



## Fwd: CA Citizens Redistricting Committee

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Region 9 - El Dorado  
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**Subject:** CA Citizens Redistricting Committee

**Date:** Thu, 30 Jun 2011 09:07:30 -0700

**From:** Johnson, Patricia <[redacted]>

**To:** [redacted]

Please find attached a letter that was dispatched yesterday for your consideration.

*Patricia A. Johnson*

*Paralegal to Thomas D. Cumpston, Brian D. Poulsen, Jr., James P. Hilton, Mike Reeves*

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In reply refer to: L2011-024

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California Citizens Redistricting Commission  
1130 K Street, Suite 101  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**VIA EMAIL AND U.S. MAIL**

Re: First Draft Redistricting Maps – Recommended Revisions to State Legislative  
Maps in El Dorado County

Dear Commission Members:

El Dorado Irrigation District (EID) appreciates this opportunity to comment on the first draft redistricting maps the Committee released on June 10. EID is a public agency that provides drinking water, wastewater, recycled water, and recreational services in a 220 square-mile service area that covers most of western El Dorado County. Our service area is bounded generally on the west by the Sacramento County line, on the north by the South Fork American River, on the south by the North Fork Cosumnes River, and on the east by the community of Pollock Pines. It has a population of approximately 122,100 people, according to the 2010 census.

EID's Board of Directors reviewed the Commission's first draft maps at its first opportunity, which was our June 27 regular meeting.\* The Board was greatly concerned by the proposed "Foothill" and "ESac" State Senate districts, recommended specific revisions, and authorized me to communicate those recommendations to you.

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\* Our meeting schedule made it impossible to transmit this letter by close of business on June 28, as the Commission requested. We regret the late submittal, but trust that the Commission will nonetheless consider our recommendation.



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The two proposed senatorial districts divide EID's service area, placing El Dorado Hills and much of Cameron Park in the "ESac" district, and the remainder in a so-called "Foothill" district that is badly mis-named. This division of EID's service area – which splits the population nearly 50-50 – is illogical and undesirable. It dilutes our constituents' voting power and violates the Commission's fourth redistricting criterion – to respect the geographic integrity, and minimize the division, of communities of interest. As taxpayers and customers of the largest water and wastewater utility in El Dorado County, the residents of EID's service area constitute a clear and indivisible community of interest.

Further, in lieu of including western El Dorado County, the proposed "Foothill" district encompasses western Madera and Fresno counties, including much of the Fresno metropolitan area. These urbanized Central Valley locales have few common interests with the foothill counties that make up most of the "Foothill" district's territory, yet their population totals will give them electoral dominance within this senatorial district. This dilutes the voting power of the foothill counties (whose water rights and water quality interests align with EID's), and it is simply inaccurate to characterize such a district as a "Foothill" district, when the interests of urbanized San Joaquin Valley voters will clearly predominate.

EID therefore recommends that the Commission redraw the "Foothill" senatorial district as follows:

- Add Cameron Park and El Dorado Hills into this district, so that the community of interest represented by EID's service area is not divided.
- Using state Highway 41 as a divider, remove western Madera and Fresno counties from this district.
- If these two changes require additional population adjustments, add territory to equalize the population count. The best candidate for added territory would be the City of Folsom, because EID and the City have a close, cooperative governmental relationship and because notwithstanding jurisdictional lines, there are few physical, social, or economic distinctions between Folsom and El Dorado Hills. Other candidates for added territory would include eastern Sacramento and western Placer counties.



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Again, we appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Commission's work. We look forward to the Commission's implementation of our recommendations in the next round of draft maps.

Sincerely,

Harry Norris  
President of Board of Directors

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Hon. Ted Gaines, State Senate District 1  
Hon. Alyson Huber, State Assembly District 10  
Hon. Beth Gaines, State Assembly District 4