

Criteria Resolution 01-12-2022 (A)

The Board of Directors will observe the following criteria, to the greatest extent possible, when drawing district boundaries:

1. Easily identifiable geographic boundaries should be followed.
2. Communities of interest should be maintained in a single district, where possible, and attempts should be made to avoid splitting neighborhoods.
3. Districts should be composed of whole voting precincts. Where this is not possible or practicable, districts should be drawn considering county election precincts. Avoid splitting census blocks unless necessary.
4. Although it is recognized that existing districts will have to be altered to reflect new population distribution, any districting plan should, to the extent possible, be based on existing districts.
5. Districts must be configured so that they are relatively equal in total population according to the 2020 federal census. In no event should the total population deviation between the largest and the smallest district exceed ten percent as compared to the ideal district size.
6. To the extent possible, districts should be compact and composed of contiguous territory. Compactness may contain a functional,¹ as well as a geographical, dimension.
7. Consideration may be given to the preservation of incumbent-constituency relations by recognition of the residence of incumbents and their history in representing certain areas.
8. The plan should be narrowly tailored to avoid racial gerrymandering in violation of *Shaw v. Reno*.
9. The plan should not fragment² a geographically compact minority community or pack³ minority voters in the presence of polarized voting so as to create liability under the Voting Rights Act.

The Board will review all plans considering these criteria and will evaluate how well each plan conforms to the criteria.

Any plan submitted by a citizen to the Board for its consideration should be a complete plan — *i.e.*, it should show the full number of districts and should redistrict the entire groundwater conservation district. The Board may decline to consider any plan that is not a complete plan.

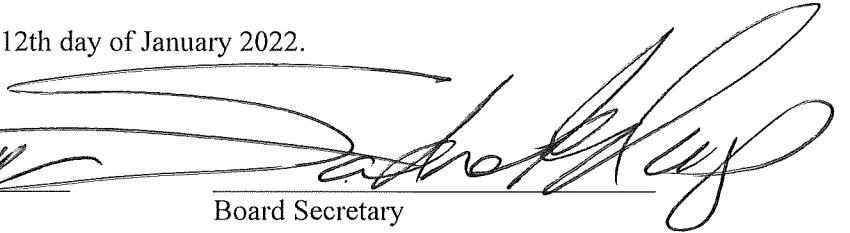
All plans submitted by citizens, as well as plans submitted by staff, consultants, and members of the Board should conform to these criteria.

This resolution shall be effective upon passage by the Board of Directors.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 12th day of January 2022.



Board President



Board Secretary

