



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

And

**PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE INPUT CONCERNING THE COMPOSITION OF
ELECTORAL DISTRICTS FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

DATE: Wednesday, October 24, 2018
TIME: 1:00 p.m.
PLACE: Leucadia Wastewater District
1960 La Costa Avenue, Carlsbad, CA 92009

AGENDA

Items on the agenda may be taken out of sequential order as their priority is determined by the Board of Directors. In the case of an emergency, items may be added to the Agenda by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. Also, items that arise after posting of the Agenda may be added, per Government Code Section 54954.2, by a 2/3 or unanimous vote of the Board.

Any writings or documents provided to a majority of the members of Leucadia Wastewater District regarding any item on this Agenda will be made available for public inspection in the Administration Office located at 1960 La Costa Avenue, Carlsbad, CA 92009 during normal business hours. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the Executive Assistant at (760) 753-0155. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the District to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting.

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 4. General Public Comment Period**
- 5. Approval of Agenda**
- 6. Public Hearing**
Public Hearing to Receive Input Concerning the Composition of Electoral Districts for the Board of Directors. (Pages 3-5)

7. Information Items.

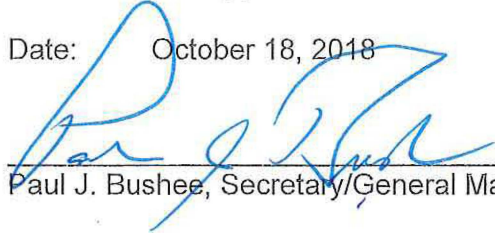
None.

8. Adjournment

AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

I, Paul J. Bushee, Secretary of the Leucadia Wastewater District, hereby certify that I posted a copy of the foregoing agenda in the lobby of the District office at 1960 La Costa Avenue, Carlsbad, California at least 72 hours prior to the meeting, in accordance with Govt. Code Section 54954.2(a).

Date: October 18, 2018



Paul J. Bushee, Secretary/General Manager

MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 18, 2018

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Paul J. Bushee, General Manager 

SUBJECT: **Public Hearing to Receive Input Regarding the Composition of Electoral Districts for the Board of Directors**

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this public hearing is to allow the Leucadia Wastewater District's (District) Board of Directors to receive and consider public comment on the following:

- The Composition of Electoral Districts for the Board of Directors.

The notice of this public hearing, attached, along with all other scheduled public hearings concerning this subject was published in The San Diego Union Tribune on October 3, 2018, and was posted on the District's website.

Summary:

On October 12, 2018 the Board of Directors adopted Resolution 2305 to initiate the process required to transition from an at-large election system to a district-based election system. This item is the second of two public hearings to invite public input regarding the composition of the voting districts before any draft maps are drawn. The District has established a timeline for implementation of District-Based elections that includes dates for the four required public hearings. It should be recognized that this timeline is compressed to meet the requirements of the "safe harbor" provisions of the CVRA.

The purpose of the first two public hearings is to inform the public about the districting process and to receive community input on what factors should be taken into consideration while creating district boundaries. The public is requested to provide input regarding communities of interest and other local factors that should be considered while drafting district maps. A *community of interest* is a neighborhood or group that would benefit from being in the same district because of shared interests, views, or characteristics. Possible community features include, but are not limited to:

- A. School attendance areas;
- B. Natural dividing lines such as major roads, hills, or highways;
- C. Areas around parks and other neighborhood landmarks;
- D. Common issues, neighborhood activities, or legislative/election concerns; and
- E. Shared demographic characteristics, such as:
 - (1) Similar levels of income, education, or linguistic insolation;
 - (2) Languages spoken at home; and
 - (3) Single-family and multi-family housing unit areas.

In creating the district boundaries, the District must ensure compliance with the following state and federally-mandated criteria:

Legal Requirements:

1. Each district shall contain a nearly equal population as required by law; and
2. Each district shall be drawn in a manner that complies with the Federal Voting Rights Act. No district shall be drawn with race as the predominate factor in violation of the principles established by the United States Supreme Court in *Shaw v. Reno*, 509 U.S. 630 (1993), and its progeny.

In addition to the legal criteria, the Board may adopt optional criteria to be used in the development of the districts.

Traditional Districting Principles:

(numbering is for ease of reference and does not indicate priority)

1. Each district shall consist of contiguous territory in as compact a form as possible.
2. Each district shall respect communities of interest, such as school- and park-connected neighborhoods, rural or urban populations, city planning areas, social interests, agricultural, industrial or service industry interests, or other locally-recognized definitions of communities and neighborhoods, insofar as practicable.
3. Each district border shall follow visible natural and man-made geographical and topographical features, including mountains, flat land, forest lands, highways, canals, etc., insofar as practicable.
4. Each district shall respect the previous choices of voters by avoiding the creation of head-to-head contests between Board Members previously elected by the voters, insofar as this does not conflict with Federal or State Law.

Presentation:

Douglas Johnson, President of National Demographic Corporation, has been retained by the District to assist with the transition district-based elections.

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Attachment

PUBLIC NOTICE



LEUCADIA WASTEWATER DISTRICT COMPOSITION OF ELECTORAL DISTRICTS FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Leucadia Wastewater District (District) will hold public hearings concerning the COMPOSITION OF ELECTORAL DISTRICTS FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS on the following dates and times:

- Wednesday, October 10, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. (District Board Meeting)
- Wednesday, October 24, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. (Special Board Meeting)
- Wednesday, December 12, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. (District Board Meeting)
- Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. (District Board Meeting)

All meetings will be held in the Board Room at the District office located at 1960 La Costa Avenue, Carlsbad, CA.

The purpose of October 10th and 24th hearings will be to receive public input regarding the composition of potential electoral district boundaries. Following these two hearings, a draft map or maps of potential electoral district boundaries will be prepared and published for review and consideration no later than December 5, 2018. The public hearings on December 12th and January 9th will be to receive public input regarding the draft electoral district maps. On January 9th, after the public hearing on the draft electoral district maps has been held, the Board of Directors may adopt an ordinance implementing district-based elections for the Director positions.

All interested parties are invited to attend the public hearings and express opinions and/or submit information.

DATED: October 1, 2018

Paul J. Bushee
General Manager/Secretary
Leucadia Wastewater District