



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Requested Board Meeting Date: November 21, 2017

Title: Precinct Line Changes

Introduction/Background:

Per A.R.S. §16-411(A), the Board of Supervisors shall establish a convenient number of election precincts in the county and define the boundaries of the precincts on or before December 1 of each year preceding the year of a general election.

Discussion:

After reviewing the number of voters who cast a ballot at the polls during the 2016 general election, the Elections Department has determined that there are two areas where lines should be adjusted in an effort to better accommodate voters and improve the efficiency of administering the election.

The Elections Department is asking the Board of Supervisors to consider splitting Precinct 229 into two precincts, and adjusting the line between Precincts 6 and 175 to better distribute the population of registered voters.

In an effort to vet the proposed changes prior to the Board's consideration, the Elections Department reached out to the major political parties, the municipal clerks, Chicanos Por La Causa, and the Pima County Election Integrity Committee. None of these entities expressed objections to the proposed changes.

Conclusion:

If the proposed precinct line changes are approved, the total number of precincts in Pima County would increase from 248 to 249. The Board would be in compliance with A.R.S. §16-411(A).

Recommendation:

The Elections Department recommends approval of the precinct line changes.

Fiscal Impact:

None.

Board of Supervisor District:

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Establishment of Election Precincts

Background

Per Arizona Revised Statute 16-411A, the Board of Supervisors is required to establish a convenient number of election precincts by no later than December 1 of each year preceding the year of a general election. The Board last established election precincts in 2013 when the number of precincts was reduced from 280 to 248.

On November 21, 2017, the Board of Supervisors will review a recommendation from the Pima County Elections Department to alter three existing precinct boundaries. The motive for the recommendation is the number of current and projected registered voters for the three precincts for the 2018 and 2020 election cycles.

Suggested precinct alterations by Supervisor District:

District 1 - Currently precinct 6 has 4,664 registered voters. Adjacent precinct 175 has 197 registered voters. It is recommended that the current line separating the adjacent precincts be altered to "move" voters in precinct 6 into precinct 175. It is estimated that approximately 1,000 voters might be "moved" from precinct 6 to precinct 175 if the recommendation is approved.

District 2 – No changes

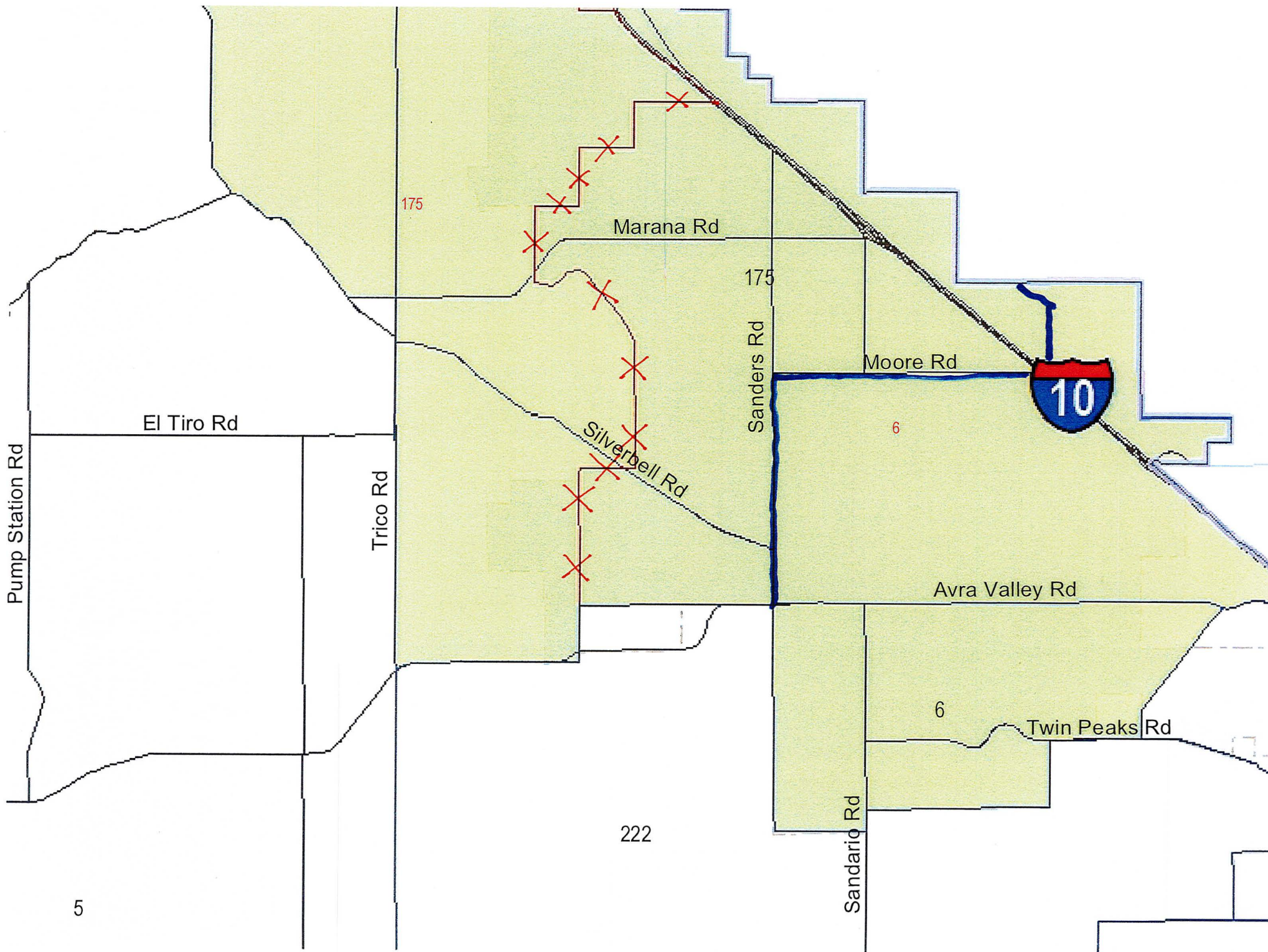
District 3 – No changes

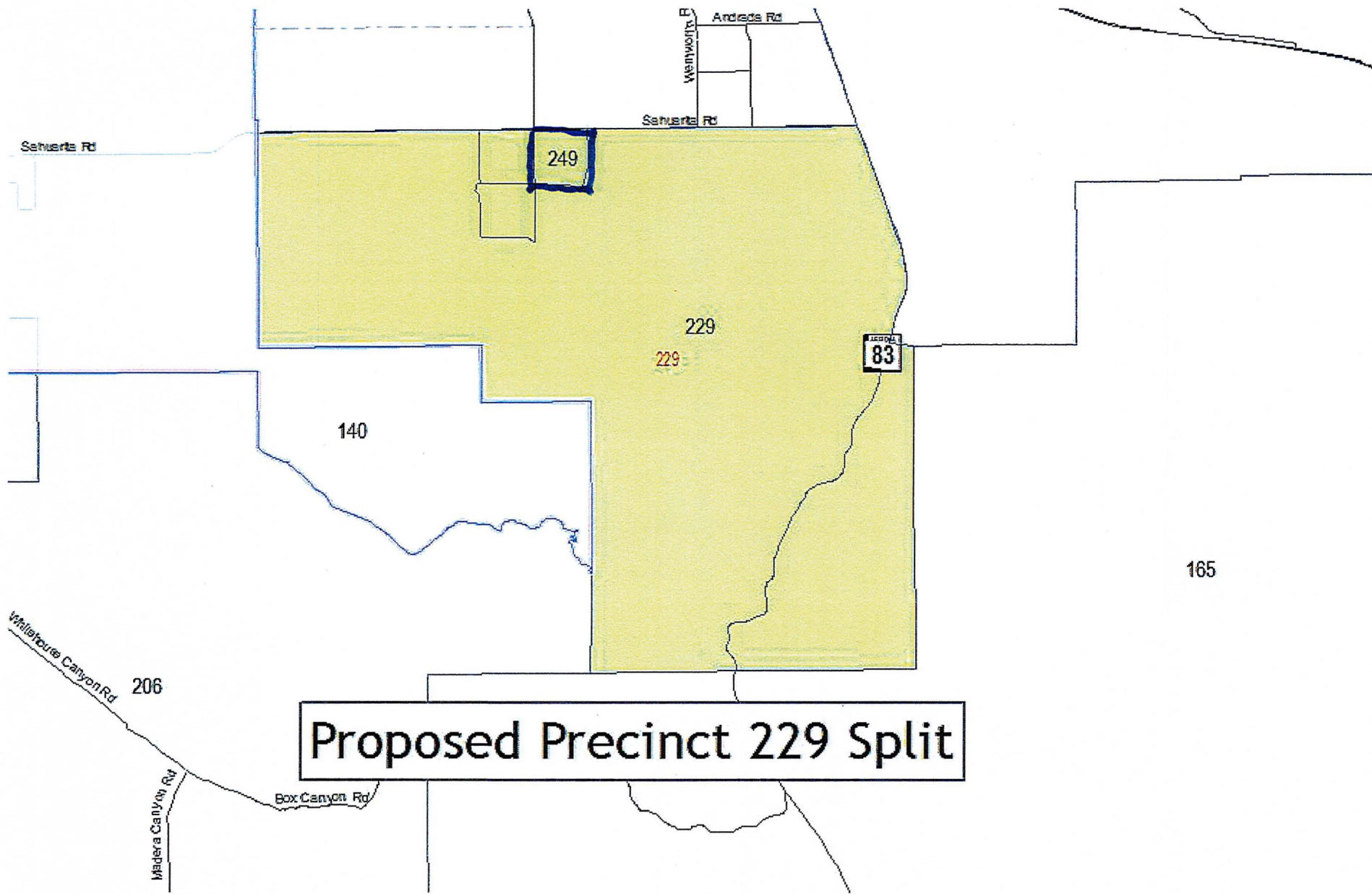
District 4 – Currently precinct 229 has 5,671 registered voters. It is suggested that precinct 229 be divided and a new precinct (249) be established for approximately 2,000 current registered voters.

District 5 – No changes

If the Board approves the recommendation from the Election Department, the approved election precinct lines will not go into effect until March 1, 2018.

It is recommended that the Board approve the proposed precinct alterations and have staff provide the necessary documents to the Recorder to facilitate the proposed changes.





Proposed Precinct 229 Split