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## PWD'S PUBLIC WORKSHOP ON REDISTRICTING SCHEDULED FOR JAN. 27

*Palmdale*, *CA* – Palmdale Water District (PWD) will hold a public workshop from 5-6 p.m. Jan. 27 to receive community input and provide information about the process it is undergoing to set the boundary lines for the five divisions in its service area.

Every 10 years following the U.S. Census, redistricting is required to ensure each PWD Board member represents about the same number of constituents. The process determines which neighborhoods and communities are grouped together into a division for the purpose of electing a Board member. PWD is using the results of the 2020 census, which was released in August 2021.

"We are seeking the public's input as the division map is formalized for our Board members," said PWD Assistant General Manager Adam Ly. "The process happens every decade, but, oftentimes, there is little to no change due to the lack of population shifts. This is what we are seeing in our

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divisions."

According to the District's redistricting consultant, Andrew Westall, principal and owner of Bear Demographics & Research, the total population within PWD's service boundaries is 126,994 people. That equals to 25,399 people per division. By law, there should be no more than a 10 percent deviation in the number of people amongst the five divisions.

Since the numbers show PWD's divisions are within the 10% deviation and the population has not shifted drastically since the 2010 U.S. Census, each Board member's current division boundary may remain unchanged if that's the directors' preferences.

Due to COVID-19, the public workshop will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams. To participate virtually, visit <u>https://bit.ly/3KxbtT5</u>. For more information about the redistricting, please visit <u>www.palmdalewater.org</u>.

PWD will hold two more redistricting public hearings virtually at 6 p.m. Feb. 14 and March 28.

Since 1918, the Palmdale Water District has provided high-quality water at a reasonable cost. We pride ourselves on providing great customer care; advocating for local water issues that help our residents; educating the community on water-use efficiency; and leading our region in researching and implementing emerging technologies that increase operational efficiency. For more information about PWD, visit <u>www.palmdalewater.org</u>.