

May 19, 2023  
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Honorable Commissioners  
San Diego Local Agency Formation Commission  
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RE: Detachment of Rainbow Municipal Water District ("RMWD") from San Diego County Water Authority ("SDCWA")

Dear Commissioners:

I am a resident of Fallbrook and a customer of RMWD. I wish to show my support for the proposed detachment of RMWD from SDCWA and to respectfully ask that you approve same WITHOUT an exit fee.

You are well aware of the arguments in favor of this detachment. The cost savings is of huge importance for agriculture, seniors and others living on limited incomes, RMWD who needs money desperately to replace and expand an ancient infrastructure, etc. The tremendous benefits that could occur seem to more than outweigh the loss of a minor part of SDCWA's income, especially when SDCWA did not spend that income for the benefit of this area. This may be simplistic, but it appears that this is the cost/benefit analysis that you have to consider. If there is any doubt in your minds what your constituents and the ratepayers of this district want, that is all the more reason to put it to a vote of the people.

An exit fee of the magnitude suggested in your staff report dated May 2023 seems to be in actuality a penalty. It unfairly rewards SDCWA for the operational neglect and lack of service benefits for RMWD that others in San Diego County enjoy. Further, if SDCWA had shown better stewardship of its resources such that huge rate increases had not occurred, you might not have had this detachment request before you. Please do not penalize the ratepayers of RMWD for trying to survive.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
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