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**Re: Fallbrook PUD & Rainbow MWD Wholesaler Reorganization (2020)
(RO20-04; RO20-05)**

Dear Mr Keene Simonds,
I first went to the Riverside LAFCO board meeting to voice my concerns on the sphere of influence change of Eastern Municipal Water Company. I later learned that the previously seated board of Riverside LAFCO credit your agency with the task of a final decision. I hope you will consider my objection as one of the stakeholders impacted by your decision to allow Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD) AKA Eastern Municipal Water District Facilities Corporation (EMWDFC) to broaden their Boasted 555 square miles sphere of influence to include property in San Diego County.

I am a neighbor 150 foot away from the EMWD and EMWDFC (Eastern) Sewer water processing facility, processed sewer water storage facility, Equipment stock yard, Corporate Campus, Waste soil stockpile dumping site, Transite pipe sorting stockpile, and Employee parking facility. This former low density residential and agricultural land was consumed via eminent domain to accommodate the wishes of Eastern corporate managers. The area was known as Romola Farms later to become known as Romoland. Romoland is an unincorporated city of Riverside County. Any expansion in Eastern sphere of influence will cause an increase in activity and construction in my neighborhood and further create urban sprawl. Re-organizing boundaries must consider original boundary creation which gave consideration to the maximum need for growth of that Spere of Influences. Eastern has not acted as a good neighbor and quite the bully with typical bully tactics. I believe Eastern will make little attempt to return our community to any resemblance of a residential agricultural area and only further condemn our right to live well. I believe Eastern will do the same to our neighbors in Fallbrook and Rainbow.

In a conversation with employee managers at Rainbow Municipal Water District (RMWD) and Fallbrook Public Utilities District (FPUD) I was told that the relationship will be only in the capacity of wholesale supplier reducing rates to resident ratepayers. Several people offered that there will be absolutely no change in where the water was processed or originated. This may be the fact on the surface but after reading Eastern Urban Water Management plan, each supplier is obligated to efficiency of wholesale customers usage under SBX7-7. One of Eastern great achievements in Western Riverside County is reuse of sewer water and desalination of ground water reserves otherwise unfit to use. Won't be long before a flush in Romoland will cause solids removed, chemicals added then sent to a pipeline dug in San Diego property consumed by Eastern eminent domain acquisition rights you are poised to allow. I can be contacted to give you many examples of how Eastern acts to the public they now hold a legal monopoly over. I plan to post some examples on our community website EMWDN.org

Here is hope you feel an obligation to research intention, influence, and ambition of EMWD quasi municipal organization and EMWDFC quasi corporate organization before you rely on a memorandum-of-understanding with a two year term dated 2019. Here is hope you research the impact this boundary SOI has on the existing boundary our Riverside LAFCO considered with respect to their attempt to avoid urban sprawl. Here is hope you refuse any changes in the Spere of Influence if you find immediate or future impact or find Riverside LAFCO and the newly seated board should have a bigger part in the obligation to the public of both counties.

Thank you for taking the time read this letter and for your anticipated investigation of the matters of concern.

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