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Maps

#68 - Map 78888

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Message

Thank you Commissioners, for your work on this important task and, for the opportunity to voice my concerns.

I am a resident of New Cuyama, one of the very small, unincorporated towns in the Cuyama Valley, and have served on the Cuyama Valley Community Association as the board secretary for the past 5 years.

I am also a member of the Cuyama Valley Cannabis Committee, and the Town Beautification Project Group. My comments are my own, not as a representative of any of these organizations.

The Cuyama Valley's population is widely scattered over the large acreage consisting of old family ranches, various farms, and 3 small towns.

Due to the remote rural nature of the much of the area, contacting rural residents beyond locked gates pose challenges. Internet access is poor, and sporadic. There is no local news media. Most residents receive mail delivered to boxes at the local post office rather than home delivery and census forms were not sent to post office boxes. The Covid-19 pandemic certainly posed a hindrance to contacting everyone in person as did the remote rural access of many residents. Therefore, we have reason to believe that all persons residing in the Cuyama Valley were not counted.

Soon after moving to New Cuyama in 2013, my husband and I were made aware of the extreme shortage of water, that, in fact, the water used in much of the basin is indeed groundwater, thousands of years old. We heard many conversations in the CVCA meetings about the upcoming necessity to form a Groundwater Sustainability Agency. Cuyama's status as one of the most critically overdrafted basins in California requires it to be one of the first to draft a plan to bring the basin into sustainable water usage.

The GSA board was selected with much deliberation and discussion. The First and Fifth District Supervisors serving the Cuyama Valley are both on this board to represent the concerns of the Valley. These representatives have been consistent in support of preserving the water resources in the area.

Since 2016, there has been intensive effort to bring the negotiations to a plan that the DWR will accept.

During the 7 years we have lived in New Cuyama, I have seen a growing difference in the diversity of the population. Century old farm and ranching families, 1950's town residents and their descendants, Hispanic families, and those who moved here 20 to 40 years ago, are now mixed with ex-urbanites from cities such as Los Angeles and San Francisco. There are land-owners who maintain businesses and residents in coastal cities, and commute to their homes in Cuyama. Blue Sky Center, a non profit organization, started in 2012, based on the former administrative office area of Atlantic-Richfield Oil that built New Cuyama, has seen tourists from various parts of the U.S. and other countries. Educational groups and individuals have come to research and study, for artistic, environmental, and literary projects.

The iconic Cuyama Buckhorn was purchased by two Los Angeles business partners in 2018. They have e restored and renovated it into a thriving luxury resort attracting tourists and locals.

Placing Cuyama in the 1st District has contributed to bringing more awareness of the Valley to the County and to areas beyond. Carpinteria, in the first district, is also an agricultural area. Like Carpinteria, the Cuyama Valley is soon to a number of legal cannabis farms.

If the maps are redrawn to place the Cuyama Valley in one district, or a different district, the vast amount of information and work heretofore, will be lost to someone unfamiliar with the progression during the last five years. Due to my location in the town of New

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Cuyama, my involvement on the CVCA board, and the two committees, I have heard many concerns over the future of water. I feel we need the support of these two representatives, and their staff.

We have discussed in our CVCA meetings since 2019 the upcoming redistricting.

To my knowledge, no community organizations, businesses, and only one individual were contacted for input regarding the process, you as commissioners are undertaking.

I invite you to take some time to come to Cuyama, and talk with residents, visit local businesses and organizations, look at the website: visitcuyama.com.

I would like to urge you to support and consider maps that continue to place the Cuyama Valley in both the First and the Fifth Districts. The Cuyama Valley benefits from the support of the two district supervisors.

Thank you.

Pamela Baczuk

Notes



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I drew map 78888. It appears as I drew it on final maps submitted on District R. All districts are contiguous.

However, the map that is listed as Plan 817...which is number 78888 is A DIFFERNT MAP than what I submitted and is in the district R file.

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It appears that Lompoc is broken into at least 2 county districts on the current map. It's hard to understand how this can be approved when district 4 goes up into Santa Maria. These are two very different communities. It makes more sense to leave Lompoc entirely as one district with Mission Hills, Vandenberg Village and surrounding areas within the Lompoc district.

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