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Meeting Synopsis

SACRAMENTO, CA (March 25, 2011)

The Citizens Redistricting Commission approved at its meeting a draft of an outreach toolkit to be used to help educate the public on the redistricting process and encourage greater participation at its public input hearings. A draft toolkit is posted on the Commission website and further additions will be made to it during the coming weeks.

The Commission approved a five minute time period for the public to present testimony at the regional input hearings. The Commission Chair has the discretion to limit comments to three minutes if warranted by a large crowd that wishes to testify.


The public input hearing schedule was approved through June 27th and contains meetings throughout California. That hearing schedule will be posted next week at www.wedrawthelines.ca.gov.

The first two meetings will be held in the City of Redding at Shasta College from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, April 9th, and in Marysville at the Yuba County Government Center from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, April 10th.

The Commission's Chief Counsel, Kirk Miller, reviewed information with the Commission that might present a conflict under California Government Code 8252 with its selected choice of Voting Rights Act legal counsel, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher.

Mr. Miller advised that he is receiving an additional disclosure statement for the Commission's review and discussion at its April 7th meeting. In the meantime, to be able to prepare for its first public input hearings, the Commission approved a personal services contract, not to exceed \$5,000, for Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher to provide services before those meetings.

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California's first Citizens Redistricting Commission is a new 14-member Commission charged with redrawing California's Senate, Assembly, State Board of Equalization, and Congressional districts based on information gathered during the 2010 census. The Commission must draw the State Senate, Assembly, State Board of Equalization, and Congressional districts in conformity with strict, nonpartisan rules designed to create districts of relatively equal population that will provide fair representation for all Californians.