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BACKGROUND HISTORY AND OVERVIEW OF DISTRICT'S TRUSTEE AREAS

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1930 - Upon establishment of the District, it had a total of five trustees: three from Santa Rosa and two from the more “sparsely populated” Analy District.

1962 - Petaluma City High School District annexed into the College District.

1963 – Cloverdale/Geyserville and Healdsburg Districts, and separately Sonoma Valley Districts joined the College area.

July 10, 1964 - Governing Board of the City of Santa Rosa Junior College District of Sonoma County filed a petition with the County Committee to:

Establish trustee areas for the College;

Provide for the election of trustees by area; and

Increase the number of trustees from five to seven.

October 6, 1964 - County Committee voted to call for an election on alternative propositions:

Proposition #1 - Establish 5 trustee areas based on high school affiliation.

1. Analy Union High School District Area;
2. Cloverdale Union High School District/Geyserville Unified/Healdsburg Union High School Area;
3. City of Petaluma Joint Union High School District Area;
4. City of Santa Rosa High School District Area; and
5. Sonoma Valley Unified School District Area.

OR

Proposition #2 - Increase number of trustees from five to seven to be elected by trustee areas as follows:

1. One trustee from Analy Union High School District area;
2. One trustee from Cloverdale/Geyserville Unified/Healdsburg Union High School area;
3. One trustee from Petaluma Joint Union High School District area;
4. Three trustees from the City of Santa Rosa High School District area; and
5. One trustee from the Sonoma Valley Unified School District area.

April 1965 Election - Proposition #2 adopted by voters.

1966 - College District became known as Sonoma County Junior College District.

1967 - Point Arena High School District petitioned and joined College District.

April 1985 - District adopts Board Policy (0.4) referencing trustee areas and number of trustees as follows:

- 1 Seat - Trustee Area 1 (Sonoma);
- 1 Seat - Trustee Area 2 (Analy/West County);
- 3 Seats - Trustee Area 3, 4, & 5 (Santa Rosa);
- 1 Seat - Trustee Area 6 (North County); and
- 1 Seat - Trustee Area 7 (Petaluma/South County).

August 1990 - County Committee made decision on how to label and refer to trustee areas for College District.
Converted numbers to names as follows:

Analy Area (formerly Area #7);

Cloverdale/Geyserville/Healdsburg Area (formerly Area #6);

Petaluma Area (formerly Area #2);

Santa Rosa Area with 3 Trustees (formerly Area #3, 4, 5);

Sonoma Area (formerly Area #1).

Current election process is consistent with State laws including Education Code sections 5030, 72022 and 72023. Sections 5030 and 72023 expressly allow more than one trustee to be elected from one area. District elections are not by an “at large” voting system.



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