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Dear Mr. Simonds:

The Fallbrook Public Utility District (FPUD) appreciates the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Riverside Local Agency Formation Commission (RLAFCO) and the San Diego Local Agency Formation Commission (SDLAFCO) involving a reorganization to detach the Fallbrook Public Utility District and Rainbow Municipal Water District from the San Diego County Water Authority and concurrently annex to the Eastern Municipal Water District. FPUD has reviewed the document, and we have no concerns over the approach identified in the MOU.

The FPUD Board has directed staff to begin to prepare an application for later consideration so it is important that the necessary steps are clearly outlined at this time by RLAFCO and SDLAFCO. FPUD appreciated the efforts of RLAFCO and SDLAFCO in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jack Bebee', is written over a light blue background.

Jack Bebee  
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Re: Jurisdiction Regarding Rainbow-Fallbrook-Eastern Proceedings

Dear Mr. Simonds:

Sweetwater Authority represents two members of the San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA), South Bay Irrigation District and the City of National City. Region-wide, our ratepayers are routinely the lowest water users and represent some of the lowest household income earners. In fact, Sweetwater Authority just recently voted to reduce the funding to our rate stabilization reserve in order to lessen the impact of the rising cost of water to our constituents.

We understand that two of the member agencies of the SDCWA are looking to leave and that this issue is being considered under the Rainbow-Fallbrook-Eastern Proceedings. By having fewer agencies pay for the fixed costs associated with SDCWA's infrastructure and increased reliability, we are understandably concerned about an increase in costs to our constituents who already have difficulty paying their water bills.

We urge LAFCO to retain local control over a consolidated multi-county process as it is essential to ensuring rate neutrality and minimize financial and other impacts to Sweetwater Authority's ratepayers.

Respectfully,

Steve Castaneda  
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**Subject: Proposed Memorandum of Understanding between San Diego County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) and Riverside County LAFCO – Agenda Item 8A**

Dear Mr. Simonds:

Item 8A on the San Diego County LAFCO's October 7, 2019, Regular Agenda is a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between San Diego County LAFCO and Riverside County LAFCO regarding approval responsibilities for a multi-County reorganization involving Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD), Fallbrook Public Utilities District (FPUD), Rainbow Municipal Water District (RMWD) and the San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA). The MOU outlines the steps for processing anticipated applications pertaining to the potential detachment of FPUD and RMWD from the SDCWA; annexation of these districts into EMWD's service area; and the modification of EMWD's Sphere of Influence (SOI) to comport with the annexations.

Under the proposed MOU, these applications would be processed with San Diego County LAFCO leading the effort and Riverside County LAFCO in a consultation role. EMWD supports this processing structure and the MOU, and looks forward to working closely with San Diego LAFCO on its analysis and consideration EMWD's SOI change and the and the detachments and annexations contemplated by FPUD and RMWD.

Sincerely,

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General Manager

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