

From: Brett Sanders
Sent: Friday, July 7, 2023 12:01 PM
To: Simonds,Keene <Keene.Simonds@sdcounty.ca.gov>
Subject: [External] Fallbrook and Rainbow Detachment Comment

Hello Mr. Simonds,

I am concerned that LAFCO could make this momentous decision without ensuring the accuracy of the costs of detaching from the Water Authority or allowing residents countywide to vote on this proposal.

Like everything else, costs related to water supplies – such as treatment and energy costs – have significantly increased since LAFCO gathered its data. In addition, the LAFCO data doesn't reflect the fact that the financial impacts of detachment will continue far beyond LAFCO's five-year horizon, which does not reflect the actual lifespan of water infrastructure or the debt used to finance it.

The net effect is that while the LAFCO staff recommendation includes an exit fee of about \$4.8 million a year for five years, that isn't close to covering the actual costs that will be shifted to residents elsewhere in the county.

I respectfully request that LAFCO:

- Take the appropriate time to conduct an updated financial and environmental analyses that reflect the current financial and economic environment
- Require Fallbrook and Rainbow to fully cover their costs so they don't unfairly shift the burden to the rest of the region's water ratepayers.
- Review the ability of affected San Diego County residents be given the opportunity to vote on the proposal.

Respectfully,

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