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APPROVED REDISTRICTING PLAN ENSURES EQUAL REPRESENTATION ACROSS DIRECTOR DIVISIONS

Chula Vista, CA – At its meeting on March 9, the Governing Board (Board) of the South Bay Irrigation District (SBID) adopted the Final Redistricting Plan, which sets Board Member Division boundaries to ensure divisions equally reflect voter population. Prior to adoption of the plan, public participation was invited at two public hearings.

The processing of redistricting is required by law for public agencies, and occurs every ten years in conjunction with the release of new census data. Based on data from the 2020 census, there were no significant changes to population numbers within the SBID Divisions. Therefore, the approved division boundaries remain the same.

"The redistricting process ensures that the citizens we serve are fairly represented during elections," said SBID Board Chair Paulina Martinez-Perez. "My fellow Board members and I are proud to have completed this process with the diligence and transparency that voters deserve from their elected officials."

Voters in each of the five SBID divisions elect one Board Member, who serves on the SBID Board as well as the Sweetwater Authority (Authority) Governing Board. The Authority Board is composed of seven members in total; two additional Board Members are appointed by the Mayor of National City, subject to City Council confirmation. The Governing Board establishes policies and procedures for the Authority's operations.

Sweetwater Authority is a public water agency providing safe, reliable water to National City, Chula Vista and Bonita.

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