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## AN IMPORTANT UPDATE ABOUT OUR DETACHMENT PROPOSAL:

**The day we've been waiting for is closely approaching!**

On **June 5, 2023** the San Diego Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) will be considering the Rainbow Municipal Water District (Rainbow MWD) proposal to detach from the San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA) and annex to the Eastern MWD (Riverside County) for purposes of changing wholesale water suppliers. The proposal aims to achieve cost savings to the District and our ratepayers based on the difference in charges between the two wholesalers.

Rainbow MWD applied with San Diego LAFCO to make the wholesaler switch in March 2020. While the process to get to a LAFCO vote has taken longer than anticipated, we remain hopeful that LAFCO will approve the proposal and allow YOU, the voters in our Districts to have the final say through a special election.

The voice of our community matters! We want LAFCO commissioners to hear the opinions of our agricultural community and our residential and commercial ratepayers. Members of the public can submit written comments by mail or email. Comments received by **May 22, 2023** will be included in the final document for action at the LAFCO public hearing. The final report will be posted online on May 29, 2023. All documents related to the application can be found at:

<https://www.sdlafco.org/resources/major-proposals/fallbrook-pud-rainbow-mwd-wholesaler-reorganization-2020>

### Comment by Mail:

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**Subject line** "Written Comment on Fallbrook & Rainbow Proposals: [Sender's Name]."



\*\*All Public Welcome\*\*

### LAFCO PUBLIC HEARING

**MONDAY JUNE 5, 2023, 8:00 am**

**LOCATION: County of San Diego Administration Center**

1600 Pacific Highway, Board Chambers, San Diego, California



# Cost-Saving Opportunity for Local Farmers

Farming has never been easy and it's certainly not easy right now. We recognize the challenges you - our growers - face every day with the rising cost of water, energy, labor, more stringent state regulations, foreign competition and fluctuating markets.

That's why Rainbow Municipal District (RMWD) collaborated with Mission Resource Conservation District (MRCDD), the U.S. Department of Agriculture National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), and 5 other San Diego County retail water agencies to secure federal funding to help our growers stay in business by helping you reduce water and energy costs.

**How are we doing this?** Through the Fiscal Year 2021 Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP), which makes funding available to RMWD agricultural customers and other qualifying San Diego County growers to implement on-farm soil and water conservation/water management practices and install water and energy savings equipment. To date, over \$576,000 has gone to assist San Diego area growers with on-site irrigation efficiency improvements through the FY17 RCPP.

The process starts with a FREE Irrigation System Efficiency Evaluation by MRCDD. Qualifying growers may then apply for financial assistance from USDA-NRCS to implement conservation practices. Due to the success of the coalition led by RMWD and MRCDD in securing federal funding, Rainbow MWD farmers who qualify can receive preferential access to USDA-NRCS program funding, essentially moving them to the top of the list for federal assistance!

For more information on this program and funding opportunity: Contact MRCDD. Their able staff will help you understand the program and determine what is best for you and your business.



760-728-1332 or [www.missionrcd.org](http://www.missionrcd.org)

## YOUR FEEDBACK IS IMPORTANT TO US!

Your feedback can help us improve your water services! Completing our customer survey can help us identify what issues are most important to you, making your experience with us better. The survey takes about 1 minute to complete. You can use your phone camera to scan the QR code below and it will take you directly to the survey.

Use the CAMERA app on your mobile device to scan the QR code directly to the survey.



## Thank you Bonsall High School STEM Students!

On April 27, 2023, a group of Bonsall High School STEM students participated in a field trip to our headquarters facilities. The participants engaged in learning activities that explored the various STEM careers in the water industry, including engineering, water quality, meter services, information technology, and finance.

A special thank you to the Bonsall High School staff members, **Crystal Dence** and **Ryan Benedict**, who partnered with us to coordinate this successful event!

