

### BEAUMONT-CHERRY VALLEY WATER DISTRICT Your Water Agency is Redistricting

Important information about setting new division boundaries

Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District (BCVWD) is considering new division boundaries, following the latest U.S. Census results. We are dedicated to continuing to serve our community with equal representation in mind.

### **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

#### • What is redistricting?

Over time, populations within a community shift as people move and areas grow. Redistricting is a process that public agencies undergo every 10 years to maintain equal populations within voting boundaries. BCVWD will evaluate and update its division boundary maps, based on a comprehensive process by an independent expert.

#### Why are divisions important?

Divisions ensure fair representation and balance. Each division is comprised of roughly the same number of people. The citizens in each division vote for the member that represents them on the BCVWD Board of Directors. Updating the boundaries ensures each Board member continues to represent approximately equal populations.

#### Why does BCVWD have to redistrict?

BCVWD, like other public agencies, is required to redistrict after each U.S. Census.

# How many divisions are within the BCVWD service area?

BCVWD has five divisions within its service area. One Board member represents the customers in each division.

#### How will this impact me?

If BCVWD adjusts its division maps after the redistricting process, residents could be shifted to a different BCVWD voting boundary in the next election. Redistricting does not impact your water service.

# What is the timeline for the redistricting process?

The independent consultant, Redistricting Insights, will present draft maps to the BCVWD Board of Directors at a Public Hearing on February 9, 2022. Three public hearings will be held, where the Board will review and discuss the maps, hear public comments and, finally, adopt a map. By law, boundary adjustments must be adopted by April 17, 2022. The new maps will be used during future Board member elections, until the next Census.



#### How can I participate?

Customers can play a role in developing the revised boundaries by:

- Using the mapping tool on the BCVWD website at bcvwd.org/redistricting
- Providing public comment on the draft maps by emailing redistrictinginfo@bcvwd.org
- Participating in BCVWD Board meetings to give feedback
- Attending any or all of the following Public Hearings:
  - February 9, 2022 Board review of draft maps March 9, 2022 – Map development discussion March 24, 2022 – Consideration and adoption of final map



Where can I get more information?

Details are available on the BCVWD website at bcvwd.org/redistricting.

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