

Chino Valley Independent Fire District STAFF REPORT

DATE: DECEMBER 8, 2021

**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**

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 receive input from the public regarding the composition of the divisions and boundaries for Fire District transition from at-large to by-division elections and adoption of boundary map.

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 may provide input regarding the composition of the divisions and to consider division boundaries before NDC draws 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 of the two public hearings to receive public is scheduled for the Regular Board Meeting on December 8, 2021.

Once NDC prepares draft maps, two additional public hearings will be held regular Board Meetings scheduled on January 12, 2022 and February 9, 2022.

As you know, the Fire District engaged National Demographics Corporation (NDC) to assist the Fire District with this project. Jeff Simonette is the assigned demographer and was at the Board Meeting in October to provide an overview of the project and at the Special Board Meeting on November 17. Jeff is here again tonight to provide an overview to the Public and provide any additional information and receive input as part of the public hearing. Jeff Ballinger, Fire District Legal Counsel is also available tonight to answer any questions.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Directors conduct a second 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 provide input regarding the composition of the divisions and boundaries for Fire District transition from at-large to by-division elections and adoption of boundary map.