



Agenda Item 5c

Municipal Service Review on the Fallbrook Region

Final Report

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LAFCO & Municipal Service Reviews (MSRs)

OVERVIEW

- Local Agency Formation Commissions (LAFCOs) were established in 1963 and are political subdivisions of the State of California responsible for providing regional growth management services in all 58 counties.
- Independently evaluate services with three outcomes in mind:
 - Serve as an informational resource to the general public
 - Inform LAFCO's associated tasks to update all cities and special districts' spheres of influence every five years
 - Produce directly or indirectly – boundary changes and/or other local government changes – like creating and consolidating special districts

SAN DIEGO COUNTY
LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION



RAMONA REGION
Municipal Service Review | Government Code 56430

Affected Agencies
Ramona Municipal Water District

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Spotlighting Four Local Agencies

Fallbrook Public Utility District (PUD)

Formed June 1922

- 33,986 residents
- Active Service Functions: Potable Water, Wastewater, and Recycled Water

Rainbow Municipal Water District (MWD)

Formed January 1954

- 22,130 residents
- Active Service Functions: Potable Water and Wastewater

North County Fire Protection District (FPD)

Formed January 1987

- 53,003 residents
- Active Service Functions: Fire Protection, Emergency Medical, Ambulance Transport, Hazardous Materials Response, and Weed Abatement

County Service Area (CSA) No. 81

Formed in 1976

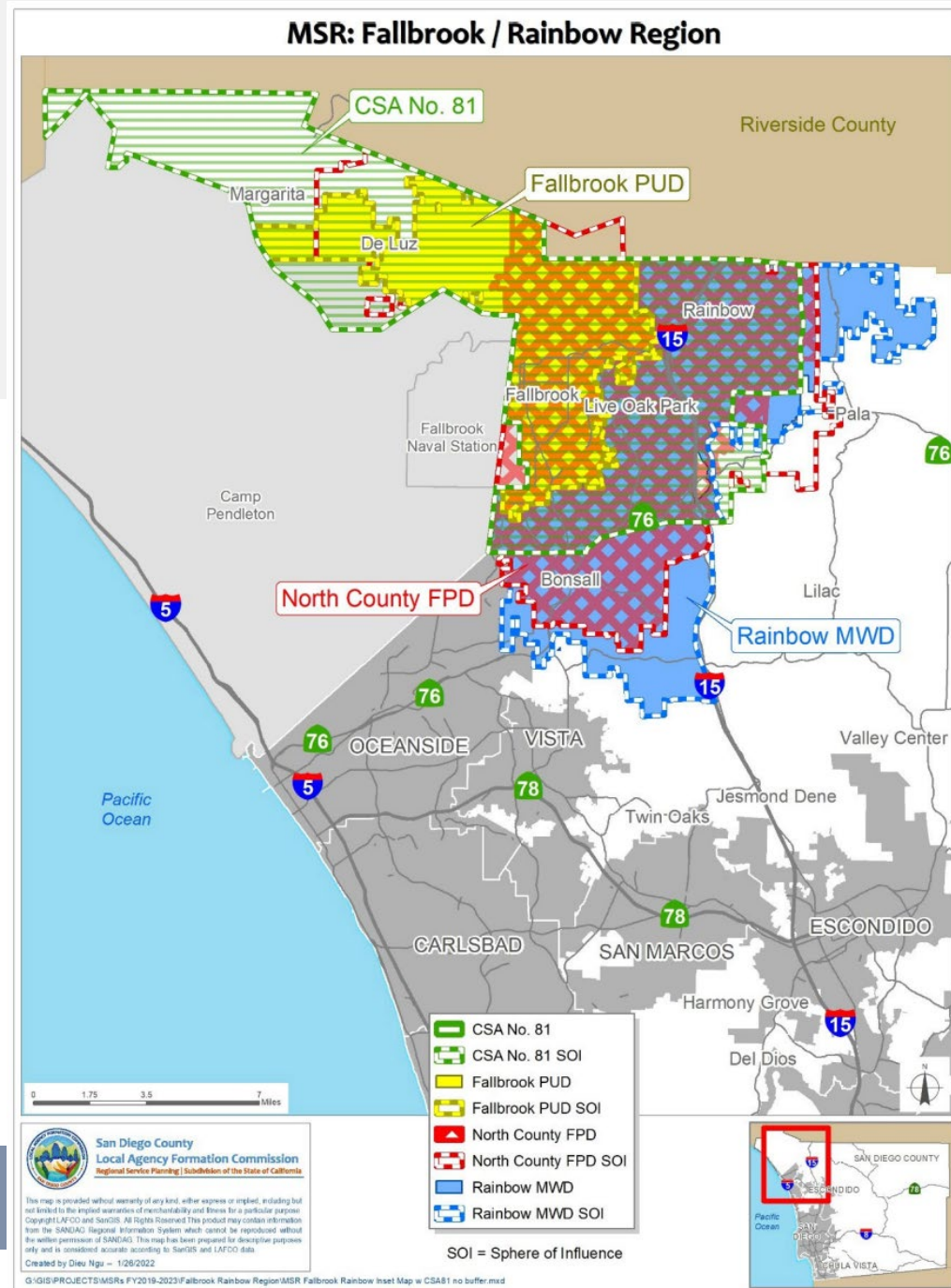
- 49,085 residents
- Active Service Functions: Parks and Recreation



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Key Conclusions

- No. 1 | Introductory Municipal Service Review
- No. 2 | Slow and Steady Consolidation of Local Government
- No. 3 | Avocados' Influence in the Region
- No. 4 | Growth is Happening
- No. 5 | Distinguishing Gray, Green, and Blue (Collar) Demographics
- No. 6 | Adequate and Excess Municipal Service Capacities
- No. 7 | Stress-Testing is Underway
- No. 8 | The Unknown Case for Incorporating Fallbrook
- No. 9 | Reorganizations are on the Mind of Locals



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Recommendations

- **No. 2...** The estimated loss of nearly (one-fifth) of avocado acreage in the Fallbrook region should be explored as part of LAFCO's current two-year planning grant with the State of California to independently assess agricultural trends in San Diego County.
- **No. 9...** Opportunities for additional consolidations in the Fallbrook region appear notionally plausible. However, the timing does not appear imminent nor otherwise merit initiation by San Diego LAFCO at this time.
- **No. 13...** San Diego LAFCO should proceed with updating and affirming – with no changes – Fallbrook PUD, Rainbow MWD, and CSA 81's spheres of influence upon completion of the MSR.



THANK YOU!

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS?