

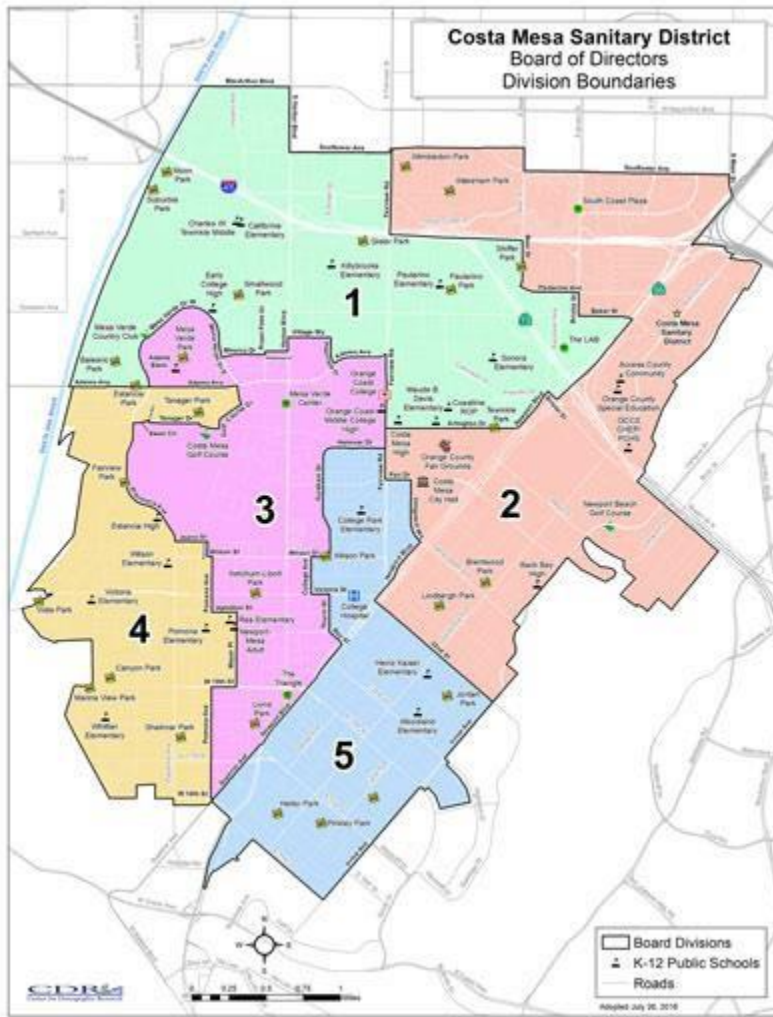


Costa Mesa Sanitary District District Voting Boundaries

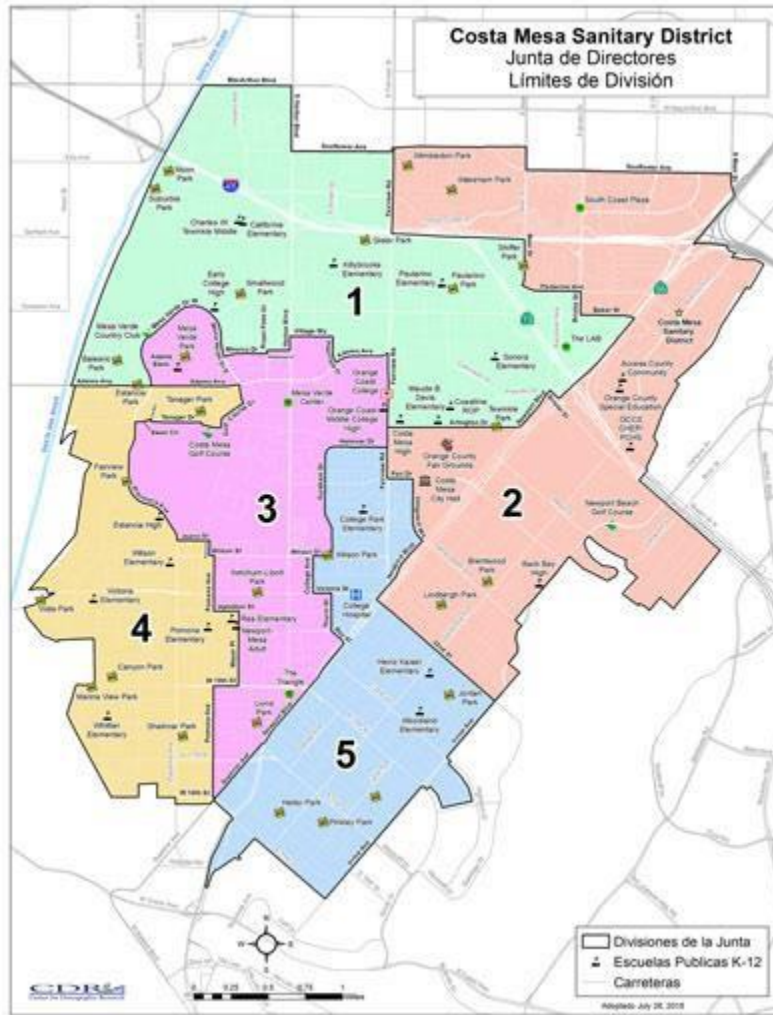
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Maps



 [PDF Full Size Map in English](#)



Divisions 1-5: Street by Street Description

Voting Division Boundaries

Board Division 1

Beginning in the northern border between Board Division 1 and Board Division 2 at the intersection of Sunflower Ave and Fairview Rd, proceeding southerly on Fairview Rd to I-405 freeway; then proceeding easterly to Bear St; then proceeding southerly to Paularino St; then proceeding easterly to Bristol St; then proceeding southerly to Baker St; then proceeding easterly to CA-55 freeway; then proceeding southwesterly to Bristol St; then proceeding northwesterly to Newport Blvd; then proceeding southwesterly to Arlington Dr; then proceeding westerly to Fairview Rd; then proceeding northerly to Adams Ave; then proceeding westerly to Pinecreek Dr; then proceeding northerly to Village Way; then proceeding westerly to Harbor Blvd; then proceeding southerly to the alley located at 33.676193 N, 117.919371 W (north of Ponderosa St); then proceeding westerly to Royal Palm Dr; then proceeding southerly to Minorca Dr; then proceeding westerly to Mesa Verde Dr E; then proceeding northerly, following Mesa Verde Dr E

to Mesa Verde Dr W; then proceeding southerly, following Mesa Verde Dr W, to Adams Ave; then proceeding westerly towards the Santa Ana River at the District boundary; then proceeding northerly and easterly along the District boundary to point of origin.

Board Division 2

Beginning in the northwest corner of Board Division 2 and the northern District boundary, where Sunflower Ave intersects Fairview Rd, proceeding easterly and southerly along the District boundary until it intersects with 22nd St; then proceeding northwesterly along 22nd St to Newport Blvd; then proceeding northeasterly to Vanguard Way; then proceeding northerly to Fair Dr; then proceeding westerly to Fairview Rd; then proceeding northerly to Arlington Dr; then proceeding easterly to Newport Blvd; then proceeding northeasterly to Bristol St; then proceeding southeasterly to CA-55 freeway; then proceeding northeasterly to Baker St; then proceeding westerly to Bristol St; then proceeding northerly to Paularino Ave; then proceeding westerly to Bear St; then proceeding northerly to I-405 freeway; then proceeding westerly to Fairview Rd; then proceeding northerly to Sunflower Ave to point of origin.

Board Division 3

Beginning in the northwest corner of Board Division 3, where Mesa Verde Dr W intersects Adams Ave, then proceeding northerly, following Mesa Verde Dr W to Mesa Verde Dr E; then proceeding southerly, following Mesa Verde Dr E, to Minorca Dr; then proceeding easterly to Royal Palm Dr; then proceeding northerly to the alley at 33.676164, -117.922019 (north of Ponderosa St); then proceeding easterly to Harbor Blvd; then proceeding northerly to Village Way; then proceeding easterly to Pinecreek Dr; then proceeding southerly to Adams Ave; then proceeding easterly to Fairview Rd; then proceeding southerly to Hanover Dr; then proceeding westerly to Fordham Dr; then proceeding southerly to Wilson St; then proceeding westerly to College Ave; then proceeding southerly to Victoria St; then proceeding easterly to Thurin St; then proceeding southerly to Bay St; then proceeding southeasterly to CA-55 freeway; then proceeding southwestwardly along CA-55 freeway and Newport Blvd; then proceeding southwestwardly to Superior Ave; then proceeding southwestwardly to W 16 St; then proceeding westerly to Pomona Ave; then proceeding northerly to W 19th St; then proceeding easterly to Meyer Pl; then proceeding northerly to Hamilton St; then proceeding westerly to Pomona Ave; then proceeding northerly to Wilson St; then proceeding westerly to Pomona Ave; then proceeding northerly to Joann St; then proceeding westerly to Placentia Ave; then proceeding northerly to Swan Cir; then proceeding easterly along Swan Cir, continuing along the property line between 1858 Swan Cir and 1859 Swan Cir; then proceeding easterly along the property line between 2701 Canary Dr and 2695 Canary Dr; then proceeding easterly along Tanager Dr to Golf Course Dr; then proceeding northeasterly to Mesa Verde Dr E; then proceeding northerly to Adams Ave; then proceeding westerly to Mesa Verde Dr W and point of origin.

Board Division 4

Beginning in the northwest corner of Board Division 4, where Adams St intersects the Santa Ana River at the western District boundary, proceeding easterly to Mesa Verde Dr E; then proceeding southerly to Golf Course Dr; then proceeding southwestwardly to Tanager Dr; then proceeding westerly along Tanager Dr, continuing along the property line between 2701 Canary Dr and 2695 Canary Dr; then proceeding westerly along the property line between 1858 Swan Cir and 1859 Swan Cir; then proceeding westerly along Swan Cir to Placentia Ave; then proceeding southerly

to Joann St; then proceeding easterly to Pomona Ave; then proceeding southerly to Wilson St; then proceeding easterly to Pomona Ave; then proceeding southerly to Hamilton St; then proceeding easterly to Meyer Pl; then proceeding Southerly to W 19th St; then proceeding westerly to Pomona Ave; then proceeding southerly to W 16th St; then proceeding easterly to Superior Ave; then proceeding southwesterly to the District boundary; then proceeding westerly and northerly along the District boundary to Adams Ave and point of origin.

Board Division 5

Beginning in the northeast corner of Board Division 5, where Hanover Dr intersects Fairview Rd, then proceeding southerly to Fair Dr; then proceeding easterly to Vanguard Way; then proceeding southerly to Newport Blvd; then proceeding southwesterly to Victoria St/22nd St; then proceeding southeasterly to Irvine Ave and the District boundary; then proceeding southwesterly and northwesterly along the District boundary to the intersection of Superior Ave; then proceeding northeasterly to Newport Blvd; then proceeding northeasterly along CA-55 freeway to Bay St; then proceeding northwesterly to Thurin St; then proceeding northerly to Victoria St; then proceeding westerly to College Ave; then proceeding northerly to Wilson St; then proceeding easterly to Fordham Dr; then proceeding northerly to Hanover Dr; then proceeding easterly to Fairview Rd and point of origin.

History

District Elections

The Costa Mesa Sanitary District (the "District") received a certified letter on March 29, 2018 from Kevin Shenkman, an attorney with the Malibu-based law firm of Shenkman & Hughes. The letter asserts that the District's at-large electoral system dilutes the ability of Latinos (a protected class) to elect candidates of their choice or otherwise influence the outcome of the District's Board of Directors elections. As a result, the letter asserts that the District's at-large electoral system violates the California Voting Rights Act ("CVRA"). Mr. Shenkman claims "polarized voting" is occurring and threatens litigation if the District declines to voluntarily convert to district-based elections for the Board of Directors.

The District currently utilizes an at-large election system, which means that the electors from the entire District choose each member of the Board of Directors. A district-based election system is one in which the district is physically divided into separate districts, each with one board member who resides in the district and is chosen by the electors residing in that particular district.

Cities and Special Districts throughout the state of California have increasingly been facing legal challenges such as this to their "at-large" systems of electing council members. Almost all have settled claims out of court by voluntarily shifting to district-based elections. On September 28, 2016, the Governor signed Assembly Bill 350 into law, which attempts to provide a "safe harbor" from CVRA litigation for cities. If a city or special district receives a demand letter, such as in the Costa Mesa Sanitary District's case, the District is given 45 days of protection from litigation to assess its situation. Specifically, if within that 45 days, a city/special district adopts a resolution declaring the council's/board's intent to transition from at-large to district-based elections outlining specific steps to be undertaken to facilitate the transition, and estimating a time frame for

action, then a potential plaintiff is prohibited from filing a CVRA action for an additional 90-day period.

After evaluation, the Office of the District Counsel and Executive Staff believe that taking advantage of the safe harbor language under Assembly Bill 350 is the most appropriate action for the District to take. Under this "safe harbor," the District is required to hold five (5) public hearings within the allotted 90-day framework. The public hearings will give the community an opportunity to weigh in on the composition of the districts and provide input regarding the content of the draft maps and the proposed sequence of elections. The final public hearing will be when the Board of Directors votes to consider an ordinance establishing district-based election.

Districing FAQs

Where can I learn more about districing and redistricting?

There are a number of online publications and guides to redistricting. You can start with [this one from MALDEF and the NAACP](#), or [this \(long\) one from the Brennan Center](#), [this one from the League of Women Voters](#), or this [FAQ from the California Independent Redistricting Commission](#).

What are by-district elections?

A by-district election process means voters within a designated Board of Directors electoral district elect one Board member who must also reside in and be a registered voter of that district.

What is the District's current Board of Directors election process?

The Costa Mesa Sanitary District currently elects Board members through an at-large election process, which means that each voter has a vote to elect each member of the Board of Directors.

What is "racially polarized" voting?

Racially polarized voting exists when voters of different racial or ethnic groups exhibit very different candidate preferences or voting practices in an election.

I heard we are going through this process, does that mean it has been decided that we will be switching to by-district voting?

No. In order to avoid the potentially significant litigation expenses that are likely to occur if the Costa Mesa Sanitary District retains its at-large election method of election, at the Board of Director's May 8, 2018 study session, the Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 2018-908 outlining its intention to transition from at-large to by-district elections, pursuant to Elections Code section 10010(e)(3)(A). At the final hearing date, scheduled for July 26, 2018, it may be determined by the Board of Directors that the District should not switch to by-district voting. However, the Board of Directors is requesting the public's input on where they think the boundaries of districts should be if it is determined that the District do change to by-district elections.

What criteria are used to create Board of Directors electoral districts?

Many factors may be considered, but population equality is required. Other factors include:

- Communities of interest

- Compactness
- Contiguity
- Visible (natural and man-made) boundaries
- Plan for future growth

How do the City of Costa Mesa and Mesa Water District divide their voting districts?

The City of Costa Mesa has 6 voting districts and their voting district map can be viewed here: <http://apps.costamesaca.gov/maps/VotingDistrict.html>. For more information about the City's election process and voting districts, visit <https://www.costamesaca.gov/index.aspx?page=2121>. Mesa Water District has 5 voting divisions and their service area map can be viewed here: <https://www.mesawater.org/customer-service/service-area>. For more information about Mesa Water District's election process, visit <https://www.mesawater.org/leadership/board/election-information>.

Why can't the Costa Mesa Sanitary District (CMSD) utilize the same voting districts as the City of Costa Mesa or Mesa Water District?

CMSD's [service area](#) differs from that of the City of Costa Mesa and Mesa Water District. CMSD's service area includes the entire city of Costa Mesa, in addition to small portions of the city of Newport Beach and unincorporated Orange County. Although the service area and boundaries of each of these agencies may seem similar, the total population that CMSD serves and the District's boundaries are not the same as those of the City of Costa Mesa and Mesa Water District. Each voting district or division must be nearly equal in population, therefore these differences in population and boundaries prevent CMSD from using the exact same voting districts.

What if I have questions or want to voice my opinion throughout this process?

Please contact us if you have any questions or need help understanding the process. You can [email District Clerk, Noelani Middenway](#). We encourage the public to reach out to us, we need your input. Input can also be given during the public hearing portion of the Board of Directors meeting. The schedule of public hearings for districting can be found on the "Districting Schedule" page.

Districting Schedule

The Board of Directors is asking for your help in evaluating our District's change to by-district Board of Directors elections. The Costa Mesa Sanitary District, like over 77 cities and 169 school districts across the state, is seeking input in how voters elect their local representatives. Beginning in 2020, Board members could be elected by-district, instead of the current districtwide elections in which all voters have the ability to vote for all Board member seats. Under the law, districts must contain equal numbers of citizens and there may be five, seven or nine districts.

We encourage your input prior to making a determination on this change.

A step in evaluating the process is to draw CMSD Board election districts that keep neighborhoods together. The Board of Directors wants to know: what do you consider the boundaries of your neighborhood?

Schedule of Events

DATE	EVENT
May 8, 2018	Board of Directors Adopted Resolution of Intent – Resolution No. 2018-908
May 31, 2018	Public Hearing No. 1 -- Joint Board of Directors and Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting: Existing Conditions Report and Release of Public Participation Kit
June 6, 2018	Public Hearing No. 2 – CAC Meeting: Repeat of Existing Conditions Report and Release of Public Participation Kit
June 8, 2018	Deadline to submit input through the Public Participation Kit
June 20, 2018	Public Hearing No. 3 – Joint Board of Directors and Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting: Committee and Public to review District Voting Boundaries
July 18, 2018	Public Hearing No. 4 – CAC Meeting: Committee will finalize its recommendation to the Board on District voting boundaries
July 26, 2018	Public Hearing No. 5 – Board of Directors to consider ordinance establishing district-based elections

Public Input

Documents from the June 20, 2018 hearing:

- [Powerpoint \(PDF\)](#)
 - [Plan discussion worksheet \(PDF\)](#)
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We encourage your input prior to making a determination on this change. A step in evaluating the process is to draw Council election districts that keep neighborhoods together. The Board wants to know: what do you consider the boundaries of your neighborhood? Please complete the Public Participation Kit below to provide your input.

Current Conditions

- [Existing Conditions for Costa Mesa Sanitary District](#)
- [District Census Block Population Map](#)
- [Pump Station Map 1](#)
- [Pump Station Map 2](#)

Public Participation Kit:

- [2018 Public Participation Districting Kit Instructions](#)
 - [District Plan Proposal Assignment](#)
 - [Idea and Comment Form](#)
 - [Plan Proposal Submission Map](#)
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Below are the division plan maps:

Proposed Division Plan **Original Submission**

[CMSD Plan A \(PDF\)](#)

Plan A - Tom Brenneman - [District Plan Proposal Assignment \(Excel\)](#)

[CMSD Plan B \(PDF\)](#)

Plan B - Mike McIlroy - [Proposed Map \(PDF\)](#)

[CMSD Plan C \(PDF\)](#)

Plan C - Elodie Katz - [District Plan Proposal Assignment \(Excel\)](#) & [Proposed Map \(PDF\)](#)

[CMSD Plan D \(PDF\)](#)

Plan D - Shayne Smith - [Proposed Map \(PDF\)](#)

[CMSD Plan E \(PDF\)](#)

Plan E - Phil Marsh - [Proposed Map \(PDF\)](#)

[CMSD Plan F \(PDF\)](#) Plan F - Sue Lester - [District Plan Proposal Assignment \(PDF\)](#) & [Proposed Map \(JPEG\)](#)

[CMSD Plan E- Revision 1 \(PDF\)](#) Revision 1 to Plan E

[Summary of All Proposed Maps Listed Above Rev 06.21.18 \(PDF\)](#)

[Draft of the Proposed Staggered Election Cycle \(PDF\)](#)

Public Comments

Wendy Leece - [Idea/Comment Form \(PDF\)](#)

Jim Mosher - [Emailed Comments \(PDF\)](#)