

YUBA CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

**TRUSTEE AREA ESTABLISHMENT
PROCESS
&
PUBLIC OUTREACH MEETING #1**

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Legal Discussion



California Voting Rights Act (CVRA)

- CVRA took effect **January 1, 2003**.
- CVRA **prohibits at-large elections** when this system produces racially polarized voting results, or in other words, when a protected class is impaired in its ability to elect candidates of its choice or influence the outcome of an election because of the dilution of the rights of voters within that class.
- **March 10, 2020** Yuba City USD announced its intention to transition to By-Trustee Area elections on.
- After a necessary delay during the Governor's Emergency Order due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and with 2020 Census data to be released this month, **the process is ready to recommence**.



Requirements & Other Considerations

Legal Requirements

- Nearly equal population (+/- 5%) based on 2020 U.S. Census data
- Complies with Federal Voting Rights Act
- Cannot be drawn with race as predominant factor (no racial gerrymandering)

Traditional Considerations

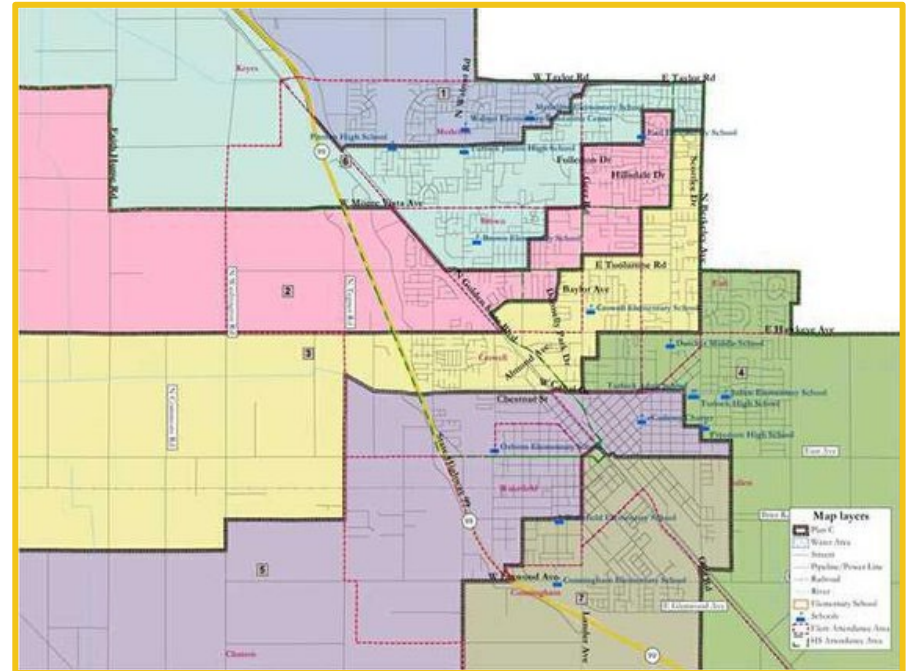
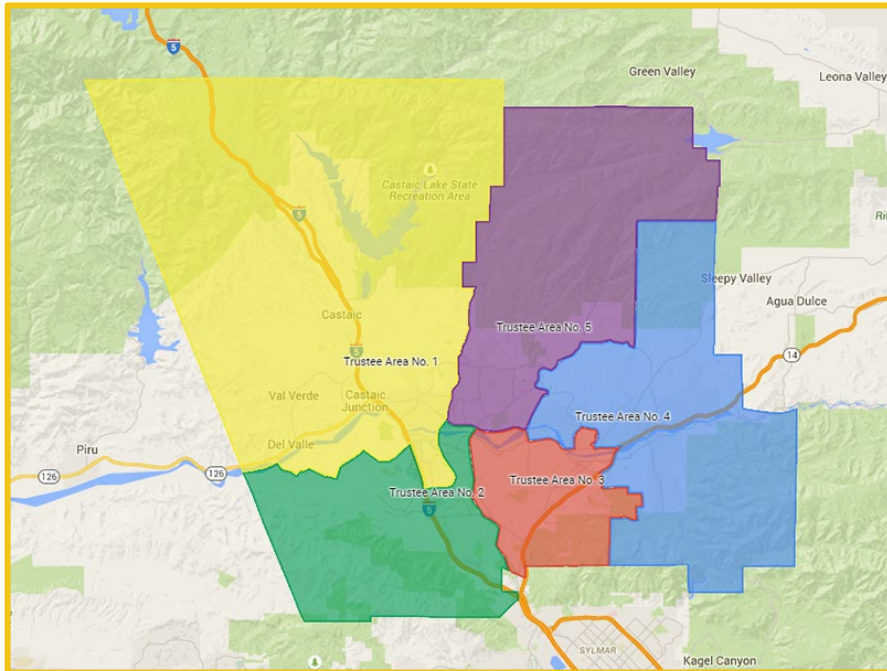
- Communities of Interest
- Compact
- Contiguous
- Natural boundaries



Examples of Trustee Areas

Generally, trustee area maps are as compact as possible, with shapes of trustee areas driven by population requirements and other communities of interest.

However, non-compact trustee areas might be considered for policy-driven reasons, usually the desire for each trustee area to include, for example, rural areas, downtown areas, or multiple high school boundaries.



Proposed Timeline

Date	Action
September 14, 2021	Public Outreach Meeting #1
September 28, 2021	Public Outreach Meeting #2
October 26, 2021	Presentation of Draft Trustee Area Maps
November 9, 2021	First Hearing on Draft Maps
TBD	Second Hearing on Draft Maps after incorporating feedback from First Hearing.
TBD	Final map options based on all Board and public feedback to be posted on District website
December 14, 2021	Board to adopt map
TBD	Approval of trustee area map by County Committee on School District Reorganization (County of Board of Education)
TBD	State Board of Education approval of YCUSD waiver of election, which automatically establishes trustee area elections
TBD	The first election to use the trustee areas must be held more than 120 days after trustee areas are established by the State Board of Education



Purpose of Public Outreach Meetings

1. General Requirement
2. Importance of Community Input
3. Understand community priorities and considerations
4. Community members submit input many ways:
 - a. *Public comment at either meeting.*
 - b. *Submit written input or upload documents or maps via the District website.*
5. Community input is reviewed and considered in the development of
Trustee Areas



Considerations When Developing Trustee Areas

- United States Census geography, especially block groups, will form the foundation of YCUSD Trustee Area creation.
- Communities of Interest to Consider:
 - *Yuba City neighborhoods*
 - *YCUSD school boundaries*
 - *U.S. Census demographic concentrations*
 - *Sutter County voting precincts*
 - *Other?*
- Prominent Boundaries to Consider:
 - *Highways and major roads*
 - *Rivers and creeks*



Questions for the Community

- Are you part of a community of interest?
- Can you identify on a map where your community is located?
- What area(s) do you think should be combined together so common interests can best be represented with a single Trustee?
- What area(s) do you think should be divided into multiple Trustee Areas in order to increase Trustee representation?
- What other criteria should be considered?



How to Provide Input

- Submit a form to speak at either Public Outreach Meeting.
 - *Your comments will be recorded.*
- Please use the Yuba City USD website to provide your valuable input on criteria that should be considered when developing Yuba City USD's Trustee Areas.
- Maps are also provided on the website at different scales to assist you in defining areas that should be grouped together.
 - *You can also suggest Trustee Areas if desired.*



Public Comment

