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San Diego LAFCO Commissioners
Keene Simonds, Executive Officer
San Diego County Local Agency Formation Commission
2550 Fifth Avenue, Suite 725
San Diego, CA 92103

RE: Reorganization Applications of Fallbrook and Rainbow Public Hearing June 5, 2023

Dear San Diego LAFCO Commissioners,

On behalf of the First District of the County of San Diego, I write in opposition to the proposed reorganization filed by Fallbrook Public Utility District (PUD) and Rainbow Municipal Water District (MWD) from the San Diego County Water Authority to Eastern MWD in Riverside County. LAFCO plays a vital role in coordinating local government boundaries changes by reorganization and annexation. I am concerned about the long-term impacts this detachment will have for our local region and ratepayers that are serviced by the San Diego County Water Authority.

The impacts of this proposal will hit our low-income environmental justice communities the hardest, who will feel the financial increase of the detachment. The San Diego County Water Authority is currently addressing climate change and affordability topics, however, the proposed reorganization of Fallbrook and Rainbow will further exacerbate these issues. The proposed reorganization is not the solution and is inconsistent with the need for more regional integration of local, state, and federal planning processes. For these reasons, I urge my fellow Commissioners to oppose the detachment from the San Diego County Water Authority.

Sincerely,

Nora Vargas, Chairwoman
First District Supervisor