

RMWD BOARD APPROVES RESOLUTION FORMALLY OBJECTING FPUD'S HOSTILE TAKEOVER ATTEMPT

On Tuesday, July 22nd, Rainbow Municipal Water District (RMWD) board members unanimously adopted Resolution No. 14-13 (Full Resolution at www.rainbowmwd.com) which formally objects to Fallbrook Public Utility District's (FPUD) hostile takeover attempt on the grounds that the annexation of RMWD by FPUD will disenfranchise local ratepayers and will not lower rates or provide any obvious financial benefit to ratepayers.

RMWD is financially sound, has limited debt and prudent reserves, has a record of responsiveness to its ratepayers, and has potential for expansion within its service area. In contrast, FPUD is nearly built out, is burdened by significant debt and employee pension obligations, and is trying to capitalize on RMWD's growth and leverage our nearly \$100 million in assets to amass more debt.

If FPUD is allowed to take over RMWD, they will change the way we elect our water district representatives by instituting an "At Large" system, and eliminating district representation. This will marginalize RMWD voters.

We encourage our ratepayers to fight this hostile takeover attempt, and pledge to work diligently for your best interests. We appreciate all who have sent emails to the executive director of the Local Agency Formation Commission, who is presiding over FPUD's hostile takeover attempt. We ask that you continue to express your opposition via email to mike.ott@sdcounty.ca.gov with a copy to us at dwashburn@rainbowmwd.com or you can mail your comments to **San Diego LAFCO, ATTN: Michael Ott, 9335 Hazard Way, Suite 200, San Diego, CA 92123.**

SAVE ORDINANCE 95-1

Ordinance 95-1 was enacted by the Rainbow Municipal Water District Board of Directors in 1995 to restrict the amount of debt the District could incur without a vote of the ratepayers.

Section One. Intent and Purpose, reads in part, "It is the intent of this initiative to protect against the incurring of excessive public debt by securing the right of ratepayers in the Rainbow Municipal Water District ("District") to vote upon proposed additional public debt whenever the District is already carrying cumulative debt in excess of one million dollars..."

Section Three. Vote Required, states in part, "Whenever the District is carrying cumulative public debt in excess of one million dollars, the District shall not incur additional debt, unless said additional public debt is first placed upon a ballot and approved by a two thirds vote of the voters of the District who cast ballots at that election."

To review the entire ordinance, go to www.rainbowmwd.com and click on News/Reports.

If FPUD is successful in dissolving RMWD, this ordinance restricting debt will be dissolved. Keep your local representation.

Write to Mike Ott at LAFCO via email at mike.ott@sdcounty.ca.gov or by mail to San Diego LAFCO, ATTN: Mike Ott, 9335 Hazard Way, Suite 200, San Diego, CA 92123.

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CALIFORNIA DROUGHT

In response to the ongoing severe drought, on July 15th the State Water Resources Control Board approved an emergency regulation to ensure water agencies and their customers increase water conservation.

The new conservation regulation is intended to reduce outdoor urban water use. The regulation mandates minimum actions to conserve water supplies both for this year and into 2015.

The regulation prohibits;

- Washing down driveways and sidewalks
- Watering of outdoor landscapes that cause excess runoff
- Using a hose to wash a motor vehicle, unless the hose is fitted with a shut-off nozzle
- Using potable water in a fountain or decorative water feature, unless the water is recirculated

The regulation makes an exception for health and safety circumstances.

On July 24th, the San Diego County Water Authority activated the next stage of the region's drought response plan and declared a Drought Alert condition calling for mandatory water conservation measures to keep as much water as possible in storage for 2015. To learn more visit www.whenindrought.org

On August 5, 2014, the RMWD Board of Directors declared a Level 2 Drought Alert condition in accordance with the District's Drought Response Conservation Program. In addition to the State mandates, RMWD mandatory water restrictions will include;

- Limiting residential and commercial landscape irrigation to no more than three (3) assigned days per week.

****The last number of your address determines your days to irrigate ****

**Odd Number: Monday, Wednesday, Friday
Even Number: Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday**

- Irrigating landscape, nursery and commercial grower's products only before 10 a.m. and after 6 p.m.
- Serving and refilling water in restaurants only upon request.
- Limiting lawn watering and landscape irrigation using sprinklers to no more than ten (10) minutes per watering station per assigned day, except for irrigation systems using water efficient devices such as weather based controllers, drip/micro-irrigation systems and stream rotor sprinklers.
- Repairing all leaks within seventy-two (72) hours of notification by RMWD.
- Using recycled or non-potable water for construction purposes when available.

For more information visit www.rainbowmwd.com and click on the Conservation tab.

Governor Brown has called on all Californians to reduce their water use by 20 percent and prevent water waste – visit www.SaveOurH2O.org to find out how everyone can do their part, and visit www.Drought.ca.gov to learn more about how California is dealing with the effects of the drought.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE VACANCY

RMWD is currently seeking new ideas from community volunteers that would like to serve 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.