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August 4, 2025

Mr. Keene Simonds
Executive Officer
San Diego Local Agency Formation Commission
2550 Fifth Avenue, Suite 725
San Diego, CA 92103

Subject: Wastewater Services for the Valiano Project

Dear Keene,

Rincon appreciates the opportunity to comment on the proposal to authorize the City of Escondido to provide contract wastewater services to the Valiano project.

As noted in the agenda report, Rincon submitted a letter to LAFCO staff earlier in this administrative review, confirming that we are also capable of serving this development using the wastewater treatment system we assumed from the County of San Diego in 2018. That transfer was made at the County's request and approved by LAFCO, with the expectation that Rincon's service footprint would expand over time as new development came online, helping to spread operational costs and improve efficiency.

To date, that anticipated expansion has not materialized, and our service area remains largely unchanged.

While we do not object to the proposed contract for Escondido to serve Valiano, Rincon respectfully reminds the Commission of its prior commitment, stemming from the last municipal service review, to take a broader look at wastewater and recycled water responsibilities in the region. A holistic, coordinated approach will help ensure both Rincon and the City can plan effectively and deliver reliable, affordable service to current and future residents without unnecessary conflict or waste.

Sincerely,

Clint R. Baze
General Manager