

Chino Valley Independent Fire District STAFF REPORT

DATE: February 9, 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. Those two public hearings have taken place. The first public hearing was held at a Special Board Meeting on November 17, 2021. The second public hearing was held at the Regular Board Meeting on December 8, 2021.

Two additional public hearings were scheduled for January 12, 2022 and February 9, 2022 for the purpose of providing the public with information, collecting input and reviewing draft maps. Information collected at the January 12, 2022 Board Meeting will be presented at the February 9, 2022 public hearing and included in the draft maps presented including any additional draft maps submitted.

Jeff Simonetti from National Demographics Corporation (NDC) is the contracted demographer for this project and will be present at the public hearing to provide additional information, review draft maps and receive any input as part of the public hearing.

Draft maps presented at the February 9, 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 fourth 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.