

Region V Wrap-Up

Executive Summary delivered on April 27, 2011

The following is a summary of the major points that have been raised through public testimony about Region V. 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 and any technical notes related to those proposals of which the Commission should be aware.

San Luis Obispo: April 13, 2011

* *59 Input Hearing public speakers*

Publicly Submitted Written Comments on Region V: 34 (note this is not 34 additional individuals because some of the 59 hearing speakers also submitted written comments)

Note: The cut-off date for public comments to be incorporated in this document was April 15, 2011. Public comments received after this date will be included in subsequent Executive Summaries to the Commission.

I. PUBLICLY SUBMITTED PROPOSALS:

1. San Luis Obispo County would like to be kept whole.

- **Technical Notes (from Q2):**
 - San Luis Obispo County's total population is 269,637, with a deviation of -196,037 for an assembly district, a deviation of -661,712 for a senate district, and a deviation of -433,268 for a congressional district. The following items represent public testimony of how best to split San Luis Obispo County and/or combine the county with adjacent counties to fulfill population requirements for all districts.
- **Proposals for Splitting: (as expressed by the public):**
 - If must split San Luis Obispo County, then the Cuesta Grade mountain range is a geographic location for the County to be split.
(Proposed by 5 out of 59 public speakers and 3 out of 34 written public comments.)
- **Proposals for Combining (as expressed by the public):**
 - Combine all or part of San Luis Obispo County with Santa Barbara County.
(Stated by 4 out of 59 public speakers and 2 out of 34 written public comments.)
 - Combine all or part of San Luis Obispo County with Monterey County.
(Stated by 4 out of 59 public speakers and 2 out of 34 written public comments.)
 - San Luis Obispo would not like to be combined with Kern Co. or other counties to the east.
(Stated by 3 out of 59 public speakers and 2 out of 34 written public comments.)

2. Santa Barbara County would like to be kept whole.

- **Technical Notes (from Q2):**
 - Santa Barbara County's total population is 423,895, with a deviation of -41,779 for an assembly district, a deviation of -507,454 for a senate district, and a deviation of -279,010 for a congressional district. The following items represent public testimony of how best to split Santa Barbara County and/or combine the county with adjacent counties to fulfill population requirements for all districts.
- **Proposals for Splitting: (as expressed by the public):**
 - no proposals were submitted.
- **Proposals for Combining (as expressed by the public):**

- Santa Barbara County would prefer to be included with Southern San Luis Obispo County and/or Western Ventura County.
(Stated by 3 out of 59 public speakers and 1 out of 34 written public comments.)
- Santa Barbara County would not like to be combined with eastern counties.
(Stated by 2 out of 59 public speakers and 0 out of 34 written public comments.)
- Santa Barbara County should not be include with Ventura County, especially Oxnard.
(Stated by 4 out of 34 written public comments.)

3. Keep Ventura County whole

- Technical Notes (from Q2):
 - Because Ventura County's total population is 823,318, Ventura County could fully comprise one assembly district and add 357,644 individuals (76.8%) to another. Ventura County's deviation from a senate district is -108,031. Ventura County could wholly comprise one congressional district and add 120,413 individuals (17.13%) to another.
- Proposals for Splitting: (as expressed by the public):
 - If Ventura County is to be split, the Conejo Grade is a geographic location to split the County.
(Stated by 2 out of 59 public speakers and 0 out of 34 written public comments.)
- Proposals for Combining (as expressed by the public):
 - Ventura County or West Ventura County would prefer to be combined with southern Santa Barbara Co as opposed to LA County, due to more similar economic, social, and environmental issues of particular concern to traditionally disenfranchised communities.
(Stated by 10 out of 59 public speakers and 1 out of 34 written public comments.)
 - East Ventura County can be combined with Los Angeles County.
(Stated by 3 out of 59 public speakers and 0 out of 34 written public comments.)
 - The Santa Clara Valley prefers to be combined with Western Ventura County.
(Stated by 3 out of 59 public speakers and 1 out of 34 written public comments.)

II. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ABOUT REGION

- * **Port Hueneme and Oxnard should be kept together.** *(Presented by 4 speakers, and 1 written comment.)*

III. COLLECTION OF COMMUNITY OF INTEREST DATA:

- * Community of Interest (COI) data was collected from 52 out of 59 speakers, and 14 out of 34 written comments. The public tended to describe communities of interest that connect counties, parts of counties, or cities and towns; there was no testimony about neighborhoods or areas less than a city or town. This material will continue to be utilized by the Commission in future deliberations.

IV. FINAL TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS:

- * San Luis Obispo County is adjacent to Monterey County, a Section 5 county.

