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**To:** Mumpower, Priscilla <Priscilla.Mumpower@sdcounty.ca.gov>  
**Cc:** Tom Kennedy GM RMWD <tkennedy@rainbowmwd.com>  
**Subject:** [External] Proposed Reorganizations Fallbrook PUD and Rainbow MWD

Dear Ms. Mumpower,

I am a residential customer of Rainbow Municipal Water District and have been for ten years. We currently pay \$5.00 for every 100 CF (748 gallons) of water used plus a monthly fixed charge of \$69.20. It is doubtful that anywhere else in the country pays higher costs for water delivered from a public utility. It is a rare circumstance that any water utility customer has an option to change water suppliers (either retail or wholesale). Now, the customers of Fallbrook PUD and Rainbow MWD have an opportunity to reduce the wholesale cost of water to each district. It is understood that some of the cost savings would be offset by paying exit fees to SDCWA if staff recommended Option 2 is approved. While the paying of any exit fee is disagreeable to Fallbrook and Rainbow customers, it is understandable that SDCWA would want to protect their rate base and not want to lose Fallbrook and Rainbow. However, some of SDCWA proposed costs for the reorganization have been excessively obstructive to the desires of Fallbrook and Rainbow customers to simply want to have a lower cost of water. This does not seem proper or in the spirit of good government practice.

My written comments submitted for inclusion into the agenda packet are as follows...

*I appreciate the thoughtful consideration that SDLAFCO staff has given this proposal and I urge the Commission to approve the proposed reorganization and let the voters of Fallbrook and Rainbow ultimately decide.*

*Sincerely,*

*Steven Smith, P.E.*

*Water Manager, City of Orange, Ca. (Retired)*

*Rainbow MWD Customer and 10 year Fallbrook resident.*