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Jack Bebee
Fallbrook Public Utility District
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Tom Kennedy
Rainbow Municipal Water District
3707 Old Highway 395
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Dear Jack and Tom,

On behalf of the Fallbrook Land Conservancy (FLC), I am pleased to inform you that our board of directors voted on March 1, 2023 to support the joint efforts of the Fallbrook Public Utility District and the Rainbow Municipal Water District to detach from the San Diego County Water Authority, and begin purchasing water from the Eastern Municipal Water District.

The rising cost of water has made it extremely difficult for agricultural producers to continue operations, leaving many farms fallow. In addition, residents' budgets are strained trying to keep pace with water costs. These factors are detrimental to Fallbrook's rural lifestyle and character, negatively affecting the entire community.

The Fallbrook and Rainbow districts governing boards' position, which FLC supports, includes the following:

1. LAFCO, the Local Agency Formation Commission, should approve the applications of Fallbrook PUD and Rainbow MWD.
2. The vote, required by law, should be held in accordance with law—permitting the respective voters of Fallbrook PUD and Rainbow MWD to decide for themselves whether to remain in the Water Authority or not.
3. Given the past investments made by Fallbrook PUD and Rainbow MWD ratepayers to fund infrastructure that will continue to benefit other Water Authority agencies, there should be no additional ongoing payments from Fallbrook PUD and Rainbow MWD ratepayers to the Water Authority.

By switching to Eastern, we are hopeful that water costs will stabilize in the years ahead. Please let me know if we can be of any assistance.

Susan Liebes

Chairman of the Board of Directors
Fallbrook Land Conservancy

