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On behalf of the Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce, I am writing to ask for your support to help protect our community character and agriculture.

As you are aware, water costs have skyrocketed across San Diego County in recent years. In fact, over the past decade, water costs from the San Diego County Water Authority have increased an average of 8 percent per year. Unfortunately, those costs are expected to continue rising, ultimately affecting agriculture and rural areas.

These increases have had a detrimental impact on Fallbrook and Rainbow, including our residents, our business owners, and our important agricultural industry.

Both the Fallbrook Public Utility District and Rainbow Municipal Water District water districts have submitted applications to the San Diego Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) seeking to change suppliers from the San Diego County Water Authority to the Eastern Municipal Water District.

By purchasing our water from the Eastern Municipal Water District instead of the San Diego County Water Authority, the Fallbrook and Rainbow Municipal Water District will save approximately \$7.6 million a year and Eastern Municipal Water District has stated they can meet our communities' long-term water needs, which is especially important to our agricultural industry. In fact, LAFCO staff has independently verified that Eastern Municipal Water District has a reliable supply of water.

The Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce voted to support the change from the San Diego County Water Authority to Eastern Municipal Water District in 2020, 2021 and again in 2022.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lila MacDonald", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Lila MacDonald