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Sent: Sunday, June 08, 2014 11:55 AM
Attach: LAFCO 3181 DRC extension.pdf; BDVWA objection.pdf
Subject: LAFCO 3181 DRC meeting extension

I just became aware that you, at the request of Mr. Jeff Rigney of the San Bernardino County Special Districts Department (SDD), had granted an extension of the LAFCO 3181 DRC meeting to 30 July 2014. That DRC meeting had originally been scheduled for 12 June 2014. I have attached your letter to Mr. Rigney granting that extension as "LAFCO 3181 DRC extension.pdf". Please copy all LAFCO commissioners and their alternates on this email, all of its attachments and your response back to me.

First, could you please email me a copy of Mr. Rigney's original letter to you requesting that extension so that I can have that letter for my records. Please consider this to be a public information and records request.

Second, Ms. West of Bighorn Desert View Water Agency (BDVWA) wasn't joking when she informed you that she had people in our community (i.e. CSA70W-1 ratepayers) requesting that she keep LAFCO 3181 on schedule. I have attached BDVWA's objection to the extension that Ms. West sent to you as "BDVWA objection.pdf". As I am sure you are aware, over 100 people, including myself, signed individual petitions to BDVWA to have BDVWA start the takeover process so that we could get rid of SDD, its ever exponentially increasing water rates, and its complete lack of transparency and accountability. SDD has now become a threat to the very existence of our community. Right now, there are people in our community that have to go without food and/or medicine because of SDD's outrageous water rates, and those rates are projected to get much worse very rapidly. You can see all of the details at <http://www.landrescue.com>

It was literally a stroke of good fortune that SDD did not stick our community with the 20% increase that SDD had promised last year at the June 4, 2013 County Board of Supervisors meeting. I'm certain that SDD did not do this voluntarily and that, if given even one more year as our water provider, will stick us with a lot worse than 20% next year. Mr. Rigney and SDD have had ample time to prepare for the DRC meeting that had originally been scheduled for 12 June 2014. My personal experience with SDD has been endless stonewalling, an example being that, after 7 years (!), I have yet to get even rudimentary budget information from SDD as opposed to BDVWA providing complete budget information at its last general meeting on 27 May 2014. I suspect that the real reason Mr. Rigney and SDD wanted that extension is because they are incompetent, want to block LAFCO 3181, or both.

Please consider all of the following to be a public information and records request. Given all of this, my question to you is: why did you grant SDD that extension? By having granted that extension, you have prolonged the harm to our community by another 7 weeks and have potentially subjected our community to a water rate increase next year that could likely wipe out our community. Does the welfare of our community mean nothing to you? Could you please tell me why you didn't request input from our community before granting SDD that extension? Further, please give me details why you believe that this extension you granted SDD could be good for the welfare of our community. Personally, I would like you to rescind that extension you gave SDD and keep LAFCO 3181 on its original schedule.