

# **Chino Valley Independent Fire District STAFF REPORT**

**DATE:** JANUARY 12, 2022

**TO:** MIKE KREEGER, PRESIDENT  
ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

**FROM:** DAVE WILLIAMS, ACTING FIRE CHIEF

**SUBJECT:** PUBLIC HEARING – PUBLIC TO PROVIDE INPUT REGARDING THE COMPOSITION OF THE DIVISIONS AND TO CONSIDER DIVISION BOUNDARIES FOR FIRE DISTRICT TRANSITION FROM AT-LARGE TO BY-DIVISION ELECTIONS AND ADOPTION OF BOUNDARY MAP AND REVIEW DRAFT MAPS.

## **PURPOSE:**

Purpose is to provide the public with an overview of the Fire District’s plan to transition from at-large to by-division elections and adoption of a boundary map pursuant to the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA) and associated statutes, and review draft maps with the proposed boundary lines.

## **BACKGROUND:**

At the Regular Board meeting held on January 13, 2021, the Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 2021-06 declaring its intention to transition from an at-large to a by-division electoral system to comply with the California Voting Rights Act.

At the Regular Board Meeting on October 13, 2021, a timeline was presented to the Board of Directors for the project. At that meeting, an overview was presented outlining specific steps and minimum requirements that the Fire District plans to undertake to achieve a successful transition.

One of the requirements presented to the Board was to hold two public hearings at which the public could provide input regarding the composition of the divisions and to consider division boundaries before National Demographics Corporation (NDC) prepared any draft maps of the proposed division boundaries. The first public hearing was held at a Special Board Meeting on November 17, 2021. The second public hearings to receive public was held at the Regular Board Meeting on December 8, 2021.

Two additional public hearings were scheduled for the regular Board Meetings scheduled on

January 12, 2022 and February 9, 2022.

The Fire District has engaged National Demographics Corporation (NDC) to assist the Fire District with this project. Jeff Simonette is the assigned demographer and was at the Regular Board Meeting on October 13, 2021 to provide an overview of the project and at the Special Board Meeting on November 17, 2021 and at the Regular Board Meeting on December 8, 2021. Jeff Simonette will be present at the January 12, 2022 Regular Board meeting to provide an overview to the Public and provide any additional information, review draft maps and receive input as part of the public hearing.

Draft maps to be presented and reviewed at the January 12, 2022 Public Hearing are attached to this staff report and also available on the Fire District's website at CVIFD.org.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the Board of Directors conduct a third Public Hearing to provide an opportunity for the public to receive an overview of the Fire District's plan to transition from at-large to by-division elections and adoption of a boundary map pursuant to the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA) and associated statutes, and review and provide input on draft maps with the proposed boundary lines.