

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
SAN DIEGO COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY ADDRESSING
POTENTIAL DETACHMENT OF FALLBROOK PUBLIC
UTILITIES DISTRICT AND RAINBOW MUNICIPAL WATER
DISTRICT AND ANNEXATION OF THOSE DISTRICTS INTO
EASTERN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT-06

The San Diego County Water Authority (“**Water Authority**”) is a county water authority established in 1944 under the County Water Authority Act (“**Act**”), that has provided water to its member agencies throughout San Diego County since World War II.

The Fallbrook Public Utilities District (“**Fallbrook**”) was a founding member agency of the Water Authority in 1944 and Rainbow Municipal Water District (“**Rainbow**”) has been a member agency of the Water Authority since 1954.

In March 2020, Fallbrook and Rainbow filed applications with the San Diego County Local Agency Formation Commission (“**San Diego LAFCO**”) seeking detachment from the Water Authority and annexation into Riverside County’s Eastern Municipal Water District.

The proposed detachment will affect water users and ratepayers in Fallbrook and Rainbow, as well as other member agencies and their ratepayers throughout the County of San Diego.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the San Diego County Water Authority resolves the following:

1. Given the significant and unprecedented nature of the proposed detachments, and in order to protect ratepayers in Rainbow, Fallbrook, and the remainder of the Water Authority’s service area, the Water Authority recommends that San Diego LAFCO conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the impacts of the detachment proposals, including financial, water supply reliability, governmental, and environmental impacts, and ensure that the public and all affected agencies have a meaningful and balanced opportunity to engage in the evaluation process.

2. Given the Water Authority’s obligation to provide an adequate, reliable, and affordable source of water for all of San Diego County, the Water Authority will oppose detachment by Rainbow and Fallbrook unless:

a. It can be determined by what means Rainbow and Fallbrook can guarantee that all obligations as promised to their own ratepayers are met;


b. It can be demonstrated that detachment will not adversely affect other Water Authority member agencies and San Diego County as a region financially or environmentally;

c. It can be demonstrated that detachment and then annexation into Riverside County’s Eastern Municipal Water District will not increase reliance on the Bay-Delta; and

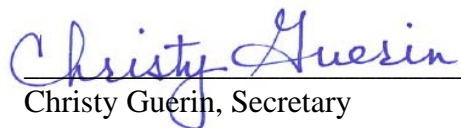
d. It can be demonstrated that detachment will not result in a diminution of the Water Authority's voting power at MWD to represent the interests of all San Diego County ratepayers and property owners.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 28th day of May, 2020 by the following vote:


AYES:	Unless noted below all Directors voted aye.
NOES:	Bebee and Kennedy.
ABSTAIN:	None.
RECUSAL:	Ayala and Cate.
ABSENT:	Boyle, Simpson, Steiner, and Preciado (P).


Jim Madaffer, Chair

ATTEST:


Christy Guerin, Secretary

I, Melinda Nelson, Clerk of the Board of the San Diego County Water Authority, certify that the vote shown above is correct and this Resolution No. 2020- 06 was duly adopted at the meeting of the Board of Directors on the date stated above.


Melinda Nelson, Clerk of the Board