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WATER DISTRICT VOTER DIVISIONS TO BE REDRAWN *Seeks Volunteers*

MONTEREY, Calif. – The Monterey Peninsula Water Management District seeks applicants to serve on its Redistricting Advisory Commission. This Commission will be responsible for determining the District’s voter division area boundaries for the 2022 election. The 2020 Census counts show that more than a technical adjustment is needed to balance the District’s total populations by voter division.

Prior to 1993, the District used “at-large” elections, in which the District’s five Board members were elected by all voters within the District. By Board Resolution No. 93-05 adopted on April 21, 1993, the Board agreed to establish five resident voting divisions. In a by-division area election, the District is divided into five district areas; voters in each division elect one Director, who must live within that district area.

The division area map for the 2020 Board election was approved by the then current Board. The current Board agreed that the voting division map for the 2022 Board election would be prepared in consultation with Lapkoff and Gobalet Demographic Research, Inc. and a Redistricting Advisory Commission to be appointed by the Board. New voter division boundaries are to be proposed for the Board’s consideration and approval. The map will then be used for future Board elections.

The Commission will consist of 9 members. Each Director will appoint a participant from their division, and the mayoral and county representatives appoint one each from their city or supervisorial district, and the Board as a whole will agree on two additional “at-large” participants. The Commission will meet beginning January 2022 and shall complete its duties by April 2022. It is expected that the Commission will meet a total of at least three times.

Any plan recommended by the Commission shall comply with the legal requirements for districting under the United States Constitution, the California Constitution, the Federal Voting

Rights Act of 1965, the California Voting Rights Act of 2001, and the California Elections Code and shall promote representation of the diverse geographic and social interests in our community.

Members of the public are invited and encouraged to submit their statement of interest for the Commission. This is a volunteer position. District staff will forward received statements of interest to the Board for consideration and final selection. Statements are due by January 7, 2022 to Joel G. Pablo, Board Clerk via U.S. Mail or by e-mail at joel@mpwmd.net

About Monterey Peninsula Water Management District

The mission of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District is to promote or provide for a long-term sustainable water supply, and to manage and protect water resources for the benefit of the community and the environment. We strive to ensure a public role in the development, ownership and oversight of water supply solutions and will lead the efforts in water resource management. For more information visit www.mpwmd.net

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