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Hi Sandy –

Thank you for taking my call yesterday evening.

I want to follow up on our discussion and reiterate the intention of the May 12th retweet by LAFCO staff was to simply connect the social media discussion on Fallbrook/Rainbow proposals to our recent Ad Hoc meeting. This said, I take your concerns seriously and directed staff to send out a [clarifying tweet](#) earlier this morning to make clear of our intention and amplification we are not endorsing or otherwise favoring a Rainbow/Fallbrook position. This action addresses one of the requests made by Ms. Lawson in her letter to LAFCO yesterday for an explanation regarding the retweet itself. I will respectfully pass on the remainder of Ms. Lawson’s letter and associated requests/demands. Most notably, I do not believe removing the retweet is merited since doing so would seemingly validate an otherwise misplaced assertion that LAFCO staff was/is endorsing the Fallbrook/Rainbow position; instead – and as amplified in our clarifying tweet this morning – the aim was/is to connect interested members of the public to the Ad Hoc Committee. I also believe it would be reasonable for the Water Authority to assume LAFCO staff will process the proposals in a neutral and unbiased manner without – as Ms. Lawson requests – making special public assurances. The suggestion otherwise (i.e. staff is biased) is disconcerting to me and my nearly 20 years of being a LAFCO EO. I will assume for my own benefit that this is not the suggestion intended by Ms. Lawson.

All said, I hope you accept my explanation for the retweet as requested and the clarification therein provides resolution on the topic.

Keene

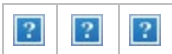
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