

RIVERSIDE COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION

A G E N D A
January 28, 2010

◆County Committee Organizational Meeting◆
and
◆Public Hearing on the Proposed Transfer of Territory◆
from Hemet USD to Temecula Valley USD

Belle Vista Middle School
31650 Browning Street, Murrieta, CA
Time 3:30 p.m.

Call to Order Time: ____ p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance Member: _____

Attendance

Committee Member	Representing	Present	
		Yes	NO
Mrs. Mary Ellen DeSilva, Vice Chair	1st Supervisorial District		
Mr. Mike McKelroy	1st Supervisorial District		
Mr. David Kason	2nd Supervisorial District		
Mrs. Cathy Sciortino	2nd Supervisorial District		
Mrs. Charlotte Jones, Chair	3rd Supervisorial District		
Mr. Robert O'Donnell	3rd Supervisorial District		
Mr. René Garcia	4th Supervisorial District		
Mr. Robert Mainiero	4th Supervisorial District		
Mrs. Cynthia Clark	5th Supervisorial District		
Mr. Ray Corral	5th Supervisorial District		
Mr. Vic Giardinelli	Member-At-Large		

Public Comments

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.3 and Education Code Sections 35145.5, and 72121.5 any person wishing to address the County Committee on any item on the agenda, or any other relevant matter will be heard at this time. Please note that this is not the Public Hearing Session. Individuals wishing to address matters related to the transfer of territory are advised to wait until the Public Hearing is convened.

PUBLIC VIEWING OF DOCUMENTS As per Government Code Section 54957.5, all documents related to this meeting are available for public viewing at the County Committee Meeting and at 3939 13 th Street, Riverside, CA 92501.	REASONABLE ACCOMODATIONS FOR AN INDIVIDUAL WITH DISABILITY With at least 48 hours notice, any individual with a disability who requires reasonable accommodation to participate in a County Committee meeting, may request assistance by contacting the Riverside County Office of Education, Administrative Services office at 3939 13 th Street, Riverside or by calling (951) 826-6448.
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ORGANIZATION/ACTION SESSION

Item #1. Organizational Matters

a) Oath of Office

Oath of Office to be administered to recently re-elected county committee members whose terms will expire in 2013:

- Mike McKelroy – 1st Supervisorial District*
- Robert O’Donnell – 3rd Supervisorial District*
- Charlotte Jones – 3rd Supervisorial District*

Establishment of a Quorum Established by:

Staff in attendance:

b) Election of 2010 County Committee Chairperson

It was moved by _____ and seconded by _____ that _____ be designated Chairperson of the Riverside County Committee on School District Organization for the year 2010.

Yes _____ No _____ Abstain _____ Absent _____

Motion: adopted not adopted

c) Election of 2010 County Committee Vice-Chairperson

It was moved by _____ and seconded by _____ that _____ be designated Chairperson of the Riverside County Committee on School District Organization for the year 2010.

Yes _____ No _____ Abstain _____ Absent _____

Motion: adopted not adopted

d) Approval of Minutes (Attachment A)

May 28, 2009 Meeting Minutes:

It was moved by _____ and seconded by _____ **that the minutes of the May 28, 2009 Public Hearing and Territory Transfer Meeting be approved as** (submitted, amended).

Select one option for your motion.

Yes _____ No _____ Abstain _____ Absent _____

Motion: adopted not adopted

INFORMATIONAL SESSION

Item #2. CEQA Notice of Exemption (Attachment B)

Item #3. Public Hearing Time line waiver (Attachment C)

Item #4. Presentation of Study – Dr. Mike Winters (To be distributed at meeting)

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PUBLIC HEARING – Proposed Transfer of Territory from Hemet USD to Temecula Valley USD

PUBLIC HEARING – Temecula Valley Site

CONVENE PUBLIC HEARING on proposal to transfer territory from Hemet Unified School District to Temecula Valley Unified School District

The purpose of the public hearing is to gain input from the local community regarding the proposed transfer of territory from Hemet Unified School District to Temecula Valley Unified School District.

The Public Hearing on the proposed transfer of territory from Hemet Unified School District to Temecula Valley Unified School District was called to order at: _____

- Presentation of Presentation of overview of proposal
- Presentation of public hearing procedure

A. PUBLIC COMMENT

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.3 and Education code sections 35145.5 and 72121.5 any person wishing to address the County Committee regarding the proposed transfer of territory from Hemet Unified School District to Temecula Valley Unified School District may do so by following the "Public Hearing Guidelines".

**Public input on the proposed transfer of territory will continue at TBD p.m.
in Hemet Unified School District at: 7:00 p.m.
Professional Development Service Center
Board Room
1791 W. Acacia Ave., Hemet, CA**

PUBLIC HEARING – Hemet Site

RE-CONVENE PUBLIC HEARING on proposal to transfer territory from Hemet Unified School District to Temecula Valley Unified School District

The purpose of the public hearing is to gain input from the local community regarding the proposed transfer of territory from Hemet Unified School District to Temecula Valley Unified School District.

The Public Hearing on the proposed transfer of territory from Hemet Unified School District to Temecula Valley Unified School District was reconvened at: _____

- Presentation of overview of proposal
- Presentation of public hearing procedure

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.3 and Education code sections 35145.5 and 72121.5 any person wishing to address the County Committee regarding the proposed transfer of territory from Hemet Unified School District to Temecula Valley Unified School District may do so by following the "Public Hearing Guidelines".

ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING at: _____ o'clock

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ACTION SESSION

Action Item #1 **County Committee Bylaws Update** (Attachment D)

TOPIC: Motion to approve updates made the Bylaws of the Riverside County Committee on School District Organization

ISSUE: Changes to Education Code require that the bylaws of the County Committee to be updated in order to be in compliance with applicable law.

BACKGROUND: The existing bylaws were approved in October 1998. In order to ensure that the bylaws of the County Committee are current the changes indicated in the revised Bylaw document are suggested.

RECOMMENDATION: Motion approval

It was moved by _____ and seconded by _____ that the bylaws of the County Committee be amended as presented.

Yes _____ No _____ Abstain _____ Absent _____

Motion: adopted not adopted

Action Item #2 **Study Regarding Establishment of Trustee Areas** (Attachment E)

TOPIC: Resolution concerning a study of the establishment of Trustee Areas for governing board elections.

ISSUE: An authorizing resolution to study the establishment of trustee areas for school district governing board elections.

BACKGROUND: The California Voting Rights Act (CVRA) established a basis for preferring that governing boards be elected using trustee areas when the occurrence of racially polarized voting exists and when the "at large" method of electing trustees does not allow minority voters to influence the outcome of governing board elections. Several school districts within the county conduct board elections either at-large or based upon a trustee at-large process. This resolution will encourage the initiation of a study to determine whether or not a need exists to consider the establishment of trustee areas for district governing board elections. The County Committee may coordinate a study in conjunction with the districts in order that the districts can receive the information that is more cost effective than for them to do individual studies.

RECOMMENDATION: Approval of Following Resolution

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**In the matter of the Establishment of Trustee
Areas By School District Governing Boards
Using 2010 Federal Census Information**

WHEREAS, the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA) established a basis for preferring that governing boards be elected using trustee areas when the occurrence of racially polarized voting exists and when the "at large" method of electing trustees does not allow minority voters to influence the outcome of governing board elections, and

WHEREAS, school districts throughout the state have been challenged on their board election practice of "at large" elections in court, based on elements of the CVRA, and

WHEREAS, several school districts within the county conduct board elections either at large or based upon a trustee-at large process and may be at risk of challenge based on elements of the CVRA, and

WHEREAS, these districts have been encouraged to initiate a study to determine whether or not the need exists to consider the establishment of trustee areas for governing board elections or to resolve to do so using 2010 Federal Census information, in order to encourage equal representation of all demographic areas within the district,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Riverside County Committee on School District Organization shall undertake a study to determine whether or not the need exists to consider the establishment of trustee areas for governing board elections, in coordination with school districts (on a shared cost basis) that have not pursued their own studies, pursuant to the provisions of California Education Code sections 5019 et seq., using 2010 Federal Census information. The intent of the county-wide study is for districts to receive the information in a more cost effective manner than if they each commissioned their own studies.

The foregoing **RESOLUTION** was adopted at a duly-called meeting of the Riverside County Committee on School District Organization on this ___ day of _____, 2009.

It was moved by _____ and seconded by _____ that the above resolution to undertake a study to determine whether or not the need exists to consider the establishment of trustee areas for governing board elections using 2010 Federal Census information.

Yes _____ No _____ Abstain _____ Absent _____

Motion: adopted not adopted

Chair: _____

Action Item #3 Menifee Unification (Attachment F)

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TOPIC: Motion to support Menifee Union School District and Perris Union High School District in their request to the California Department of Education to hold the petition submitted for unification in abeyance until requested to bring it forward.

ISSUE: Petition for unification of Menifee School District was found not to meet the conditions required by education code.

BACKGROUND: Recognizing that the County Committee on School District Organization made the only finding allowed to them by law when recommending denial of the petition for unification, the Menifee Union School District and the Perris Union High School Governing Boards have been working together over the past year to reach a consensus regarding a strategy to avoid the need to start unification process over again. Information was provided by the California Department of Education that, upon request, the Department could hold the petition until such time as the petitioners requested that it be considered. Education Code does not provide a time line for action by the State Board of Education on matters related to School District Organization.

RECOMMENDATION: Motion approval

It was moved by _____ and seconded by _____ that the County Committee on School District Organization support Menifee Union School District and Perris Union High School District in their request that the California Department of Education hold the petition for unification in abeyance until such time as the districts provide notice that they are ready for the issue to be heard by the California State Board of Education.

Yes ____ **No** ____ **Abstain** ____ **Absent** ____

Motion: **adopted** **not adopted**

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the County Committee will be called as needed.

ADJOURNMENT

Time: _____

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