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Subject: [External] Fallbrook/Rainbow Detachment

To: San Diego LAFCO Commissioners

Attn: Priscilla Mumpower (priscilla.mumpower@sdcounty.ca.gov)

RE: Fallbrook (FPUD) & Rainbow (RWMD) Detachment from San Diego County Water Authority

Dear LAFCO Commissioners:

My name is Don McDougal. I am a Director at the Fallbrook Public Utility District and more importantly, a resident and owner of the Grand Tradition Estate and Gardens a local business in Fallbrook for over 39 years.

I ask you today to do what is fair and equitable for our community that has been plagued by excessive water rates for far too many years. These rates have serious implications to our business and the local economy of our community which is mostly agricultural. Fallbrook has paid into infrastructure to the SDCWA without being able to reap the benefits of these funds and is now being asked to pay a detachment fee to separate from the SDCWA which is allowed by law. This is unfair and unreasonable.

Many state that this detachment will cost other San Diego County ratepayers if this is allowed but do not consider the savings these ratepayers have received from Fallbrook and Rainbow paying for their infrastructure over the years.

Without agriculture, Fallbrook becomes another bedroom community and without the jobs created by agriculture we risk high unemployment, and loss of tax revenue greatly needed in the community.

This should be a decision made by Fallbrook/Rainbow ratepayers and not by others in the county that have selfish motives without concern for our ratepayers.

I strongly ask that you do the right, fair and legal thing and vote to allow Fallbrook and Rainbow to detach from the San Diego County Water Authority.