

EL DORADO IRRIGATION DISTRICT

SUBJECT: Consider adopting a resolution establishing new District division boundaries and direct staff to (1) make all necessary technical changes to the adopted map that do not alter any division boundaries, and (2) submit the map and data files to the El Dorado County Elections Department for its use.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION

August 22, 2011 – Board adopted Resolution No. 2011-016, establishing new division boundaries that provided for near equal division population.

May 24, December 13, 2021, January 24, February 14, and February 28, 2022 – Board considered information on reapportioning District divisions.

BOARD POLICIES (BP), ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS (AR), BOARD AUTHORITY

BP 1010 Introduction

BP 2030 Role of the General Counsel

SUMMARY OF ISSUE

Following the 2020 decennial federal census, District staff have prepared draft maps that revise District division boundaries in order to reapportion population equally among divisions.

Reapportionment must comply with state law and with constitutional principles that ensure our ratepayers continue to receive fair and equal representation. Staff will present four final draft maps for Board consideration and recommend that the Board adopt one of the four maps by resolution.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

On February 28, 2022, District staff presented four draft division boundary alternatives maps during a noticed public hearing for Board and public feedback—Alternative 1A, Alternative 2, Alternative 3, and Alternative 4. In addition to the maps, District staff presented information that quantified the impacts associated with each map. The Board and public expressed a preference for Alternative 1A.

Following the public hearing on February 28th, staff received further public input on Alternative 1A. Based upon that input, staff developed, and will present to the Board and public, Alternative 1B, 1C, and 1D, which are further iterations of Alternative 1A. Each of the draft maps comply with the State and Federal requirements for reapportioning population equally among the five District divisions and consider a multitude of factors including topography, geography, cohesiveness, contiguity, integrity, and compactness of territory, and community of interests of the divisions. During the presentation of this item, staff will explain the minor differences in Alternatives 1A, 1B, 1C, and 1D.

Following the presentation, staff requests the Board select one of the alternatives and adopt a resolution designating it as the new District division boundaries. The proposed resolution allows staff to make technical changes to the designated map, so long as those changes do not alter the division boundaries as adopted by the Board. The proposed resolution also directs staff to forward the finalized map and all necessary supporting electronic files and images to the County Elections Department, which draws voter precincts and administers the District's elections.

BOARD OPTIONS

Option 1: Adopt a resolution establishing new District division boundaries and direct staff to (1) make all necessary technical changes to the adopted map that do not alter any division boundaries, and (2) submit the map and data files to the El Dorado County Elections Department for its use.

Option 2: Take other action as directed by the Board.

Option 3: Take no action.

RECOMMENDATION

Option 1

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Proposed Resolution

Attachment B: Alternative 1A

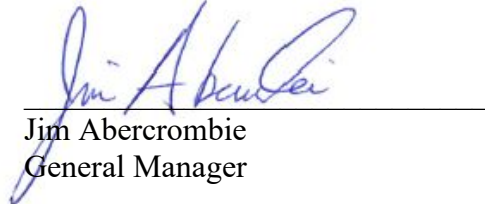
Attachment C: Alternative 1B

Attachment D: Alternative 1C

Attachment E: Alternative 1D



Brian Poulsen
General Counsel



Jim Abercrombie
General Manager

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
EL DORADO IRRIGATION DISTRICT
DESIGNATING NEW DIRECTOR DIVISION BOUNDARIES**

WHEREAS, Water Code section 21605(b) is a provision of the Irrigation District Law and states that an irrigation district's Board of Directors shall, by resolution, adjust the boundaries of any division pursuant to Chapter 8 (commencing with Section 22000) of Division 21 of the Elections Code; and

WHEREAS, the Irrigation District Law is El Dorado Irrigation District's authorizing act; and

WHEREAS, Elections Code section 22000(a) states that each district required by its authorizing act to adjust division boundaries pursuant to this section shall do so by resolution after each federal decennial census, and using that census as a basis; and

WHEREAS, Elections Code section 22000(a) further states that the resulting divisions must be, as far as practicable, equal in population and in compliance with Section 2 of the federal Voting Rights Act; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 federal decennial census data show that El Dorado Irrigation District's existing Board of Director divisions are not equal in population and therefore require adjustment; and

WHEREAS, El Dorado Irrigation District has conducted an extensive public process to develop alternatives for adjusting its Director division boundaries to comply with Elections Code section 22000(a) and all other applicable laws; and

WHEREAS, El Dorado Irrigation District's General Counsel presented four map alternatives to the Board of Directors at its regular meeting of March 28, 2022 and at that time advised the Board of Directors that all four of the maps complied with Elections Code section 22000(a) and all other applicable laws; and

WHEREAS, Elections Code section 22000(d) states that no change in division boundaries may be made within 180 days preceding the election of any director; and

WHEREAS, Elections Code section 22000.1(b) states that, notwithstanding the 180 day requirement of section 22000(d), the governing board of a district that has a regular election to elect members of its governing board on the same day as the 2022 statewide general election shall adopt adjusted division boundaries no later than April 17, 2022; and

WHEREAS, El Dorado Irrigation District will hold a director election on November 8, 2022;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the El Dorado Irrigation District as follows:

1. Of the four map alternatives before it, the Board of Directors hereby designates the map entitled Alternative_ (copy attached as Exhibit A) as the new Director division boundaries for El Dorado Irrigation District, from and after the effective date of this Resolution until such time as the Board

1 of Directors adopts a resolution designating different division boundaries.

2 2. The Board of Directors hereby authorizes and directs its staff to make all technical changes
3 needed to finalize the designated map, provided that no such technical changes shall alter any of
4 the designated map's division boundaries.

5 3. The Board of Directors hereby authorizes and directs its staff to transmit the finalized version of
6 the designated map, with all necessary supporting electronic files and images, to the El Dorado
7 County Elections Department for its use in El Dorado Irrigation District elections.

8 The foregoing Resolution was introduced at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the
9 EL DORADO IRRIGATION DISTRICT, held on the 28th day of March 2022, by Director who
10 moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Director and a poll vote taken which stood as
11 follows:

11 AYES:

12 NOES:

13 ABSENT:

14 ABSTAIN:

15 The motion having a majority of votes "Aye", the resolution was declared to have been
16 adopted, and it was so ordered.

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Lori Anzini, President
18 Board of Directors
EL DORADO IRRIGATION DISTRICT

19 ATTEST:

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Jennifer Sullivan
21 Clerk to the Board
EL DORADO IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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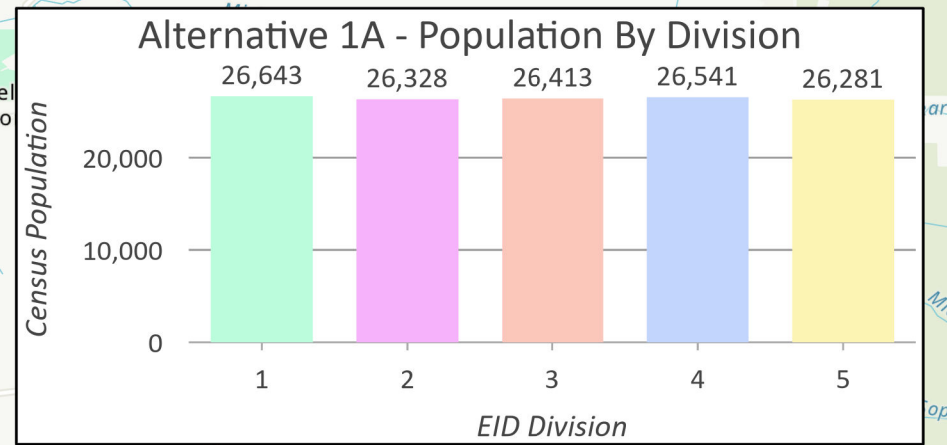
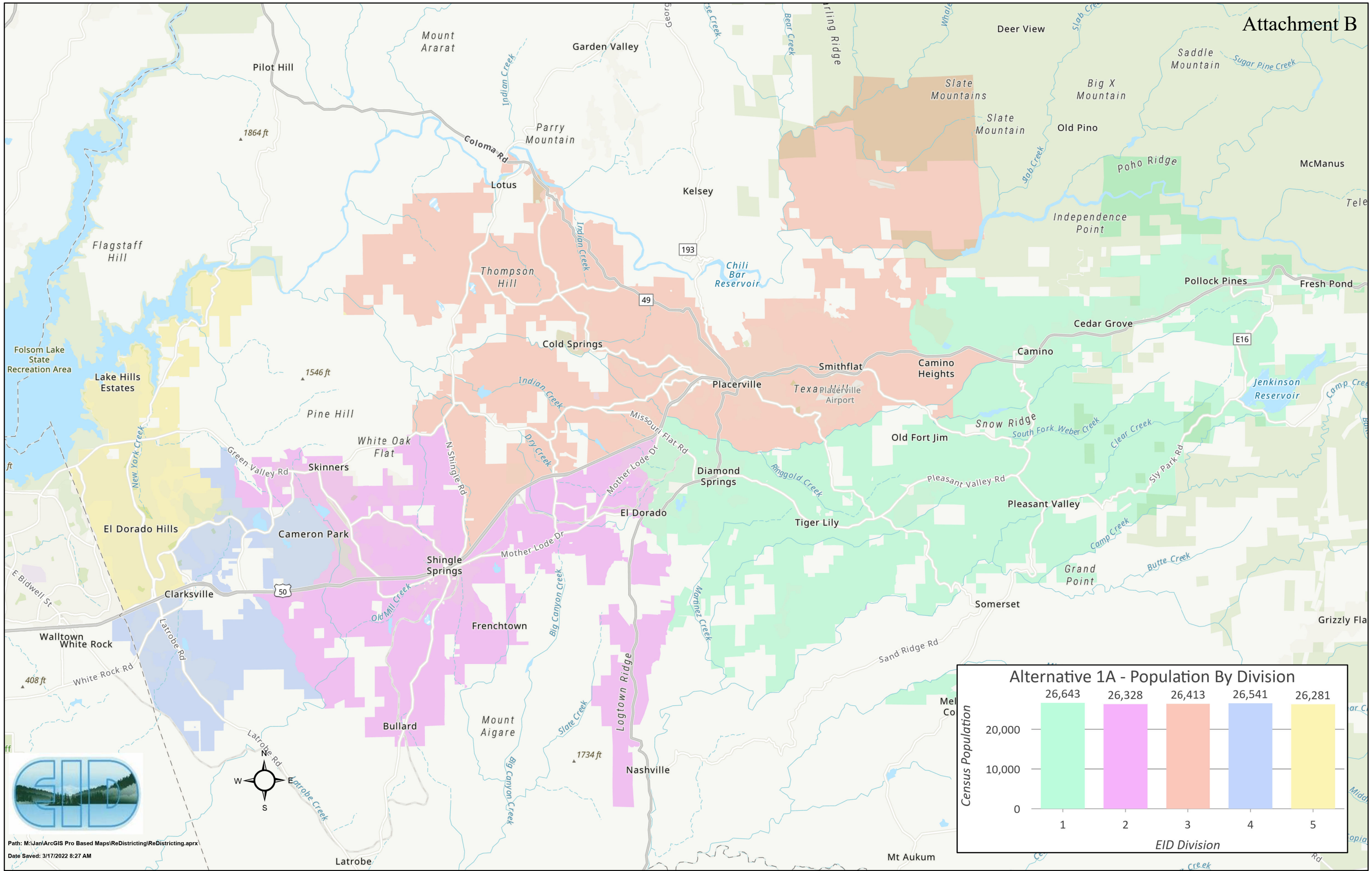
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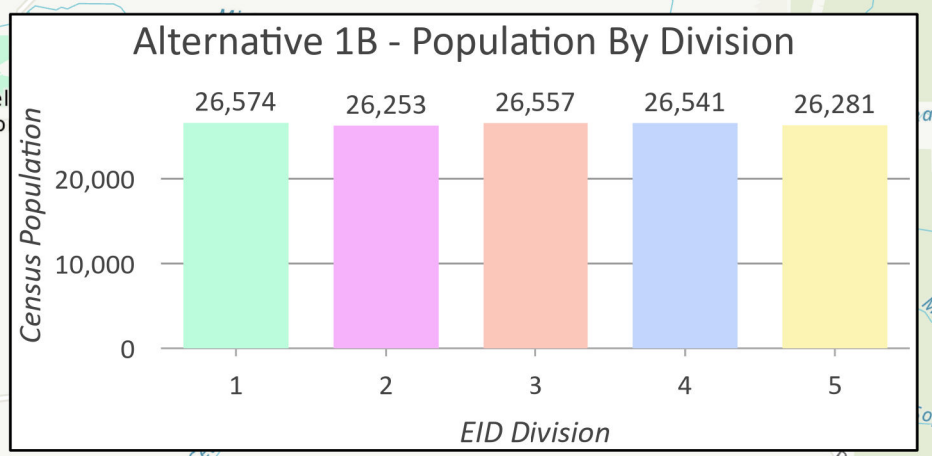
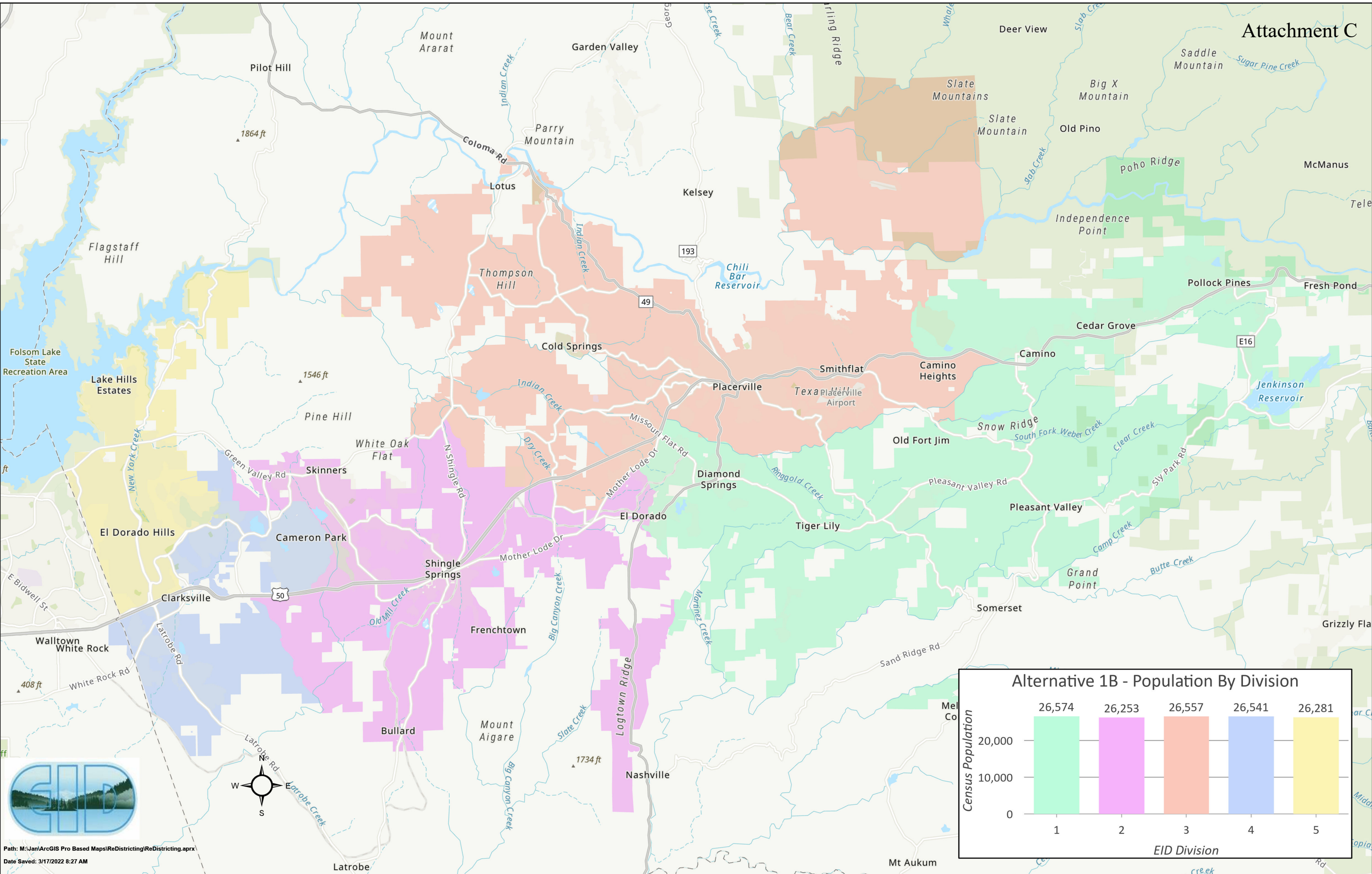
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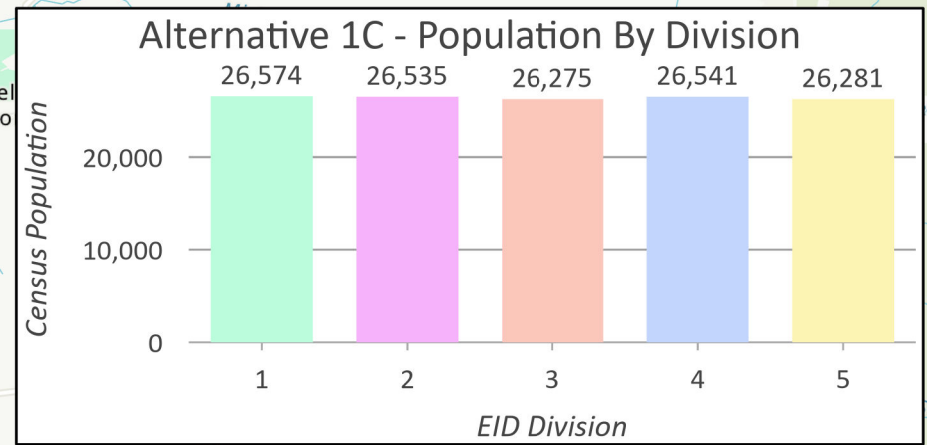
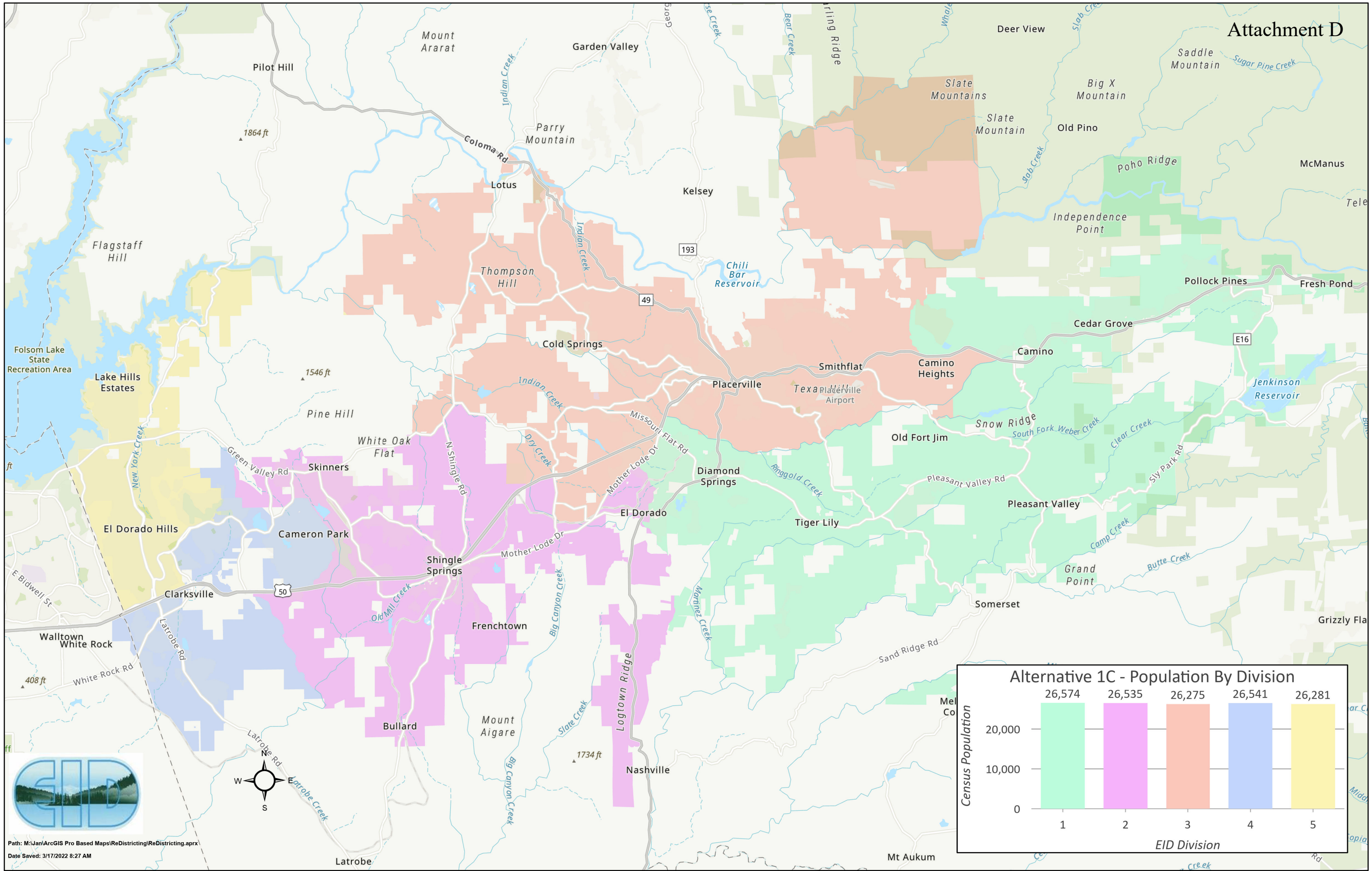
1 I, the undersigned, Clerk to the Board of the EL DORADO IRRIGATION DISTRICT
2 hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a full, true and correct copy of a Resolution of the
3 Board of Directors of the EL DORADO IRRIGATION DISTRICT entered into and adopted at a
4 regular meeting of the Board of Directors held on the 28th day of March 2022.

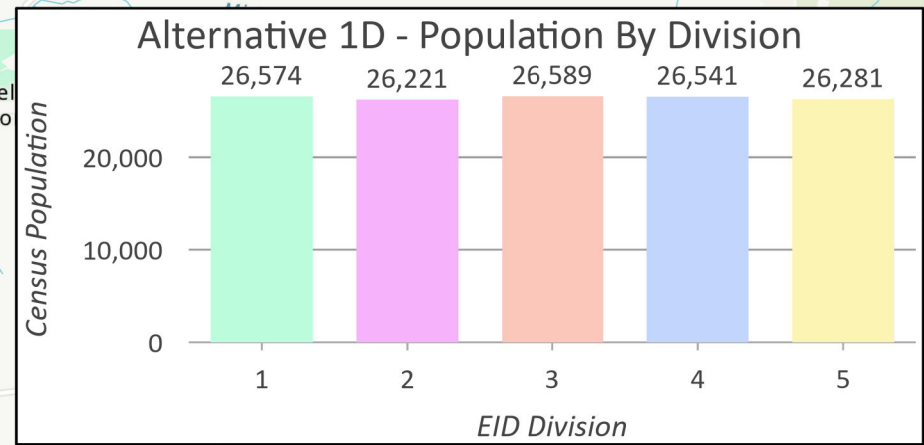
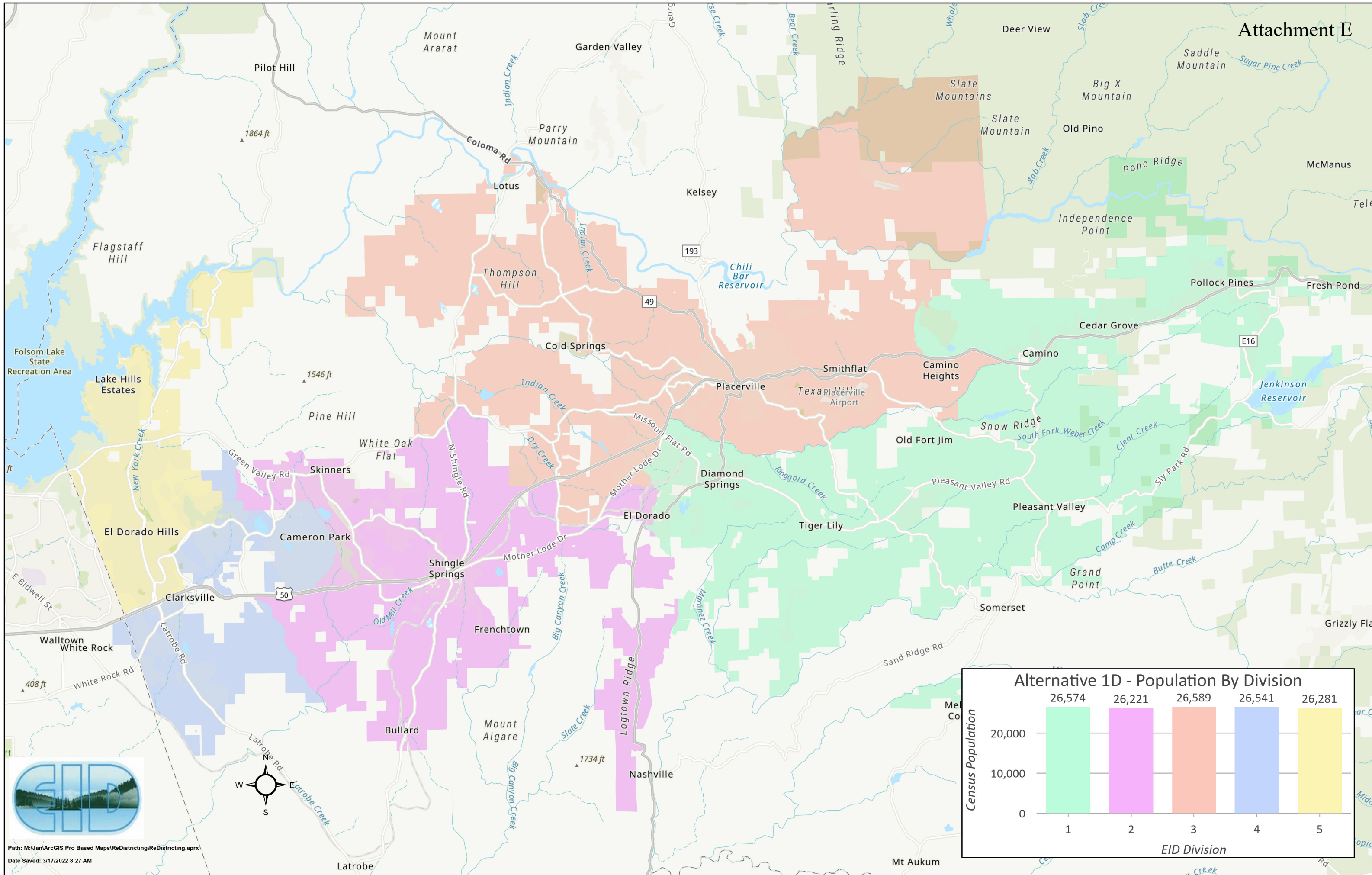
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8 Clerk to the Board
9 EL DORADO IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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REDISTRICTING

MARCH 28, 2022

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION

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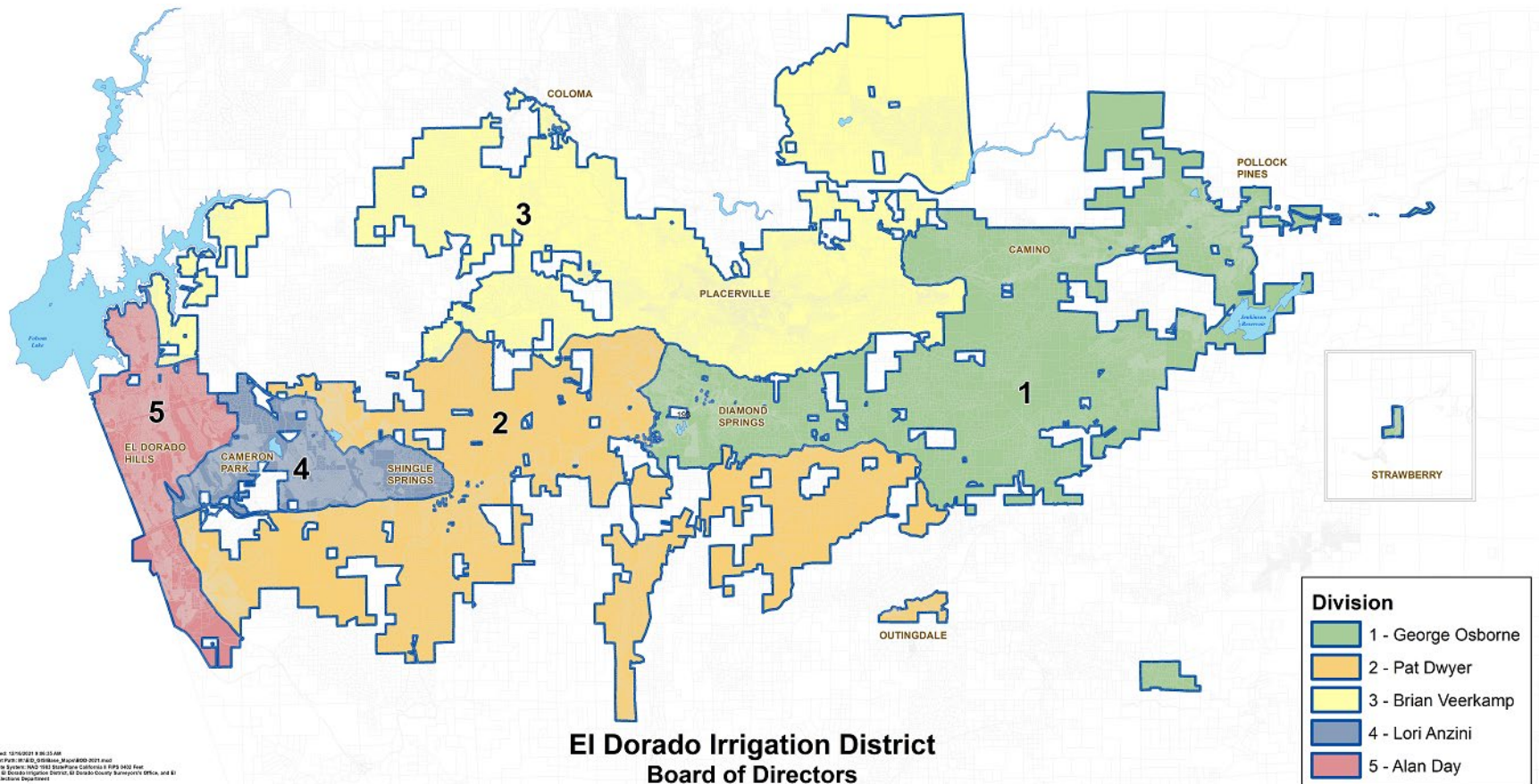


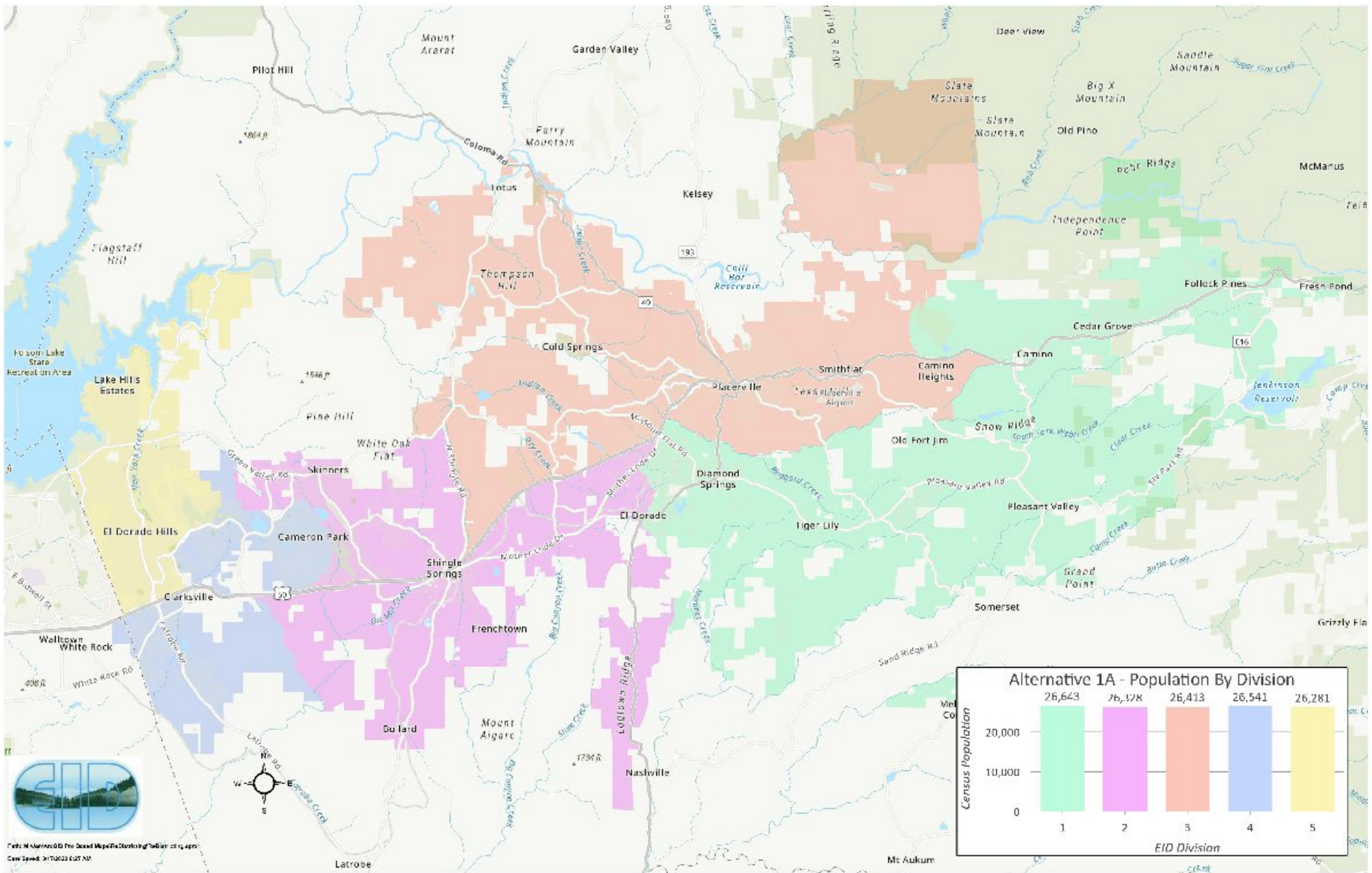
SUMMARY OF ISSUE

BACKGROUND

- The 2020 decennial census triggers a mandatory legal duty for the District to adjust its division boundaries.
- Division boundaries must comply with state law and constitutional principles to ensure ratepayers receive fair and equal representation
- The deadline to complete reapportionment of District Divisions is April 17, 2022.

CURRENT DIVISION BOUNDARIES

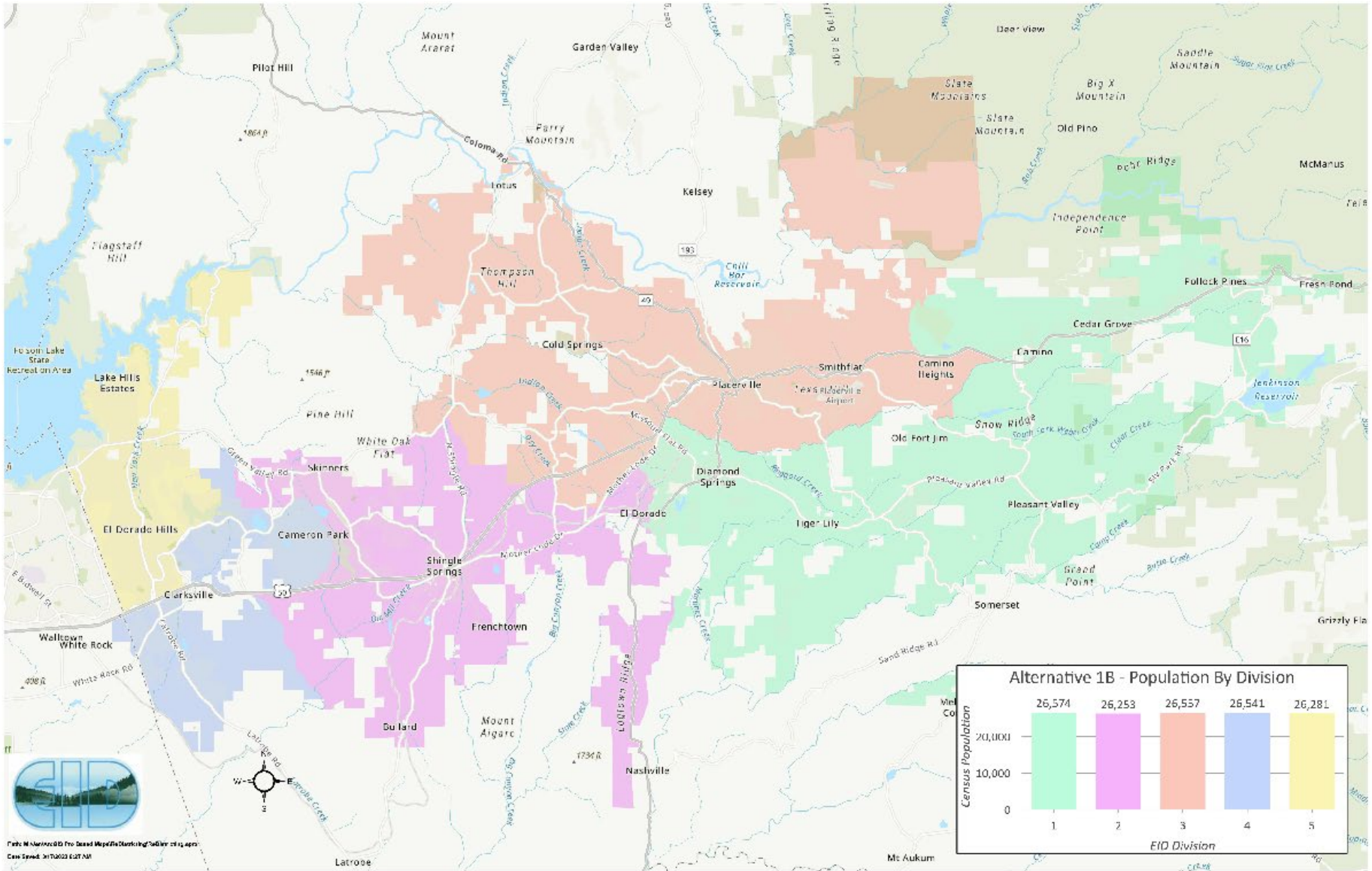




Alternative 1A

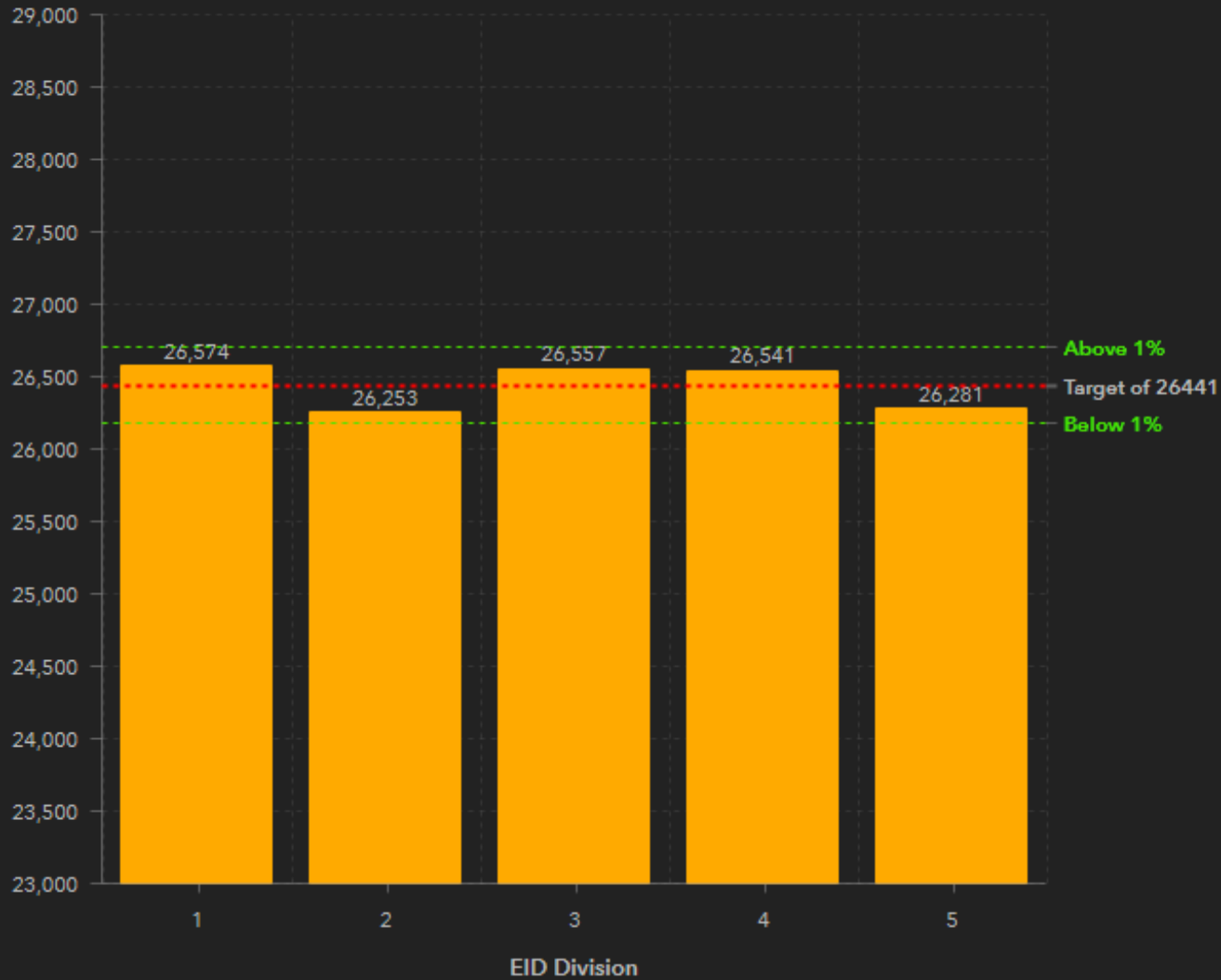
Alternative 1A Populations By Division

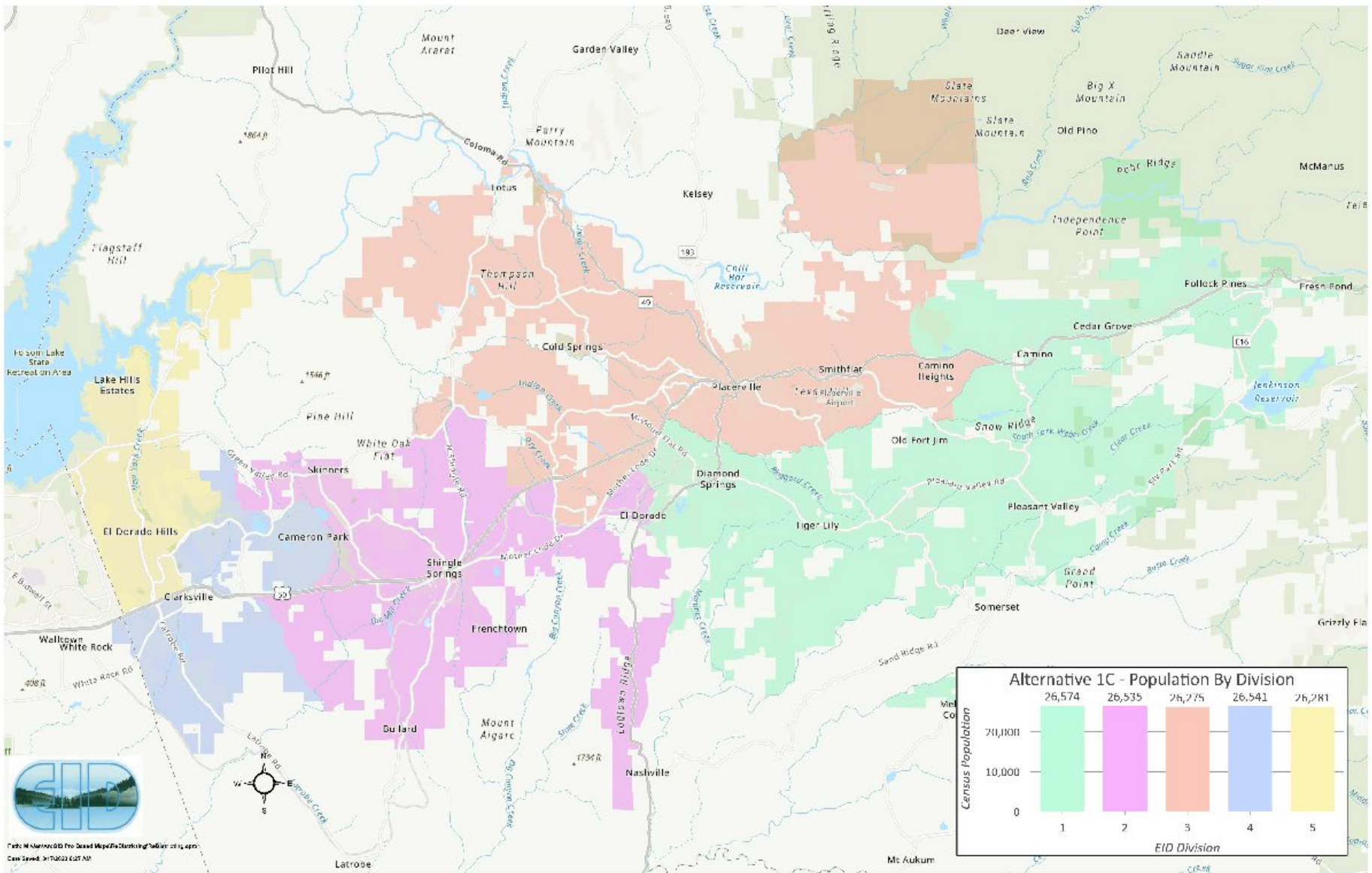




Alternative 1B

Alternative 1B Populations By Division

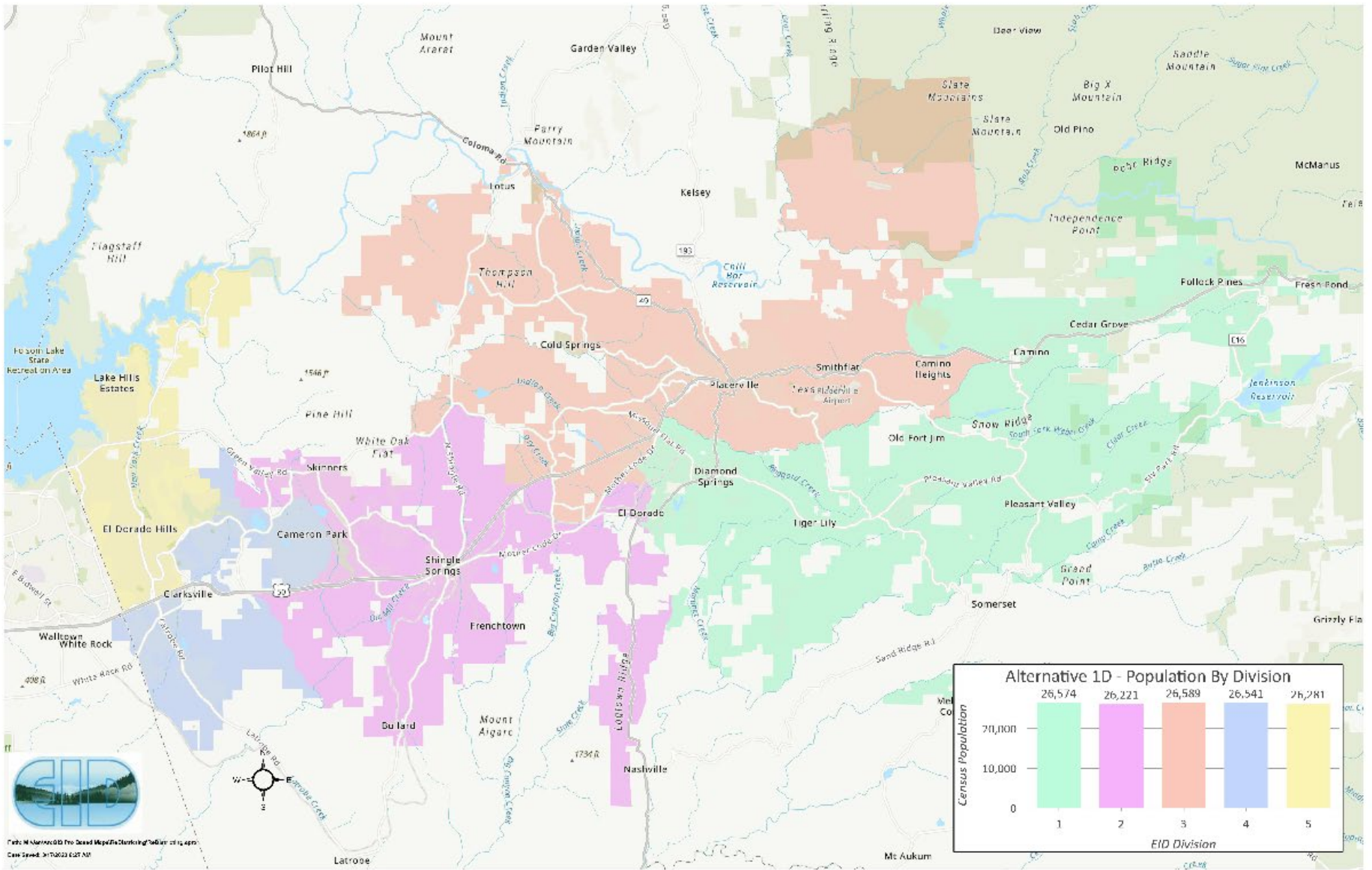




Alternative 1C

Alternative 1C Populations By Division





Alternative 1D

Alternative 1D Populations By Division



PUBLIC OUTREACH

The screenshot displays the El Dorado Irrigation District website. At the top left is the district logo and name, "El Dorado Irrigation District", with the tagline "Serving people, agriculture, businesses, and the environment in northern California's El Dorado County since 1925". A search bar is located to the right of the logo. Below the logo is a navigation menu with items: ABOUT US, CUSTOMERS, OUR SERVICES, RECREATION, DOING BUSINESS WITH EID, REGULATORY, and I WANT TO... On the left side, there is a vertical sidebar menu with various links, including "EID Response to COVID-19", "District Information", "Document Library", "Mission and Guiding Principles", "Board of Directors", "Departments", "Community Outreach", "Employment", "ADA", "Other Agency Links", "Project Updates", "Enterprise System Catalog", "Government Compensation in California Website (Gov. Code Sect. 53908)", "Financial Transaction Report (Gov. Code Sect. 53891a)", and "Redistricting 2021". The main content area features the heading "Redistricting 2021" and a large map titled "EID Redistricting". The map shows the district's boundaries and is divided into five numbered regions (1-5). Each region is associated with a representative's name and photo: Region 1 (George DeBenedetto), Region 2 (Paul Carter), Region 3 (Mark Buehler), Region 4 (Suzanne Anderson), and Region 5 (Doreen Kelly). Below the map, a welcome message reads: "Welcome to the EID redistricting page. Please bookmark this page and check back frequently for the most up-to-date information."

- Dedicated page on District website:
- <https://www.eid.org/redistricting>
- Interactive alternative maps available

NEXT STEPS

- Staff requests the Board select one of the alternatives and adopt a resolution designating it as the new District division boundaries
- The proposed resolution directs staff to:
 - Make technical changes that do not alter the division boundaries
 - Forward the map and electronic files to County Elections Department

BOARD OPTIONS

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

- **Option 1**