

**DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT  
TIMELINE AND PROCESS TO INCREASE ZONES FROM 5 TO 7  
(Health & Safety Code Section 32499.3)**

The following is a calendar that describes the process for transitioning the Desert Healthcare District (“District”) into 7 voting districts (“Zones”) in the event **Measure BB** passes in the November 6, 2018, election:

**December 3, 2018**

**ELECTION RESULTS**

Not later than the Monday before the first Friday in December, the county elections officer declares the election results, which includes the certification of whether Measure BB has passed. (Elections Code, § 10551)

**January 2019**

**2 NEW DIRECTORS WILL BE ADDED FROM THE NEWLY ANNEXED AREA**

If Measure BB passes, in accordance with AB 2414, during the second half of the month of January 2019, 2 new Directors will be added to serve on the Board from the newly annexed area. The District will then have 7 Directors. (Health & Safety Code, § 32499.2(c))

**February 2019**

**PASSAGE OF RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO TRANSITION THE DISTRICT INTO 7 VOTING ZONES**

In order to comply with AB 2414 and the California Voting Rights Act (“CVRA”), during the month of February 2019, the Board should hold a public hearing to pass a resolution of intention to transition the District into 7 voting zones beginning with the first district election held after January 1, 2020. (Health & Safety Code 32499.3(a)). The District will have the flexibility to stretch the process out over a longer period compared to 2018 when the District transitioned from At-Large to Zone-based voting districts. The length of time for the transition process will be in the discretion of the Board, provided the minimum periods and conditions are followed.

**February 2019**

**TERMS OF THE TRANSITION RESOLUTION**

The transition resolution will describe the calendar schedule and process of transitioning to 7 voting zones and will contain the following:

- The zones shall be divided in accordance with demographics, including population, and geographic factors of the District and will be intended to address the legal requirements of the CVRA

(Elections Code, § 10010(e)(3)(A)). This includes ensuring that District zones do not impair the ability of any protected class of individuals or the ability to influence the outcome of an election.

- The resolution will also outline the process for public outreach, including to non-English speaking communities, and will explain the District zone process and encourage public participation over an eight (8) month period.
- The resolution will also outline the schedule of public hearings prior to drawing proposed boundary maps and also the schedule of public hearings after the maps are drawn.

**Between March  
2019 and June 2019**

**PUBLIC OUTREACH AND PUBLIC HEARINGS PRIOR TO  
DRAWING PROPOSED BOUNDARY MAPS**

From March 2019 through the end of the month of May 2019 (pre-map period), the staff would conduct public outreach to the public, including to non-English-speaking communities, to explain the transition to zones process and to encourage public participation. The Board would also schedule 3 public hearings, 2 of which would be over a period of not more than 30 days, at which the public would be invited to provide input regarding the composition of the new zones.

**Between September  
2019 and October  
2019**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS POST PREPARATION OF BOUNDARY MAPS**

From September 2019 through the end of October 2019 (post-map period), after all draft maps are drawn, the drafts will be published and made available for release to the public. The Board would schedule at least 3 public hearings during the post-map period, 2 of which would be no more than 45 days apart at which the public would be invited to provide input regarding the content of the draft maps and the proposed sequence of future elections.

**October 2019**

**CONSIDERATION OF FINAL RESOLUTION TRANSITIONING TO 7  
ZONES**

At the October Regular Board meeting, the Board would hold the final of 3 public hearings and would vote to adopt the final map of the new 7 zones.