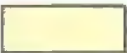




AYES	_____	_____
NOES	_____	_____
ABSENT	_____	_____
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