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Tony Kranz
Mayor

Governor Gavin Newsom
1021 O Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 399 Support – Request for Signature

Dear Governor Newsom,

Joy Lyndes
Deputy Mayor

On behalf of the City of Encinitas, we are pleased to support of AB 399, related to the County Water Authority Act, and respectfully request your signature on the measure.

The City of Encinitas is in San Diego County. We serve a population of over 63,000 residents. Residents receive retail water service from San Dieguito Water District (SDWD) and Olivenhain Municipal Water District (OMWD).

Allison Blackwell
Council Member

On July 10, 2023, the San Diego County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) approved a proposal from the Fallbrook and Rainbow water districts allowing them to detach from the San Diego County Water Authority, leaving the rest of the County's water ratepayers –including those who live and work in the City of Encinitas– to pay Fallbrook and Rainbow's fair share of Water Authority costs incurred to serve their agencies. This is not fair.

Bruce Ehlers
Council Member

Additionally, LAFCO determined that only the agencies' ratepayers who might benefit from the detachment – Fallbrook and Rainbow – should be allowed to vote on whether to approve the detachment. This also is not fair. AB 399 will assure all San Diego County water ratepayers have a voice and a vote in this unprecedented and deeply flawed decision by San Diego LAFCO.

Kellie Shay Hinze
Council Member

California was the first state to recognize that every human being has the right to safe, clean, affordable, and accessible water. Forcing the residents of Encinitas to pay for water supplies developed by the Water Authority to serve Fallbrook and Rainbow customers so that they might pay less, is inherently unfair.

For these reasons, the City of Encinitas is in support of AB 399, and respectfully requests your signature on the measure.

Pamela Antil
City Manager

Sincerely,

Tony Kranz
Mayor