



LAFCO Votes to Approve Detachment with Exit Fee

The San Diego Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) met for a public hearing on July 10, to approve detachment of Rainbow Municipal Water District (RMWD) and Fallbrook Public Utility District (FPUD) from the San Diego Water Authority (SDCWA) to the Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD) in Riverside County.

The LAFCO Commission voted 5-3 in favor of detachment. The change in providers will reduce wholesale water costs for RMWD and FPUD ratepayers.

Thank you to our community members for attending the meeting to share their stories and opinions on detachment.

What are the Next Steps?

The special election to vote on the RMWD Measure B is Tuesday, November 7. Registered voters will receive ballots in the mail the week of October 8, ballot drop off locations open October 10, and early voting starts October 28. For more information on the ballot measure and polling locations visit the San Diego Registrar of Voters website:
<https://tinyurl.com/czfcfbwk>

Read Rainbow's monthly newsletters online at: rainbowmwd.ca.gov/newsletters



RMWD Awarded \$1.59 Million Grant with Support From Congressman Issa

The District has been awarded \$1.59 million from the Community Grants Program administered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for the District's Lift Station and Sewer Improvement Project. The grant required the District's project to be selected for appropriation by a member of Congress. Congressman Darrell Issa (CA-48) and his office partnered with the District to introduce the project to an appropriations sub-committee.

The Lift Station and Sewer Improvement Project will expand a critical station reaching the end of its useful life, two gravity mains, and one force main. The project improvements are required to replace deteriorating and undersized sewer lines alongside the San Luis Rey River. The size and location of the existing sewer lines near and under the river create significant inflows during storms that can lead to sewer overflows. The project will move the sewer line from under the river onto a bridge over the river to prevent future damage to infrastructure.

In addition to support from Congressman Issa, the Pala Band of Mission Indians provided a letter of support for the project proposal. The project relocates and replaces critical wastewater infrastructure currently constructed on land traced to and traditionally occupied by the Pala Band of Mission Indians and their ancestors of Cupeño and Luiseño descent. The project is immediately adjacent to important Luiseño cultural features (grinding stones) in the San Luis Rey River bed that will be protected from future sewer failure or maintenance work.

The Rainbow team worked diligently to explore new opportunities to fund this capital improvement project by applying for this grant. The District's board members applauded the achievement due to the competitive process and support from a Congressional member.

Prepare Your Home for Fire Season

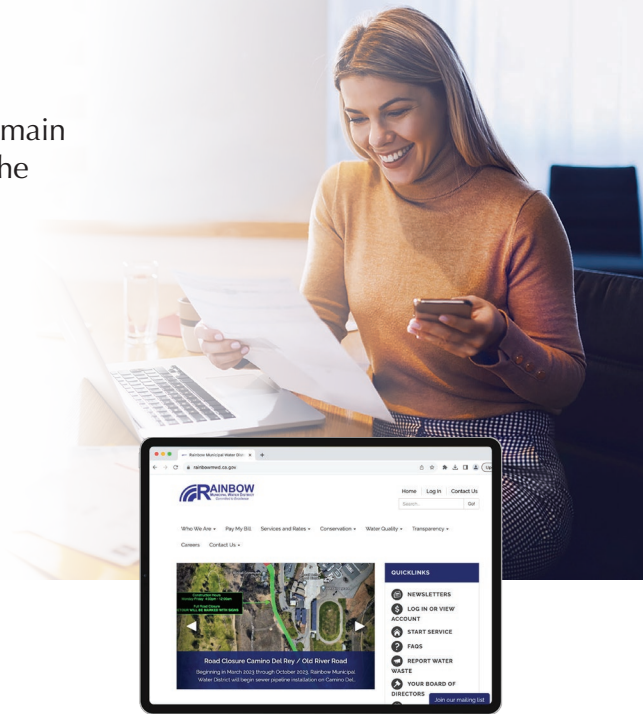
Fire season is upon us and emergency preparedness is essential to remain ready for a possible evacuation. Get your home ready by following the tips below to organize a plan of action before the threat of a fire.

Defensible Space: Create a barrier around buildings on your property and the surrounding area. Trim down trees and plants, remove dead plants, clean out gutters and clear brush that can fuel a fire. Keep propane tanks stored at least 10 feet from any building or trees.

Exit Plan: Create a family or business evacuation plan. Set up emergency contacts, exit routes, and safe spaces to evacuate animals.

Prepare an Emergency Kit: Collect emergency items in a box or bag to grab during an evacuation quickly. Be proactive by storing extra medication, a first aid kit, non-perishable food, water, flashlights, radio, batteries, mobile chargers for cell phones, extra clothing, and pet food.

Learn more about protecting your home by visiting CAL Fire's Ready, Set, Go website: <https://tinyurl.com/ms9h33ak>



New Website Address

Have you visited the District website recently? We made a change to the website address and added a new ca.gov domain name. The Board approved the change to a secure government website address with no added cost. The district also began to transition all email addresses to ca.gov to improve email deliverability.

The information is the same, the website has stayed the same, and the old website address will be redirected to the new website address. You can now find us online at: rainbowmwd.ca.gov

Protecting the Community

The District is committed to providing safe and reliable water for the community. The Operations team remains prepared for all emergencies with a plan for swift response to infrastructure damage, environmental disasters, and other incidents. In addition, the District is home to **Rapid Aerial Water Supply (RAWS)**, the only heli-hydrant in San Diego County that serves as a quick response strategy for fighting fires. The heli-hydrant is a 12-foot wide, 3,000-gallon open-top tank connected to the Pala Mesa tank. It is available for firefighting helicopters to use as a source to fill water through a suction hose connected to the bottom of the helicopter as it hovers over the tank. Visit our YouTube channel for video of RAWS in action: <https://tinyurl.com/4xj6ey3r>

Join us at the North County Fire Open House

Come out and visit with the Rainbow team, as we host a booth at the annual North County Fire Open House. Visit Fire Station One for an opportunity to get an up close view of fire engines and ambulances. Learn about local emergency services, get information on fire safety, and wildfire preparedness.

North County Fire Open House
Saturday, October 14th . 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Station 1, 315 East Ivy Street, Fallbrook

