

Update on Region IX
Update delivered on May 27, 2011

The following is a summary of the major points that have been raised through public testimony about Region IX since the last wrap up. It is not an exhaustive list of every public comment; those are available in a MS Access Database. Also, there are no recommendations in this document. It is merely a summary of what was communicated and proposed by the public.

Update on May 27, 2011:

There was one additional hearing located in Region IX:

Auburn: May 19, 2011 - Region IX

**46 Input Hearing speakers*

And one hearing in which at least 9 speakers come from Region IX

Santa Rosa: May 20, 2011

**69 Input Hearing speakers*

Publicly Submitted Written Comments on Region IX: 185 written comments were submitted about Region IX through May 22, 2011. We are in the process of entering and analyzing these fully. We have reviewed approximately 89 of these comments.

The following are some themes that were raised, or re-raised, in Auburn and/or Santa Rosa:

1. Mendocino, Humboldt and Del Norte Counties should be together.
(9 speakers in Santa Rosa, 2 speakers in Redding & Marysville)
* Detail: This is primarily a concern with respect to the current Senate District which does not include Del Norte County. These three counties are together in the current Assembly and Congressional Districts.
2. Keep north/south orientation of districts rather than changing to an east/west orientation.
(9 speakers in Auburn, 6 speakers in Redding & Marysville; note: 2 speakers in Auburn and 6 speakers in Redding & Marysville supported east/west districts; quite a few northern California residents sent written comments in favor of keeping the I-5 and 101 corridor districts and not going to an east/west orientation.)
3. Mendocino County residents want to be in a district with Lake or with Humboldt and Del Norte Counties
(7 speakers in Santa Rosa)
4. Lake County resident wants Lake County to be in a district with Napa, Mendocino, Sonoma, and/or Yolo Counties.
(1 speaker in Santa Rosa)
5. Respect area where API communities live in Sacramento and surrounding towns, particularly Elk Grove.
(4 speakers in Auburn)
6. Create a Sierra mountains/foothills district: (5 speakers in Auburn, 3 speakers in Redding & Auburn, and 1 speaker in Merced, and 1 speaker in San Diego)
* Detail: Some residents of Placer, El Dorado and Nevada Counties stated at the Auburn meeting that it was ok to cross county lines; for example, a district with eastern Placer & El Dorado Counties takes in the Lake Tahoe Basin.