

Subject: Opposition to splitting Siskiyou County

From: Don Mackintosh <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/27/2011 1:00 AM

To: [REDACTED]

I would like to take this opportunity to comment on your first draft of maps. Because your map splits Siskiyou County in half, I can only assume that you do not understand how our county as a community is tied together geographically, socially and economically. Perhaps you did not receive many comments from our community, but most of us were unaware of the redistricting. I understand that there was no public meeting held in Northern California except for one in Redding. No one that I have talked to even knew about the meeting until after the fact.

Siskiyou County is rural with agriculture and ranching as our main industry. The Endangered Species Act destroyed our timber industry and we are now fighting the removal of our dams on the Klamath River, the expansion of National Monuments and the moratorium on suction mining and preserving our water rights. We are being hit from all sides. The citizens of our community work hard to make a living and because of all the governmental issues we are facing it is becoming more and more difficult. If our county is split in half, it will only make matters worse.

The Coast and the Scott Valley area is separated by many miles of mountainous terrain. It is a very long twisty drive on secondary roads to get to the coast. The people in Etna, Fort Jones, Scott Valley and Happy Camp are tied to Yreka (District 2) for county services; our Sheriff, our community hospital, our library, our Court House, and our supervisors. We share the same access to media and communication relevant to the election process.

If the split of Siskiyou County takes place, election costs will increase because we will need different ballots for two districts. The split of Siskiyou County will also result in splits of Supervisorial districts, County Board of Education Areas, Siskiyou Community College District areas, High School District Areas, Elementary School District areas and Fire Protection Districts.

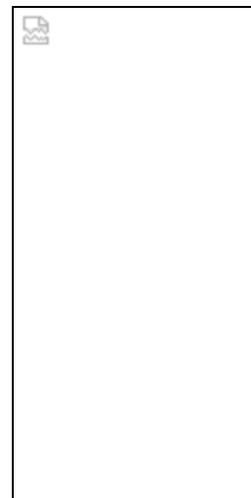
The citizens of our County have a shared history, family ties, and the same standard of living. Scott Valley area residents go to Yreka for shopping, for organizations and for social events. Yreka is the County Seat and all county business takes place there. The drive is approximately 20 minutes as compared to five hours to the coast.

In order to have fair and effective representation, we need one representative who represents the entire County and can visit without having such a difficult drive.

I implore you to keep our county whole in the redistricting process, and ask that you hold a public hearing closer to Siskiyou County.

Thank you,

Judy Mackintosh
Siskiyou, County Resident



Subject: Public Comment: 9 - Siskiyou

From: John Berggreen <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/27/2011 8:21 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: John Berggreen <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting of Siskiyou County

Message Body:

Dear Sirs; Starting with the name of this commission, California CITIZENS Redistricting Commission. How about talking to the CITIZENS of the county's you are effecting. Had you taken the time to travel to Siskiyou County, you would have found out the opposition to your proposed move regarding this County. Do you realize it is a minimum four to five hour drive, one way, from Scott Valley to any location on the coast? Do you realize the financial /time, challenge this is to the CITIZENS of the area. You have admitted in your own words you did not take the time to travel here and discuss this issue with the CITIZENS. Use common sense, this is a BAD idea. Go back to the drawing board, talk to the CITIZENS first hand. WE CHOOSE NOT TO BE A PART OF THIS REDISTRICTING MOVE.

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Subject: Public Comment: 9 - Siskiyou

From: Jeanette Marie Tarantino <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/27/2011 12:32 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Jeanette Marie Tarantino <[REDACTED]>

Subject: splitting off Western Siskiyou County to joint the costal counties

Message Body:

I listened to the KSYC interview with the Redistricting Commissioner who stated that when they met in Redding they did not hear from anyone from Siskiyou County. We did not even know this redistricting was going on until the Commission released their report. He also repeatedly called our area "Eureka." Yreka in central California is 5 hours to the east of Eureka and our cultural, economic and historical base is very different from the counties of the coast. We have a very small population of American Indians in relation to the overall population of Siskiyou County. The only American Indian fishery is located one mile withing the western boundary of our county. Someone provided the commission with erroneous information. Siskiyou County is the northernmost central county in California and splitting it would do a disservice to us, the voters and will have disasterous results to those of us living in Siskiyou County. Please correct your error and redraw Siskiyou County b!

ack to one district.

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Subject: Public Comment: 9 - Siskiyou

From: Shirley Ann Illian <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/27/2011 8:03 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Shirley Ann Illian <[REDACTED]>

Subject: redistricting

Message Body:

I wish I was before you, to look into the commissioners eyes and express my great concerns about being split from my commuity and sister cities. I want to be heard and want you to know you are making a mistake if you place Etna and Ft. Jones in the Coast district. I expect you to be fair!. I invite any and all of you to visit our area to see for yourself what I am telling you. I would love to tour and host you. If I can not speak before you, or you do not come up, then I want the commissioners to give my letter and words a great deal of credance. My Husband and I live in Ft. Jones and Etna area. We are connected to Yreka and Shasta Valley because of the close proximity and because of the ranching, agriculture and timber industies. We go to the hospital, doctor, dental, professional offices in Yreka, not Eureka. We are board members of the hosital. We are members of International Rotary, Lions clubs and Elks in Yreka, not Eureka. We are afilliated and members of politca!

l groups in Yreka, not Eureka. Many of us in Etna and Ft. Jones area are employed in Yreka, not on the Coast. Its a 20 minute drive to Yreka and 5 hours to the Coast. We SHOP in Yreka, not Eureka. I am a long time licensed real estate broker and I tour and work this area, certainly not the Coast. You need to see and understand all these connections, the injustice and unfairness if we are split from Yreka. I want to be represented by persons I voted for!!! My existing representatives understand where are coming from and we have a good relationship. A representative from the Coast would not have a clue of what our interests and needs are or how to assist and represent us. HEAR MY VOICE. Thank you.

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Subject: Opposing Siskiyou County redistricting

From: "Nancy Carver" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/27/2011 11:13 PM

To: <[REDACTED]>

To: Citizens Redistricting Commission

The purpose of this letter is to express my strong opposition to the proposed redistricting of Siskiyou County's Assembly, Senate, & Congressional Districts. To split this rural county would be a hardship on its citizens. I believe the split does not follow Amendment #14 of the California Constitution in regards to proper redistricting. Siskiyou County needs to stay united! It does not need to have its Supervisorial Districts, Education Areas, Fire Protection Departments, Road Departments, Law enforcement, land and water issues split by the proposed redistricting.

As a life long citizen of Siskiyou County, I ask of the Redistricting Commission: Please do not split our county with your proposed redistricting! Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this issue.

Sincerely,

Nancy Carver

Quartz Valley, CA (near Fort Jones, CA)

Subject: Citizens Redistricting Commission

From: Pamela Hayden <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/27/2011 4:36 PM

To: [REDACTED]

To whom it may concern: We are strongly opposed to the proposed split of Siskiyou County. We will lose any fair and effective representation. We beg you to not split our district. Thank you, Charlie N. Hayden and Pamela M. Hayden, Scott Valley residents and taxpayers.

Subject:

From: "adkins" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/27/2011 8:28 PM

To: <[REDACTED]>

Dear Sirs,

We are writing this letter in response to the re-districting maps drawn up by your committee. You, sirs, have done us a great disservice in separating us in Scott Valley from the rest of Siskiyou Co! By doing this, you have put us 5+ hours over winding and often impassable roads, from our district offices and made it very difficult to meet with our representatives!

We are farmers and ranchers here and have nothing in common with the coastal people. With our interests so different we would not be likely to want the same things from our representatives or on our local ballots.

It's just not a good deal for us at all!

Please reconsider and put Scott Valley back in Siskiyou Co. where we belong!

Thank you,
Graves and Betty Adkins
Etna, CA

Subject: Redistricting

From: Cheryl Hayden <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/27/2011 11:03 PM

To: [REDACTED]

To the Redistricting Commission:

We are STRONGLY OPPOSED to redistricting!

If this is your idea of fair representation, why not go one step further and create the State of Jefferson so we in the North State can truly have EQUAL AND FAIR representation?!

Divide the state above the Sacramento and San Francisco line.

This redistricting is a POWER GRAB about water issues.

My family and I, who are natives of Scott Valley, are OPPOSED as the travel to the coast for representation is more dangerous than a trip down the I-5 freeway! How can you expect people to travel that distance over mountainous, winding roads, with winter mudslides etc. and feel like you are doing the right thing? This would affect way too many areas of our lives such as school districts, all of our many children who participate in the county fair showing their animals and raising money for their future endeavors, our organizations--Siskiyou County Cattlemen and Cattlewomen, Women in Timber, our libraries, our supervisor districts plus many more areas.

By the way--how much will this cost the taxpayers?

The geographical area of our county is unique. Our county is a unit, please DO NOT DIVIDE OUR COUNTY. We are happy with the way we are represented. The coastal area is not within a reasonable distance for us. Folks may like to visit the coast during nice weather to vacation, but visiting the coast is much different than being represented in that area. We do not have the same careers, or main interests. Our culture is not the same as coastal folks.

I also question the true validity of the census count in our area as being the accurate reason to split our area. I know firsthand of folks that were not counted.

If we have a vote in this, that matters, our vote is NO.

Sincerely,

The Rick Hayden family

Subject: Redistricting - OBJECTION

From: Dalhart Eklund <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/27/2011 3:48 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Commission Members,

I am an 80 year old citizen who has voted in every election in the area in which I have lived since voting for Eisenhower. I have never been subjected to taxation without representation as you are about to place upon me. You are ignoring the custom and culture of the citizens of Western Siskiyou County. We are of agrarian pursuits, not fisheries.

For me to attend any meeting of our State Representative or Senator or U.S. Representative I would have to drive over narrow mountainous roads which at my age is not the best of situations and totally burdensome and unnecessary.

I have to ask myself what purpose your intention of redistricting Western Siskiyou County in this manner can be expected to accomplish. The answer that I keep arriving at is that it is a politically motivated plan. That certainly was not your charge from the voters.

I am petitioning you in a most respectful way, considering the public trust that has been placed upon you, to leave all of Siskiyou County in the same district. It is the right, patriotic and responsible thing to do.

Respectfully,

Dalhart R. Eklund, BSME. MSME, Retired College President and Professional Engineer,

Subject: Siskiyou County Redistricting

From: "Andrea Carson" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/27/2011 2:35 PM

To: <[REDACTED]>

To Whom it May Concern

We live in Etna Calif., about 25 miles south west of Yreka. Yreka is on I-5 just south of the Oregon boarder, not near the coast.

Our area of the beautiful state of California is rural, with farming and ranching as our economic base. The timber and mining economies have been destroyed by the Agenda 21 supporters using the ESA.

We strongly oppose the redistricting lines as drawn on your first map. There would be no reason to divide Siskiyou County other then political. Our legal, medical, educational, and political institutions are in Yreka, a 30 min drive away. On a good day, the coast is a 4 to 5 hr drive over a winding two lane high mountain road.

We are happy with the boundaries now in place. We have good representation at the present time, and feel that the cultural and historical values of the coast area, do not represent Siskiyou County.

Thank you for your consideration. Please understand that fair and effective representation is the reason your commission exists, and dividing Siskiyou county would destroy that for us.

John and Andrea Carson

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Subject: redistricting in siskiyou county

From: "tony bishop" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/27/2011 7:21 PM

To: <[REDACTED]>

I live in seiad valley California Siskiyou county and request that you do not put us in a district with the north coast. We are only 1 hour away from Yreka (52 miles) we are 4 hours away from Eureka . we have no intercourse commercial or other wise with the coast except to vacation occasionally. even our native American population has much more of a link to the I-5 corridor than the coast . thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Tony and Kathy Bishop
Seiad valley ca. 96086
[REDACTED]

Subject: First Draft

From: "Jim & Janell" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/27/2011 7:55 PM

To: <[REDACTED]>

Honorable Members
California Citizen's Redistricting Commission

My wife and I were taught as children the difference between right and wrong. These principles were reinforced during our careers in law enforcement. Your first draft flies in the face of justice. Your first draft is precisely why people voted to take this task out of the hands of politicians. The only logical explanation we can come up with is that you have mistaken the coastal city of Eureka for our middle of the state city of Yreka.

If the mix-up is not the justification, we can only conclude that "politics as usual" is at play. Siskiyou County is conservative in nature (witness almost 80% of voters opposing removing the dams on the Klamath River). The coastal cities on the other hand typically lean to the left. In other words, your draft would take what little voice we currently have and reduce it to zero. This is unfair, unjust, and unacceptable.

We urge the Commission to correct this wrong prior to the final draft.

Sincerely,

James and Janell Roseman

[REDACTED]
Etna, CA96027
[REDACTED]

Subject: re-districting issue

From: Leslie Hurlimann <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/27/2011 2:28 PM

To: <[REDACTED]>

To whom it may concern,

I am a 4th generation farmer/cattle rancher, and am 25 years old. I plan on growing old on our family ranch. I have a job in town, but every chance I get I work cows, haul hay or anything my dad and uncle need me or my siblings to do.

If Scott Valley is forced to change voting districts, we, along with many other old family ranches, will begin getting suffocated out. Save the fish, save the water, save the precious land. We (the farmers/ranchers) are not killing anything. This lifestyle has gone on for an extremely long time. If we are killing it, it would have died along time ago. The land is very precious, and keeps us (the farmer/rancher) alive.

If we loose our ranch, my children, their children and theirs will eventually not know where milk comes from. Wont get a chance to hand milk a cow to feed her calf. Wont farm their land from start to finish seeing how the seeds produce huge bales of hay. Wont get to load 2 cattle trucks full of weened calves to send to a buyer.

This is how we live, if you take this away from us we wont live.

PLEASE do not change our district area.

Leslie Hurlimann
Siskiyou County
Callahan, California
The United States of America

Subject: Yreka is NOT Eureka

From: Terry Rapoza <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/27/2011 7:54 AM

To: <[REDACTED]>

Dear Commissioners,

Please re-think your district lines putting Fort Jones and Etna in with **Eureka** and the coast. Eureka is 5+ hours away from these two communities, over several mountain ranges and has little to no common interests with the people who live less than 40 minutes away from **YREKA**. **Yreka** is the cultural, economic and social center for these two towns, NOT **EUREKA**. Please REDRAW THE LINES!

Sally Rapoza

[REDACTED]
Redding, Ca. 96001

Subject: Re-districting of Siskiyou County, CA

From: "Tom McCulley" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/27/2011 8:43 AM

To: <[REDACTED]>

To Whom It May Concern:

As elected Mayor of the Town Of Fort Jones, California, I am writing to express my DISTGUST and OUTRAGE at the proposed re-districting of Siskiyou County. I feel that it is important for the commission to know that from the Town of Fort Jones it is a 5 hour drive to the coast. In the winter with weather and road conditions it may be impossible to get to the coast and we may have to go out of state in times of need for support. In addition with financial failure of the state we are projecting cut backs in Cal -Trans and possible road closures due to hazardous weather conditions.

As a result of your proposal Scott Valley will be split from Supervisorial District 5 affecting the incorporated cities of Fort Jones and Etna, Scott Valley Unified School District and Scott Valley Fire Protection District. The elderly and poor of Fort Jones and Scott Valley will be put at hardship to make this travel expense to represent their interests thereof at today's high gas prices that could incur of many Hundreds of Dollars.

What is proposed is at its best ridiculous at its worst is criminal; I am sure the Federal Voting Right Act will have been violated if this passes. We the people of Siskiyou County and the Citizens of the Town of Fort Jones will not take on the mantel of slavery to Southern California any more. We are tired of not having representation at all. We in the north state have only one assemblyman and one state senator for five north counties. The commission is weighed heavy on city boy politics where is our representation from the North State on the Commission? The California Constitution promises a Republic style of Government, We Demand to have proper representation and suggest a better solution that every county have its own State Senator and redistrict the assemblies now that is what a Republic is and it makes sense...

The ethnic makeup of **Etna** 88.48% [White](#) and 6.02% [Native American](#)
The ethnic makeup of **Fort Jones** 88.64% [White](#), 3.18% [Native American](#)

Thank you for reconsidering this VERY IMPORANT issue.

Tommy McCulley
Mayor of the Town Of Fort Jones

Subject: Redistricting

From: Tony Clyde <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/27/2011 10:14 PM

To: "Office, Communications" <[REDACTED]>

To the members of the redistricting committee:

As an over thirty year resident and citizen of Siskiyou county I state my opposition to the district areas as drawn now. The separation of Scott Valley and Happy Camp from the rest of the county I see as a mistake. And a failure to understand the feelings and concerns of the of most residents of Siskiyou county.

As usual the residents of southern and central California do not understand how the northern Californians feel or think. In fact, the gentleman, from the redistricting commission, who was interviewed on our local radio station didn't even know the correct name of our county seat. It is Yreka not Eureka.

The district lines as drawn separates like thinking committees from one another. Scott Valley and the Happy Camp areas have little in common with the coastal districts. The whole of Siskiyou county has common interests such as ranching, mining and logging, and virtually little common interests with coastal concerns and issues.

I ask you to reconsider and realign the new district areas back to the original areas. Both interior and coastal district populations would be much better served that way.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Anthony Clyde

Subject: Opposition to Planned Redistricting Map

From: "ljcramer" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/27/2011 12:57 PM

To: <[REDACTED]>

To Whom It May Concern:

I am deeply opposed to the new redistricting lines which would cut off western Siskiyou County from the rest of the county and place it in the coastal jurisdiction.

I was born and raised in Scott Valley. In the early 90's I lived in Arcata for four years while completing my BA degree at Humboldt State. The values of western Siskiyou County residents are in no way similar to the values, culture or political interests of the coastal communities. If the proposed redistricting map is put through, western Siskiyou County residents will have no voice and no representation. Western Siskiyou County residents are farmers, ranchers and loggers, not fishermen. Current Siskiyou County representatives Wally Herger, Jim Nielsen and Doug Lamalfa represent the values and interests of the population.

Eureka is a four to five hour drive from Scott Valley. Not only is the drive a long one, but one must traverse very windy and narrow roads. These roads are extremely dangerous to drive in the winter and are often closed due to snow and rock slides in the fall and winter months. The only time that individuals from Scott Valley travel to the coast is during the summer for a vacation. NEVER have I heard of anyone from our valley taking the four plus hour-long drive just to go shopping!

The differing values and culture of western Siskiyou County residents along with the impossible driving conditions that would be required of individuals in order to attend meetings, would serve to create an extremely repressive environment for the vast majority of those citizens forced to live under this new plan. Please do not split up Siskiyou County.

Respectfully,

Leslie Walters

Subject: Fw: Redistricting

From: "Dale Payne" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/27/2011 7:53 AM

To: <[REDACTED]>

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My wife and I are native of Siskiyou County, we are TOTALLY AGAINST THE REDISTRICTING OF OUR COUNTY. It will cause a hardship to our county which is already stretched to the limit.

Our elected official's that represent us has office's and is available in Redding, and Redding is a LOT CLOSER TO US THEN EUREKA.

Thank You

Signed Dale & Mlda Payne

Citizens Redistricting Committee

June 27, 2011

Greetings,

Siskiyou County as a whole is bound by family, history, employment, resources, common culture, and common majority experience and therefore political unity. Our county is intrinsically tied with other counties having the same socio-economic backgrounds within the current districting boundaries. To split our county in half and arbitrarily tying one half to a district far less physically accessible and politically diametrically opposed will create immense difficulties in representation and county function. Isolating that group and placing them with a region which they cannot reasonably participate effectively subjugates them to inequitable representation and diminishes the common political unity currently experienced. Problems in county supervisory, economic, management, apportionments, and representative distribution will be enormous and burdensome.

Please do not place our county in such a position that will promote animosity, discord, and unequal representation for so many years to come. Our beloved region already suffers enough difficulties without that added travesty.

Sincerely,

Rex Cozzalio
Dawn Cozzalio
Jan Cozzalio
Shawn Taylor
Darrel Taylor
Carrie Gonzalez

Subject: Comments on redistricting

From: "Mason & Sally McCoy" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/27/2011 7:50 PM

To: <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Comments on redistricting

From: Mason McCoy

Yreka, (Not Eureka)

Siskiyou County, CA

I was extremely upset to learn that on your preliminary redistricting maps you have split Siskiyou County! The fact that the Commission voted 14-0 in favor indicates to me that there is no one on the Commission who is even vaguely familiar with Siskiyou County!

In Siskiyou County we are somewhat isolated from the rest of the state; we are an intimate community that shares economic, social, and cultural interests. By splitting Siskiyou County you are violating your own guideline of maintaining effective and fair representation by keeping communities intact that share common social, economic, and cultural interests.

A very large portion of the 7400 people you would be separating from the rest of Siskiyou County live in Etna, Ft. Jones, and the surrounding rural area of Scott Valley. These people shop in Yreka, many work in Yreka. They share the one community hospital, the library, the one local newspaper and local radio station. They come to Yreka for the County Fair and to the dirt track car races on Saturday night. Siskiyou County is an area where we wave at oncoming cars because that person is the one who checked your groceries at the grocery store or is your child's scout leader. Maybe it's someone your son worked for at harvest time or someone you know from one of the local organizations like the Tea Party, Grange or the Cattlemen's Association. If it's someone you don't know you wave anyway just to say "Howdy" to a stranger.

Contrary to the boldfaced lie Felice Pace of Klamath, CA wrote in his letter to you dated 20 June, 2011, the people of Western Siskiyou County DO NOT go to the coast to shop and for culture. There may be a few folks from the Somes Bar area that go to the coast. A few is being very generous. When looking at a map, the road going west from Etna towards the coast may look inviting. That road is very similar to the "Dangerous Journeys" program you see on cable TV! It is a far cry from getting in the hot lane on the freeway and setting your cruise control at 70. The best way of getting to the coast from Etna and Ft. Jones is either going north on I-5 to Grants Pass, OR and Hwy 199 to the coast, then south to Eureka, or going south on I-5 to Redding and across Hwy 299 to the coast. Either way, it takes most of a day to get there.

The economy of Siskiyou County is based on timber, mining, and agriculture/ranching. The timber and mining industries have already been destroyed, largely to the efforts of the environmentalists from the coastal region. The aforementioned Felice Pace is as responsible for the destruction of the timber and mining industry in Siskiyou County as any other one individual. In Siskiyou County we are involved in political battles for our very survival with the attempts to remove the dams on the Klamath River, to take our water and property rights, and to force National Monuments on us. With the meager amount of political clout Siskiyou County has you are taking 20% and placing them in a representative "No Man's Land". The people of Ft. Jones and Etna will never see a representative from the coastal region. It is too far, not enough votes to bother with, and our interests are opposing.

Please!! Keep Siskiyou County whole.

Thank You,
Mason McCoy

Subject: Public Comment: 9 - Siskiyou

From: Karen Hammons <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/27/2011 10:55 AM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Karen Hammons <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Re: First Draft Redistricting Proposal

Message Body:

Dear Commissioners:

Why are you planning on cutting off a major portion of our "Body" which is Siskiyou County? The residents of this county share a common socio-economic and historical background completely different from the coastal areas. We are a rural area that is mainly agricultural. The forest and mining industries have been and are continuing to be destroyed by outside environmental groups without regard to the efforts of many of our Siskiyou County residents who have made some major efforts to wisely care for the land and water that gives us a livelihood and a beautiful place to live. We have very little, if anything, in common with the Coastal areas. Yreka is our hub Not Eureka, which is on the coast. I was born and raised on the coast and know full well the major differences in outlook between the two areas to speak nothing of the complete physical disconnect between the Coast and Siskiyou County. To get the proper and fair representation Siskiyou County deserves as a part of!

the state of California and this Nation, we need to remain together! I saw the redistricting suggestions put forth by our county supervisors. Please reconsider your ineffective and destructive lines and favorably consider the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors' much more practical suggestions. I know you have received their letter and maps with the necessary data, but here is the link to the County website for quick reference <http://www.co.siskiyou.ca.us/BOS/Redistricting2011.aspx> .

Thank you for your reconsideration of this redistricting matter that could affect us so adversely through the breaking up of the community that is our county.

Sincerely,

Karen Hammons

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Subject: Public Comment: 9 - Siskiyou

From: "Richard W. Butler" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/27/2011 10:00 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Richard W. Butler <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Protesting Splitting Siskiyou County in half

Message Body:

Please note Mr. Butler does not have internet access so in the interest of making the June 28th deadline for comments to the Commission, he has asked me to email his letter. Please See his letter:

June 27, 2011

Dear Commissioners:

I was taken aback by your blatant ignorance and lack of regard for the citizens of Siskiyou County. The basis for your commission was to correlate the most recent census and demographics to form/remodel districts.

Mr. Forbes' interview statement on the radio stacked the deck against Siskiyou County, as usual outsiders dictating to a special very unique county. To paraphrase you "time, distant and money were too much to include a visit to "EUREKA." May I suggest that you conduct a hearing in YREKA to get a feel for us, a picture of our County.

To enlighten you, Yreka is the county seat, the business, social and recreation center of Siskiyou County. Indeed back to the "40's" Yreka was to be the capital of the State of Jefferson, Central Oregon to northern California.

The attitude presented by Mr. Forbes indicates your lack of knowledge and intention to represent us. You include numbers totally false of the findings of the census as the basis for your decision. In addition, "to far, too much time, too much money" this indicates the kind of representation that we would get from our representatives.

Please have the integrity to review the census of the actual findings, visit the county, and rewrite your opinion with honesty or admit that the commission is not up to the task.

Thank you for allowing me to voice my concerns and opinions on the first drawing of the redistricting lines.

Sincerely,
Richard W. Butler
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Klamath River Rd.
Yreka, 96097
[REDACTED]

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Citizens Redistricting Commission
901 P Street, Suite 154A
Sacramento, CA 95814
"Fair Representation - Democracy at Work"

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Citizens Redistricting Commission,

I am 77.7 years old and I am experiencing what I call "Senior Moments" at times in my old age and I am quite confused with finding that the California Citizens Redistricting Commission (CCRC) falls under the umbrella of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board (CRWQCB)? In searching on the Internet to peruse the minutes of the CCRC meetings, I find the following link to review said minutes:

[PDF] California Regional Water Quality Control Board File Format: PDF/Adobe Acrobat - Quick View Classroom C. 3200 Fifth Avenue. Sacramento, CA. Friday, June 10, 2011. 9:00 A.M. . Reported by: Michael Connolly ... meeting, the Citizens Redistricting Commission meeting of June minute, please? 5. CHAIR AGUIRRE: Yes.
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I thought the CCRC was an independent Commission with no association with other California jurisdictional entities? Please inform me on my take on this subject matter if the above link is not a fact.

I am particularly interested why the CCRC split Siskiyou County into two Districts instead of it being just one District?

Your CCRC Friday, June 10, 2011 meeting minutes, page 7 gives a very brief cursory explanation of that District, "This particular district has Del Norte to Sonoma", etc., but it does not say why Siskiyou County was split.

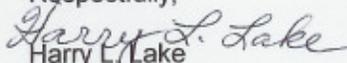
I would like to know the reasons why the CCRC split Siskiyou County?

Please practice your *motto*, "**Fair Representation - Democracy at Work**"!!!!!!

The most *fair* and socio-economical demarcation of the subject political district for Siskiyou County Citizens is the drainage divide of the Scott River Watershed area and the Salmon River Watershed area in Siskiyou County, between and adjacent to the Trinity River Watershed area in Trinity County, California that is proposed for the Coastal District.

To do otherwise will create an unjust division and hardship of a *fair representation* for the Siskiyou County Citizens of California and we Siskiyou County Citizens want relief from this matter, on your ridiculous proposal of redistricting attempts in Siskiyou County.

Respectfully,


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