



Los Angeles County REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK

It's Not Over 'Til It's Over

*Requirements for Successful
Submission and Implementation of
Redistricting Plans*



Topics

- Role of RR/CC
- Redistricting Plan Descriptions
- Supporting Mapping Data
- Deadlines for Plan Submission



Role of RR/CC

- What We Do
 - Provide guidance on submission process
 - Implement new district boundary lines
 - Provide some data online or at EI counter
- What We Do Not Do
 - Provide custom data or technical support
 - Validate new district boundary lines
 - Give legal advice on the redistricting process



Plan Descriptions

- Must be legal and official
- Formally adopted by the jurisdiction
- Documented by resolution, proclamation, or some other legal document
- Must be accurate and complete



Types of Plan Descriptions

- 2010 Census Tract Lists
 - For each division of the jurisdiction, provide:
 - A list of whole tracts
 - A separate list of split tracts (blocks or block groups)
 - RR/CC precinct data already incorporates 2010 census tracts
 - Adhering to tracts as much as possible is helpful in plan implementation by RR/CC



Types of Plan Descriptions

- Metes and Bounds
 - Narrative of physical features of the local geography, along with directions and distances, to define and describe the boundaries of an area of land
 - The boundaries are described in a running prose style, working around the area in sequence, from a point of beginning, returning back to the same point



Supporting Mapping Data

- Polygon shapefile of district boundaries.
 - In projection used by RRCC
(NAD_1983_StatePlane_California_V_FIPS_0405_Feet)
 - If in a different projection, please include the projection information with the shapefile
- Shapefile of the street centerline (Thomas Brothers, TIGER) used to redistrict



Supporting Mapping Data

- A map of the new district boundaries with the street centerline as a background in PDF format
- A map depicting the areas that changed from one district to another due to the new boundaries. This map should also include the street centerline as a background



Redistricting Background

- Congressional, State Senate, State Assembly, and Board of Equalization districts
 - 14 member Citizens Redistricting Commission
 - Final boundary approval by August 15, 2011
 - <http://wedrawthelines.ca.gov>



Redistricting Background

- County Supervisorial districts
 - Board appointed Boundary Review Committee
 - Statutory deadline: October 31, 2011
 - County Schedule
 - Public process commences March/April 2011
 - Board adopts final plans in August 2011
 - Redistricting Ordinance effective September 2011



Local/Special District Deadlines

- General Law Cities

- CEC 21602, 1st paragraph:

The boundaries of council districts shall be adjusted by the council before the first day of November of the year following the year in which each decennial federal census is taken. (i.e., [October 31, 2011](#))

- CEC 21602, 2nd paragraph:

...if the council fails to adjust the boundaries prior to the 90th day before the final date for registration of electors for an election of council members in the city, each council member to be elected at the election and at any succeeding election.. . shall be elected at large.



Local/Special District Deadlines

- General Law Cities
 - CEC 21600:

...applies only to general law cities electing members of the legislative body by districts or from districts...



Local/Special District Deadlines

- Chartered Cities

- CEC 21620:

If the members of the governing body of a chartered city are nominated or elected 'by districts' or 'from districts', as defined in Section 34871 of the Government code, upon the initial establishment thereof, the districts shall be as nearly equal in population as may be according to the latest federal decennial census....After the initial establishment of the districts, the districts shall continue to be as nearly equal in population as may be according to the latest federal decennial census...



Local/Special District Deadlines

- Chartered Cities
 - No explicit statutory deadline
 - If the redistricting deadline is not defined in the city charter, it defaults to code for General Law cities



Local/Special District Deadlines

- UDEL Jurisdictions
 - Uniform District Election Law (UDEL)
 - CEC 10522. Notice of Boundaries:

At least 125 days prior to the day fixed for the general district election, the secretary of a resident voting district shall deliver to the county elections official of each affected county a map showing the boundaries of the district and the boundaries of the divisions of the district, if any, within that county and a statement indicating in which divisions a director is to be elected and whether any elective officer is to be elected at large at the next general district election.



Local/Special District Deadlines

- Special Districts
 - Those districts that do not fall in the above categories
 - Typically include water districts, flood control districts, etc.
 - CEC 22000(d):
No change in division boundaries may be made within 180 days preceding the election of any director.



Local/Special District Deadlines

- Precinct Boundary Changes
 - CEC 12262. Jurisdictional Boundary Change Effective Dates:

Jurisdictional boundary changes occurring less than 88 days before an election shall not be effective for purposes of that election. Voters residing within an area affected by a boundary change, occurring within 88 days before an election, shall vote at the ensuing election in all respects as if no boundary change had occurred. However, any district that holds a general district election on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of an odd-numbered year shall complete any boundary change not less than 130 days prior to the election in order to comply with Section 10522.



Local/Special District Deadlines

- What if you are not sure which statute applies to your district?
 - Seek legal counsel
 - Barring a specified date, it is safest to use the E-180 date
- RR/CC perspective
 - Precincts are frozen at E-88
 - Need at least 30 days to implement new lines



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Questions...

