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RE: Prospectus Document on Rainbow MWD and Fallbrook PUD Detachment

Mr. Simonds,


I have had an opportunity to review the prospectus document on the proposed detachment of Rainbow MWD and Fallbrook PUD that was recently released by LAFCO. I wanted to provide LAFCO with my perspective on the matter.

I have been a long time farmer and am President of Del Rey Avocado, the largest avocado packing house in the region. Over the years, the ever increasing cost of water has had an enormous impact on growers in our area. Water cost is a primary driver in whether growers in this area can stay in business or not, so anything that can help control those costs will have a direct benefit to these operations. Controlling water costs may be the only way some of these operations survive into the future.

The loss of thousands of acres of groves in our region has many negative impacts. Apart from the economic impact of the loss of groves for the workers and owners of these groves, each successive parcel full of dead trees further erodes the fabric of our community.

While I can't speak for every grower in the region, I do know that anything that can help slow the increase in water costs will be hugely beneficial to retaining agriculture in our region.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.


Bob Lucy
President *EMERITAS*
Del Rey Avocado