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Mr. Keene Simonds
Executive Officer
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Re: Fallbrook PUD & Rainbow MWD Wholesaler Reorganization (2020) (RO20-04: RO20-05)

Dear Mr. Simonds:

Vallecitos Water District is a member agency of the San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA). As such, the proposed subject actions have the potential to affect Vallecitos and its customers. We would encourage LAFCO to take a close look at the proposed actions and perform the analyses necessary to ensure all impacts associated with the proposed detachments are understood and the actions are undertaken in compliance with all applicable laws.

Although Vallecitos supports each member agencies' rights to take actions that are in the best interests of its ratepayers, those actions have impacts on the agencies that will remain as members of SDCWA. Investments have been made on behalf of all existing member agencies in the areas of capital improvements, water supply procurement, water storage and other operational areas.

It is our understanding that the LAFCO Advisory Committee has recommended that independent consultants be retained to address the topics of Water Supply Reliability; Ratepayer Impacts; and Potential Departure Fees. Vallecitos strongly supports those recommendations and asks that no decisions regarding the proposed detachments be made before that work is completed. These detachments will generate considerable discussion and it would be helpful to have the results of impartial analyses to minimize what could otherwise be a battle of dueling financial experts from SDCWA, Rainbow and Fallbrook.

At this time, Vallecitos has not taken a formal position on the proposed detachments and looks forward to the results from the independent consultants.

Thank you for your consideration,

Glenn Pruim
General Manager
Vallecitos Water District