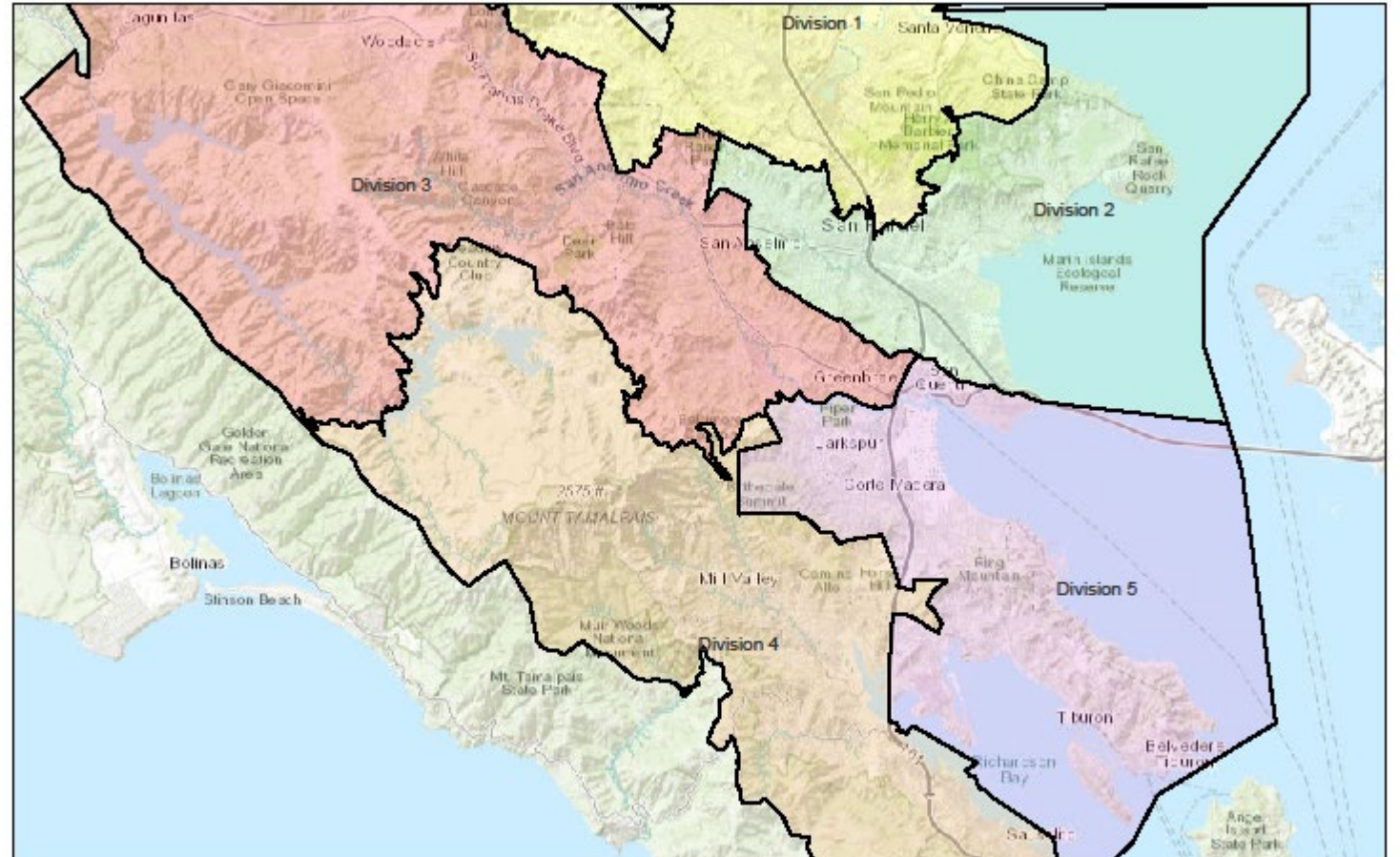




# Overview of the Redistricting Process

September 23, 2021

Marin Water Board Divisions



August 18, 2021

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# Legal Framework for Redistricting

- **Water Code section 71540**

Board shall, by resolution, adjust the boundaries of any divisions pursuant to Sections 22000 et seq. of the Elections Code.

- **Elections Code section 22000**

Requires the District to adjust the boundaries of any divisions, after the Census, so that the divisions are as far as practicable, equal in population and in compliance with Section 10301 of Title 52 of the United States Code.

# This Process Differs from Others

- The process set forth in Sections 22000 *et seq.* of the Elections Code differs from that used by cities (Elec. Code 21600 *et seq.*) and counties (Elec. Code 21500 *et seq.*).

# Statutory Factors for Consideration

In addition to ensuring near equal population in each division and compliance with federal law, the Board may give consideration to the following factors:

- (1) topography
- (2) geography
- (3) cohesiveness, contiguity, integrity, and compactness of territory
- (4) community of interests of the division

(Elections Code section 22000)

## Some Other Considerations

- Other public agencies' boundaries
- Anticipation of future growth (when possible)
- Minimize shifting election years for voters

# Public Hearing Requirements

- Elections Code Section 22001 requires that at least one public hearing on the proposal to adjust the boundaries of the division be held prior to the public hearing at which the Board votes to approve or defeat the proposal to adjust the division boundaries.
- This means at least two (2) public hearings are required prior to the vote to approve or defeat the adjustment of the division boundaries.

# Timing

- Elections Code section 22000(d) prohibits any adjustment of division boundaries within 180 days preceding the election of a Director.
- The new division boundaries will need to be adopted no later than May 11, 2022 (i.e., 180 days prior to November 8, 2022 general election).
- However, Staff recommends promptly updating the division boundaries upon receipt of additional census data to ensure that the County Department of Elections has ample time to prepare all District materials for the November 8, 2022 general election.