

**Private**  
STAFF SUMMARY OF MEETING

OTHER COMMITTEE COMMITTEE ON JOINT INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSIONS

Attendance

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| Aislinn Kottwitz | E |
| Amber            | X |
| McReynolds       | X |
| Blanca Uzeta     | X |
| O'Leary          | X |
| Constance        | X |
| Hass             | X |
| Danny Moore      | X |
| Elizabeth        | X |
| Wilkes           | X |
| Gary Horvath     | X |
| Heather Barry    | X |
| Hunter Barnett   | X |
| Jason Kelly      | X |
| John Buckley     | X |
| Jolie Brawner    | X |
| JulieMarie       | X |
| Shepherd         | X |
| Macklin          | X |
| Kevin Fletcher   | X |
| Lori Schell      | X |
| Martha           | X |
| Coleman          | X |
| Moussa           | E |
| Diawara          | E |
| Paula Espinoza   | X |
| Robin            | X |
| Schepper         | X |
| Samuel           | X |
| Greenidge        | X |
| Simon Tafoya     | X |
| William Leone    | E |
| Carlos Perez     | X |
| Carly Hare       | X |

Date 08/06/2021  
Time 07:06:29 PM to 09:17:53 PM  
Place Alamosa  
This Meeting was called to order by Jason Kelly  
This Report was prepared by Matthu Beck

X = Present, E = Excused, A = Absent, \* = Present after roll call

Hearing Items      Action Taken

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Chair Kelly gave opening remarks on Alamosa and introduced the informational video on redistricting.

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Ms. Meryl Ennis, representing self, testified. She stated that an even split of the congressional districts between political parties isn't fair as the state has leaned democratic in recent elections. She also stated that the San Luis Valley has little in common with urban areas.

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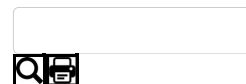
Mr. Roque Madrid, representing self, testified. He spoke on the importance of water in the San Luis Valley and not being drawn into districts with regions that use water from the San Luis Valley.

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Mr. Michael Mitchell, representing self, testified. He stated that he believes that the San Luis Valley has more in common with the Eastern Plains than with the northwest area of the state.

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Mr. Jose Martinez, representing self, testified. He stated he was totally opposed to the San Luis Valley being included with Weld County.



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Mr. Deacon Aspinwall, representing self, testified. He testified in opposition of the current fourth congressional district as he sees no community of interest between Alamosa and Weld County. He stated support for a potential southern congressional district.

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Ms. Shirley Romero Otero, President of Latinx Coucil, representing self, testified. She testified on the importance of water in the San Luis Valley and stated her support for a southern district. Commissioners' asked follow-up questions on what communities should be included with San Luis Valley in a district.

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Ms. Jan Foster Miiller, representing self, testified. She stated opposition to the San Luis Valley being moved from the third congressional district to the fourth.

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Mr. Jan Vigil, Alamosa City Councilman, representing self, testified. He reiterated previous testimony that the San Luis Valley area has nothing in common with CD4.

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Ms. Gabrielle Aragon, representing self, testified. She stated that the San Luis Valley and Latinos are under represented.

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Mr. Matthew Martinez, representing self, testified. He repeated previous testimony that the San Luis Valley fits better with other water focused southern communities. He stated that southern Colorado Springs has more in common with the San Luis Valley than Weld County.

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Mr. John Kretsinger, representing self, testified. He testified that policy changes over the last 40 years have had a large impact on the area. He responded to questions from the commissioners about his experience as a veteran in a rural area.

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Alamosa Mayor Ty Coleman, representing self, testified. He testified in support of keeping the communities in the San Luis Valley area intact. He asked the Las Animas County be included in the state house district to help keep the rural representation. He answered questions from the commissioners regarding keeping the San Luis Valley together.

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Ms. Bem Kinney, representing self, testified. She reiterated previous support for a southern district.

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Mr. Neil Rudolph, representing self, testified. He reiterated previous testimony for a southern district.

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State Senator Cleave Simpson, representing self, testified. He reiterated previous support that water is the most important issue in the area. He stated preference for completely rural districts without dipping into metro areas to avoid a conflict of interest by representation. Commissioners asked follow-up questions on water conservation in the area.

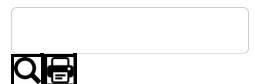
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Mr. Travis Smith, representing self, testified. He reiterated previous support of needing to consider water conservation in the area.

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Mr. Charles Tidd, Chair of Suwach County Democratic Party, representing self, testified. He stated concern with two congressional districts representing 90% of the land mass in Colorado. He testified that grouping communities by water interest is preferred.

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Mr. Charles Spielman, President of Monta Vista Economic Development Corp, representing self, testified. He reiterated support for keeping the San Luis Valley counties together and opposition to moving the San Luis Valley to CD4.

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Mr. Bob Mattive, representing self, testified. He testified that many of the northeastern counties are agricultural and that there is a connection as agriculture producers. Commissioners asked follow-up questions on how to handle urban growth in rural areas.

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PM The committee adjourned.

