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Local Agency Formation Commission
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Dear Executive Officer McDonald:

The purpose of this letter is to provide the District's comments on the Local Agency Formation Commission Municipal Service Review report, dated March 12, 2015, for Water Conservation in the Valley Region of San Bernardino County. We appreciate your support of the Groundwater Sustainability Council we proposed.

The District worked with the water supply and management entities in our area to develop true consensus around the sphere of influence that we requested in our application. We worked hard for this consensus, and it remains our preferred option for reinstating the sphere. In the short time since the LAFCO staff report and recommendation has been available we have heard from many of the agencies that supported the sphere and some beyond that continue to support the requested sphere.

That said, we understand LAFCO staff's rationale for expanding the sphere to the Bunker Hill Basin. We do have concerns that the jump to the large sphere recommended by LAFCO staff may slow or complicate the acceptance and implementation of the Groundwater Sustainability Council which we believe is the critical next phase in water management for the Valley. However, the Board has directed me to continue press forward with our commitment to work with other water stakeholders to implement the Groundwater Sustainability Council, no matter what sphere the LAFCO Commission approves.

Sincerely,

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