

## Detachment Update

### LAFCO June Meeting

Tom Kennedy, General Manager of Rainbow Municipal Water District (RMWD) and members of the community attended the San Diego Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) meeting on Monday, June 5.

Mr. Kennedy spoke about the efforts of the RMWD and Fallbrook Public Utility District (FPUD) to detach from the San Diego Water Authority (SDCWA), and the impact the vote will have on cost and service needs for rate payers. Members of the community gave informative and passionate comments in favor of the detachment effort.

Mr. Kennedy presented key points on how there will be no regional impacts to other agencies for five years and after the impact is less than 2%. He emphasized the urgency for the detachment and the direct influence on the agricultural community.

“LAFCO has an obligation to maintain the integrity of the agricultural land and protect the agricultural community,” said Kennedy.

The commission heard from several dozen members of the community and voted to table the discussion to a future meeting. They asked LAFCO staff to come back with additional options regarding exit fee amounts and timelines.

**LAFCO will be continuing the hearing and voting on July 10**



## CropSWAP Opportunity

### An Innovative Approach to Preserve Southern California's Agricultural Community

Members of Rainbow MWD attended a Rancho California Water District (Rancho Water) seminar on May 31, to learn about their initiative to expand their CropSWAP (Sustainable Water for Agriculture Production) program regionally, if there is sufficient interest from neighboring water districts. The grant funded program is designed to sustain the local agricultural community with crop conversion projects to replace high water use crops with lower use water crops.

### What is Crop Conversion?

The purpose of the CropSWAP is to help rate payers import less water to reduce costs and provide farmers with savings through a crop conversion. The CropSWAP replaces an active orchard with a minimum of two acres, to a water saving crop to reduce water costs and maintain the legacy of the agricultural area. An additional opportunity was introduced exclusively for avocado growers to replace old trees with the avocado rootstock upgrade. The rootstock of mature avocado trees are replaced with new disease-free, salt and drought tolerant rootstocks.

Rancho Water is interested in expanding the CropSWAP by partnering with surrounding water districts. Rainbow MWD is creating an interest list of local farmers who would like to learn more about the CropSWAP program and how to reduce your monthly water costs.

**Scan to Join the Interest List.**



## Drinking Water Quality Report Now Available



The District's Annual Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) is now available. This report is a snapshot of the water quality information that the District compiled in spring of 2023 based on data collected from water quality testing in 2022. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to Federal and State Standards.

The full report is available at [rainbowmwd.com/CCR](http://rainbowmwd.com/CCR), or pick up a printed copy at our office.



Scan to View the CCR

## 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.



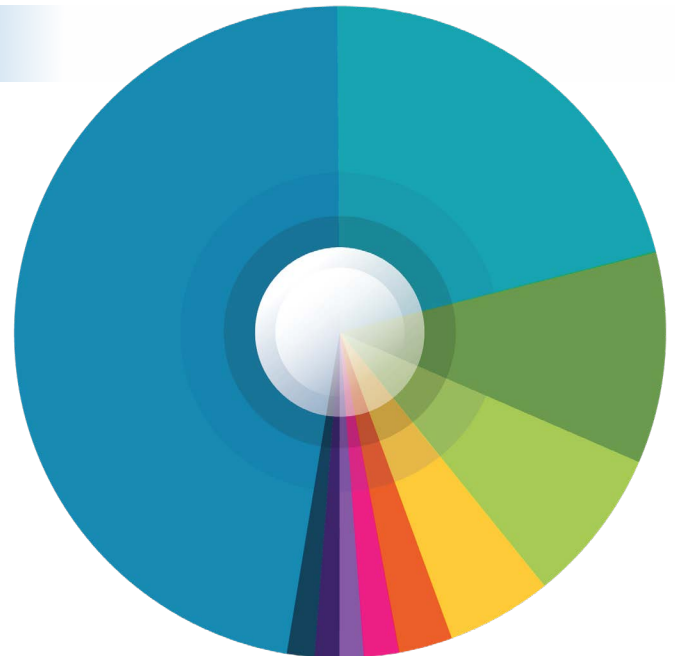
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## Where Does Your Money Go?

Let's break down the findings from a Rainbow MWD comprehensive rate study for water and wastewater conducted by an independent, third-party expert. The study provided detailed review of the District's water and wastewater costs and the rate structure needed to meet those costs to deliver safe and reliable services.

### WATER SPENDING BY CATEGORY

Water Purchases	\$23,246,652	46%
Capital Projects	\$ 9,116,249	18%
Maintenance & Supply	\$ 6,054,993	12%
Salaries	\$ 4,859,298	10%
Debt	\$ 3,077,000	6%
Benefits	\$ 1,545,956	3%
Energy Costs	\$ 1,084,510	2%
Professional Services	\$ 689,310	1%
Retirement	\$ 428,771	1%
Legal	\$ 380,310	1%
	<b>\$50,483,049</b>	<b>100%</b>



**Did You Know?** Rainbow MWD is a public agency and cannot profit from water and wastewater services. State law requires that the District's rates are determined by the cost of providing service to customers.