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California Citizens Redistricting Commission  
via email: VotersFirstAct@crc.ca.gov  

Re: Community of Interest Statement  

Dear Redistricting Commission Members:  

I am a fifty year resident of the Sleepy Hollow neighborhood in unincorporated Marin County. My area of shared interest is water resources, water supply, and watershed management. I am a member of the Marin Municipal Water District (Marin Water) Board of Directors, first elected in 1994.  

Marin Water provides the water supply to approximately 190,000 people in southern Marin County. Seventy-Five percent of that water supply comes from the district’s seven reservoirs located on Mt. Tamalpais and the vicinity. Since 1975 Marin Water has received a supplemental water supply from Sonoma County, primarily from the Russian River. That supplemental supply is provided under contract with Sonoma Water and delivered through pipelines shared with North Marin Water District. The Sonoma Water arrangement is governed, along with other Sonoma Water contractors, by the Water Advisory Committee (WAC). I have been the Marin Water representative for the monthly WAC meetings for many years. The WAC is made up of representatives from each of the water districts in Sonoma and Marin Counties. The WAC is supported by monthly meetings of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). The TAC is made up of technical staff members from each of the various water districts involved including Marin Water. All these meetings are publicly held meetings with representation from the public, generally representing stakeholders such as wine grower’s groups, Friends of the Eel River, and Friends of the Russian River. Topics at these meetings range from technical decisions relating to the water system, the Potter Valley Project Relicensing effort, joint fish habitat protection efforts, and the Sonoma Marin Saving Water Partnership. Both short and long term coordination between all of the agencies involved is critical to the functioning of our joint water resource efforts.  

In April 2000, recognizing that watersheds are not based on political boundaries, Marin Water, Sonoma Water, several wastewater agencies, and flood control districts across the counties joined together executing a Memorandum of Understanding under the banner of the North Bay Watershed Association (NBWA). The group has since expanded to include agencies from Napa. I am the Marin Water representative, and the Chair for the NBWA. By monthly meetings with the representatives from each of the agencies we coordinate and share information regarding each agencies watershed plans and activities.
More recently the counties of Marin, Sonoma, Napa, and regional wastewater, and water districts executed a Memorandum of Understanding for the North Bay Water Reuse Association (NBWRA). I am the Marin Water representative for the periodic meetings of the NBWRA. The association, chaired by Sonoma Supervisor David Rabbitt brings together in a cooperative jointly funded efforts to expand water reuse opportunities in the north bay area.

These regional efforts have served the region well on behalf of our water supply, watershed protection, wastewater, and flood control efforts. They have brought together a coordinated communication effort in reaching our state and federal representatives, and have brought efficiency to both the financing and construction of the region’s water infrastructure projects.

As you go through your redistricting efforts please be mindful of the potential impact your efforts will have on all of our local and regional work, and retain the continuity of our existing districting.

Thank you for your consideration.

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