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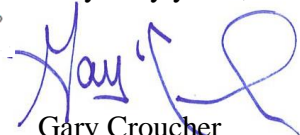
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Dear Mr. Simonds:

As you know, I am Vice Chair of the Board of Directors at the Water Authority, and also President of the Otay Water District Board of Directors. I am now in receipt of multiple letters from the applicants' counsel complaining about my August comments to LAFCO regarding the LAFCO proceeding of a few years ago in which a merger of Fallbrook and Rainbow was being considered -- a merger that would have saved their ratepayers millions of dollars per year. I stand by my comments as to the importance of the past LAFCO proceeding for review of the pending applications, and I believe it is very telling that now Fallbrook and Rainbow are making concerted efforts to downplay the prior proceeding and to keep that information from the current Commissioners. Ms. de Sousa, counsel for Fallbrook and echoing the earlier letter from Rainbow counsel at Nossaman, states that I am creating "fabrications," and that the prior proceeding is irrelevant.

Not so. Indeed, knowledge of the details of the prior proceeding is extremely relevant for understanding where Fallbrook and Rainbow are today, and will show that my references to the key documents in that proceeding are correct. The concerted attempts to now downplay the prior proceedings from just a few years ago will not be successful. Next week the Water Authority will be filing a Response that presents key facts about the prior proceeding, and how various statements and actions in that earlier LAFCO action have direct relevance to this current matter. Of course, I fully expect the Commission to keep an open mind and to judge matters on the evidence, and not off the paid rhetoric of attorneys. That is why this letter is coming to you from me directly. Please forward this communication to the Commission and to the Advisory Committee. Thank you.

Very truly yours,


Gary Croucher
Board Vice Chair

cc via email:

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