

What is Redistricting?

Redistricting is the process of revising the 2010 Board of Supervisors' District boundaries using 2020 Census data. Every 10 years after the U.S. Census, district lines must be adjusted to ensure that each district contains a similar number of residents. The U.S. Census data was originally scheduled to be released in March 2021, however, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic that data is now projected to be released September 30, 2021. For the County of Madera, the redistricting process must be completed by December 15, 2021, so that the Elections Department can prepare for the 2022 Primary Election. Assembly Bill 849 (2019) mandates that counties coordinate with communities regarding the process of redistricting by holding public outreach opportunities, including to non-English-speaking communities.

Why Does Redistricting Matter to Me?

Redistricting determines which geographic areas are grouped together into a supervisorial district for the purpose of electing a Board member.

How Will the Districts Be Drawn?

Each Supervisorial District must be substantially equal in total population to the other districts. District boundaries must comply with the U.S. Constitution, California Constitution, and the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965. This prohibits using race as a predominate criteria for redrawing districts and prohibits diluting the voting rights of racial or language minority communities.

How Will the Public Be Notified About Public Meetings?

Pursuant to State Law (Elections Code 21627.1), at least four public hearings are required. The location, date, and time of each meeting will be posted online at least five days prior to the hearing or workshop. Additionally, local newspapers will be used to increase circulation efforts. Other outreach methods that may be included are: Media Outreach, Outreach to civil rights, civic engagement, and community groups.

If you would like to be informed of the meetings for the redistricting process, please send your name and email address to: Jamie.Bax@maderacounty.com

Anticipated Public Outreach Meetings

1. 09/07/21 9:00 AM Regular Board meeting - Redistricting Process & Timeline
2. 10/12/21 9:00 AM Regular Board meeting - Compare of 2010 Supervisorial Districts with 2020 Census data
3. 10/19/21 4:00 PM Meeting - Discuss drafted maps
4. 11/02/21 9:00 AM Regular Board meeting - Discuss drafted maps