Local opinion from Mono and Inyo seems to be lacking currently, and I believe it would be useful to gather more feedback before finalizing this region. The current Assembly and Senate visualizations seem like a more East-West orientation, while the Congressional visualization seems to attempt a narrower, North-South orientation. I suspect the latter is less correct and could be improved if adjusted.

For example, it seems hard to justify aligning Mono Lake—a area on the same latitude as San Francisco—with Southern California. Nor would it seem logical to associate the entire Owens Valley, given its unique history and ecology, with any substantial part of Southern California. In spite of the topography, the mountains and foothills on the western slope may have more in common with these counties.

I am not a resident of the Eastern Sierra, so I would urge the commissioners to seek out local opinions to ensure that a narrow, North-South District dominated by San Bernardino is indeed consistent with their interests. Given the small population in this area, it's important that they be grouped with the best possible community of interest.

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