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To: Sellen, Erica A
Subject: [External] Today's LAFCO Commissioners meeting

Erica and LAFCO Commissioners,

For many years our growers, businesses and residents have felt our water prices in Fallbrook have been extremely high. Unfairly high. As a ten-year resident we were surprised and dismayed when we initially moved here to see growers routinely letting their crops wither in late summer. Only later did we learn that rather than pay the high rates leveled by the San Diego Water Authority many chose to let their current crops perish.

We have also since learned that significant infrastructure costs are a big driver of these unfair prices. We never fully understood why our water bill would list actual water charges at only 30-35% of our bill. The balance is referred to as overhead, service charges, capital improvement charges or fixed charges. Now we know we are paying for SD infrastructure development that does not benefit us. No wonder the SD mayor has now stated this move will cost \$200M for the balance of SD ratepayers. Their golden goose has seen the light.

A final point is we know it's within our legal right to leave our current water district. We are pretty sure it's still allowed in this country to follow and act on what the law allows.

Based on the above, as well as the past 3+ years of discussions, today we urge the Commissioners to approve this move for the Fallbrook and Rainbow Water District to the Riverside County district.

Thank you.

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