

LAFCO Votes to Approve Detachment with Exit Fee

The San Diego Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) met for a public hearing on July 10, to approve detachment of Rainbow Municipal Water District (RMWD) and Fallbrook Public Utility District (FPUD) from the San Diego Water Authority (SDCWA) to the Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD) in Riverside County.

LAFCO was presented with several exit fee options, ranging from no fee to \$125 million for 10 years. The Commission voted 5-3 in favor of detachment, with an exit fee of \$62.9 million paid over five years and credit of \$38.6 million. The total exit fee equals to \$24.3 million or \$4.9 million annually.

What are the Next Steps?

A vote will be scheduled in the future for RMWD and FPUD ratepayers. More information on the detachment will be made available and shared as details unfold. Thank you to our community members for sharing their stories and opinions on the detachment.

Know Before You Dig

Summer is here and home improvement projects are underway for many property owners. Before starting those projects, remember the underground utility lines below the surface of our roadways, along sidewalks, and private property that may be damaged or cause injury during a dig.

If you are excavating even for the smallest of areas, follow these steps:



Mark your area to dig with a small flag or outline with paint.



Contact 811 or visit digalert.org to request a Dig Alert two business days before a project start.



Wait for a site visit from Dig Alert before putting a shovel in the ground.

Take advantage of these free services to prevent damage and protect your safety before your next dig.

Become a Committee Member

Make a difference in your community by joining one of the three public committees: Budget & Finance, Engineering & Operations, or Customer Service & Communication. As a committee member, you will give valuable feedback and collaborate with members to help shape water management in your community. Committees meet monthly at the RMWD office and are volunteer positions. Past committee members have moved on to serve on the RMWD Board of Directors.



Take Action and Join a Committee

For more information about serving as a committee member contact: Dawn Washburn, Board Secretary, (760) 728-1178.

Water Efficiency is the Wave of the Future

The rain finally arrived this year, and water conservation efforts shifted. What does this mean for us, and how do we move forward with water use? Water conservation efforts are less urgent than last year, but efficient water use is always the path to prepare us for future periods of limited water supply. Even minor adjustments help sustain water in our community when agriculture and residential ratepayers use water efficiently.



Take advantage of the following water-efficient programs available in the District:

- Install Flume, a smart water monitoring system that sends electronic notifications to track usage, detect leaks, and reduce water waste. The District offers a discounted rate to purchase the Flume device with self-installation in less than 10 minutes.

For more info visit:

<https://tinyurl.com/3wupk4zw>

- Evaluate landscaping and identify areas for reducing or minimizing water usage. The County of San Diego Waterscape Rebate Program offers a variety of options to reduce

water use by installing drip irrigation systems, upgrading plantings to native and low-water plants, and installing rain barrels to capture rain.

Jump start water savings and apply for a rebate at:

<https://tinyurl.com/4vbj736a>

- Consider whether changing out one agricultural crop for another is right for you. The CropSWAP is a crop conversion program designed to replace high-water-use groves with a water-saving crop or more efficient avocado rootstock reduce

costs and water usage for farmers. The grant-funded program has been successful for Rancho Water, and we are seeking interest from our ratepayers for future participation in a regional expansion of their program.

Visit our website to sign up for the interest list:

<https://tinyurl.com/3kdtfx36>



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More About
These Programs

Rate Changes

The board approved the water and sewer rate increases to take effect on July 1. The new rates will be reflected in the August billing cycle. For more information on water rates, rate sheets and to view the rate study report, please visit: <https://www.rainbowmwd.com/water-rates>

We Want to Hear From You

Take the one-minute online survey and give feedback on your water service experience. The survey will allow the District to plan and identify important issues to better serve the community.



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