



THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT  
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

*Office of the General Counsel*

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**VIA EMAIL**

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Re: April 29, 2021 Correspondence

Dear Mr. Hattam:

The second portion of your April 29, 2021 letter to me commented on Chairwoman Gloria Gray's letter to Director Michael Hogan regarding communications between Metropolitan and San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA) concerning San Diego Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) applications. The Chairwoman has requested that I respond. I have separately responded to the first portion of your letter regarding the issues you raised regarding the Metropolitan Draft Urban Water Management Plan.

With regard to the ongoing exchange of correspondence relating to the LAFCO applications of Rainbow Municipal Water District and Fallbrook Public Utilities District, the following facts are important:

Regardless of the ultimate determination by LAFCO, there will be no change in Metropolitan's service area.

The demand for water will not be changed by the proposed reorganization.

Both Eastern MWD and SDCWA have a diverse portfolio of water supplies. Statements regarding a purported impact on Metropolitan over the long term as a result of the ultimate determination by LAFCO are speculative, especially because the annual deliveries at issue amount to approximately 21 *thousand* acre feet. In recent decades, Metropolitan delivered 1.4 to 1.9 *million* acre-feet per year.

Because Metropolitan's service area will not be impacted by the LAFCO decision, assertions regarding any potential impact on Metropolitan are a

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distraction and irrelevant to an objective analysis by LAFCO of the impact on the involved parties.

Metropolitan had no part in the initiation of the LAFCO applications;  
Metropolitan remains agnostic as to the ultimate determination by LAFCO.

It is Metropolitan's hope that the pending LAFCO applications will not continue to be a basis for the debate of issues not germane to the process.

Sincerely,



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