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PROTECT RAINBOW'S WATER DISTRICT

Fallbrook Public Utility District (FPUD) is trying to take over our local water district. FPUD wants to take over our district and replace your locally-elected representatives. If their hostile takeover is successful, voters outside our district will be able to dictate your water rates.

FPUD has not done a good job of managing its own finances. Now they want to take over our district so they can use our \$100 million in assets to leverage more borrowing on top of their almost \$40 million in existing debt.

Tell the county's Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) that you oppose a hostile takeover of our water district.

Email mike.ott@sdcounty.ca.gov to preserve local control over our water district and water rates.

COMMENT PERIOD TO LAFCO IS OPEN

RMWD staff has received many inquiries from individuals regarding how and when they may submit their comments to LAFCO in regards to FPUD's attempt to take over and dissolve RMWD. That comment period is **NOW**. At the RMWD June 24, 2014 Regular Board meeting, it was announced confirmation has been received from LAFCO that **this comment period will be extended three weeks** and will now expire on **AUGUST 1, 2014**; therefore, time is of the essence.

Any RMWD customers and interested parties wanting to submit comments or concerns are encouraged to do so by submitting such **along with your name and contact information** to **San Diego LAFCO, ATTN: Michael Ott, 9335 Hazard Way, Suite 200, San Diego, CA 92123** or email mike.ott@sdcounty.ca.gov.

For more information please visit www.rainbowmwd.com. We thank you for your interest and should you have any questions, please call (760) 728-1178.

RAINBOW MWD STAFF/BOARD MEMBERS AVAILABLE TO SPEAK WITH LOCAL HOA'S AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

In light of FPUD's application to LAFCO requesting that RMWD be dissolved, RMWD Board Members and staff are prepared to meet with local HOA's and other community groups in order to assist in answering any questions in regards to this matter.

Should you or anyone you know be interested in scheduling a meeting with RMWD Board and/or staff members for a presentation, please feel free to contact Executive Assistant/Board Secretary Dawn Washburn at dwashburn@rainbowmwd.com or (760) 728-1178, Ext. 129.

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LEVEL 1 DROUGHT WATCH ALERT CONTINUES

As the State of California continues to be in a drought, the San Diego region remains at a Level 1 Drought Watch. The alert calls for continued voluntary water conservation efforts. Voluntary efforts include:

- * repairing leaks quickly
- * washing paved surfaces only when necessary for health and safety
- * eliminating inefficient landscape irrigation
- * irrigating only before 10 a.m. and after 6 p.m.
- * using hoses with automatic shutoff nozzles for car washing

On July 15, 2014, the State Water Resources Control Board is scheduled to consider adoption of an emergency regulatory package per Governor Jerry Brown proclamation to prevent "The waste and unreasonable use of water."

Due to RMWD's newsletter having to be finalized prior to the State Resources Control Board consideration date of July 15, 2014, we are providing you with as much information as possible in advance. Should the emergency regulatory package be adopted, more detailed information will be provided to our customers.

For more information call customer service at (760) 728-1178 or go to www.swrcb.ca.gov. To find out how you can reduce water use, please visit www.SaveOurH2O.org.

DID YOU KNOW?

Most of the cost of water comes from the fact that we import 100% of our water from Metropolitan Water District and the San Diego Water Authority. In an effort to reduce those costs, RMWD has committed to searching for alternative water supplies. Last year we completed a preliminary report which outlined multiple possibilities for local supplies. We are currently pursuing the most viable ones, primarily access to recycled water and local groundwater supplies. We are looking forward to diversifying our water sources and lowering the overall cost of our water.



COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE VACANCY

RMWD is currently seeking new community volunteers to fill vacancies on its Communications Committee.

This Committee is responsible for matters of internal and external communications including: positive public image; positive staff relationships; community outreach; media relations; water conservation programs; intergovernmental relations; and other public relations programs.

If you are interested in volunteering to serve on the RMWD Communications Committee, please contact Dawn Washburn at (760) 728-1178 Ext. 129.