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Dear Commissioners:

Karin Mac Donald, in her April 16 Draft Executive Summary, asks the question for Region IX, “Does the Commission wish to wait to provide direction until it receives testimony from Region VIII for this issue?” (North-south or east-west districts.)

Your answer must be a resounding, “YES, WAIT.” In fact, this should be your answer for all regions. Such preliminary “insight” maps pose a tremendous risk to the final outcome by the credibility gained from their very existence. Just being there makes them hard to change later, regardless of caveats to the contrary.

As noted in my April 8 written comments (filed under Region 8 – Marin, with *), the testimony that you will receive in Santa Rosa on May 20 will have a direct bearing on the districts in both Regions VIII and IX. The April 8 letter is a preview of this testimony, showing how the elimination of the inappropriate (and possibly illegal) jumping across the Golden Gate will affect the rest of Northern California.

A map that you will see on May 20 is attached. You will be given the full story of why proper application of the Commission’s line drawing rules will result in an outcome of this nature.

Thank you for waiting to receive all testimony before making even preliminary decisions.

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