



August 25, 2023

Dan Denham
General Manager
San Diego County Water Authority
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Via Email

RE: LAFCO Resolution 23-12

Dear Dan,

First, I would like to congratulate you on your appointment as General Manager at SDCWA. That is a significant accomplishment for anyone in the water industry.

Though SDCWA initiated litigation related to the detachment process is underway, I am sure that you agree that the continued provision of safe, reliable water to our customers is a shared priority of our two agencies. In several meetings with you and your staff over the last several months I have asked to commence discussion about some practical matters related to the detachment. At each point the response is that SDCWA will not entertain such discussions.

While I know that SDCWA opposes the matter, the Commission has approved the detachment and established timelines for completion. Neither of us know exactly how the courts will react to SDCWA's lawsuit so I am formally requesting that you authorize discussions on the following topics:

- Planning efforts for the mechanics of the transfer of operational control of MWD turnout structures to EMWD. This would involve my Operations staff as well as yours and EMWD's.
- A discussion related to the long-planned connection between the Weese Filtration Plant owned by the City of Oceanside that resides in Rainbow's southern service area including the terms for wheeling water to the plant post-detachment.
- A discussion of the exact timing of Rainbow's full detachment based on our need to complete our pump stations to achieve 100% service from our MWD connections.

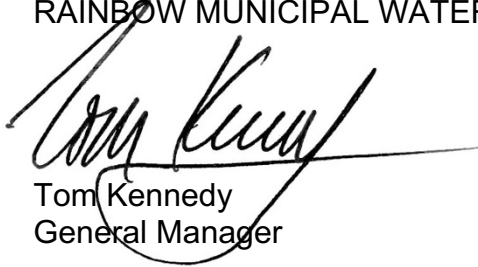
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I hope that the fact that there is active litigation will not become a barrier to having these dialogs. The residents and businesses in our service area and other SDCWA member agencies such as Oceanside are counting on us to continue working together despite the litigation.

Again, congratulations on your appointment and I look forward to commencing the discussions mentioned above within the next few weeks.

Sincerely,

RAINBOW MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Kennedy", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right. The signature is written over the printed name and title below it.

Tom Kennedy
General Manager

cc: Keene Simonds, Executive Officer, San Diego LAFCO
Alfred Smith, General Counsel, Rainbow MWD