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Chair Dianne Jacob
San Diego County Local Agency Formation Commission
9335 Hazard Way, Suite 200
San Diego, CA 92123

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RE: Support for Water Authority Approach to Fallbrook/Rainbow Detachment Proposal

Dear Chair Jacob,

On May 28, 2020, the San Diego County Water Authority's Board of Directors voted to support a comprehensive evaluation of the impacts of detachment proposals by the Fallbrook and Rainbow water districts. That assessment by San Diego LAFCO should include financial, water supply reliability, governmental, and environmental impacts, and ensure that the public and all affected agencies have a meaningful and balanced opportunity to engage in the evaluation process.

I am writing in support of the Water Authority's position on this matter, which is to oppose detachment by Rainbow and Fallbrook unless:

- a. It can be determined by what means Rainbow and Fallbrook can guarantee that all obligations as promised to their own ratepayers are met;
- b. It can be demonstrated that detachment will not adversely affect other Water Authority member agencies and San Diego County as a region financially or environmentally;
- c. It can be demonstrated that detachment and then annexation into Riverside County's Eastern Municipal Water District will not increase reliance on the Bay-Delta; and
- d. It can be demonstrated that detachment will not result in a diminution of the Water Authority's voting power at MWD to represent the interests of all San Diego County ratepayers and property owners.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,


Mayor Alejandra Sotelo-Solis
City of National City

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