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Hi Teri,

I became aware recently of the redistricting effort that is underway to move to district-based boundaries. While I understand how this got triggered, I have some questions about the implications for the Granite Bay area.

I would like for the Board to respond tonight to educate the public about the following questions. I also have some comments and considerations for creating retail service districts and mapping considerations. There are many residents just becoming aware of this process and have concerns but most people don't understand the decision-making scope and implications of this change especially for those in the Granite Bay area.

Questions/Comments for general education:

- What decisions are made at the Wholesale District Board vs the Retail Service District level? Eg. water rates for residential vs commercial, rebate programs, collaboration agreements with the State, etc. These are just a few examples. Can you explain in today's world, who makes what decisions? This will be very important to understand the implications. Since Granite Bay doesn't have a retail service district today with a separate board, who is making those jurisdiction decisions compared to Orangevale, etc. who do have retail districts?
- Since the Granite Bay area currently doesn't have a retail service district formalized and a separate board compared to the other communities (eg. Orangevale, Citrus Heights, Fair Oaks, etc.), what are the implications and pros and cons of not forming a retail service district with a formal board in this area when the new district boundaries are drawn? Based on the requirements of 30k, etc. we would only have one representative at the Wholesale District Board but no other deliberating body to resolve, discuss and recommend issues related to our community. This seems like unfair representation as well. Can you help me and others in the public understand?

Questions/Comments for forming a retail service district as an option for the Granite Bay area:

- What is required to create a retail service district with a governing board? Process, time, money? If it can't be done in time with the redistricting process, that also seems unfair if the retail districts have decision making rights and a formalized board already in place for the other jurisdictions/communities while Granite Bay does not.
- Can the current County-bound Municipal Advisory Committee for Granite Bay in Supervisor District 4 in Placer County represent the Granite Bay area for decisions related to a retail service water district and therefore and make

decisions/recommendations to the Wholesale Board without forming an official separate retail service district? This would minimize administrative costs, etc and make it more efficient for residents of Granite Bay to get their voice heard.

Questions/Comments regarding the map submitted on Monday from Citrus Heights/Fair Oaks and considerations for drawing districts:

- The map proposed on Monday by the two jurisdictions doesn't account for the "large lot" rural nature of the Granite Bay area which cuts into Sacramento County. The needs are very different than compared to those in an urban area. This should be taken into consideration when drawing the boundaries. In other words, the Granite Bay Community Plan promotes rural large parcels with hobby farms and now Placer County allows Wineries and Breweries so the rural properties by virtue of size and land use have potentially higher water requirements and therefore would unduly suffer if rates were set by those living in dense urban areas with minimal lawn. The Granite Bay Community Plan must be taken into account as it is a sanctioned community within Placer County.
- The map proposed on Monday by the two jurisdictions has the Granite Bay area also including portions of Folsom as well likely to account for population requirements. However, the implication is that it could put a candidate at an unfair advantage because you have to file and pay for candidate statements in both Placer County and Sacramento County. This needs to be factored in. I believe the cost is \$300 in Placer County and I believe ~1250 in Sacramento County.
- The map proposed on Monday by the two jurisdictions has a couple of sections in the Granite Bay area as part of a separate district which violates the contiguous requirement of a boundary.

Those are the primary questions and comments that I along with other residents have. I will try to dial in tonight at 4PM but it is difficult for those of us who have day jobs. If not, I will look for the detailed minutes and would appreciate responses in writing as well. Public input meetings on issues this controversial should be held after 5PM to give working people a chance to participate.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration.

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