

February 23, 2018

Kathleen Rollings-McDonald
Executive Officer
Local Agency Formation Commission
1170 West 3rd Street, Unit 150
San Bernardino, CA 92415-0490

Dear Executive Officer Rollings-McDonald,

The purpose of this letter is to share San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District's position of support for East Valley Water District's (EVWD) application to activate its Latent Authority for wastewater treatment services.

San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District serves approximately 700,000 people, which includes East Valley Water District's service area. We were formed in 1954 as a regional agency to plan a long-range water supply for the San Bernardino Valley, which now includes participation in the State Water Project and managing groundwater storage within our boundaries.

It is imperative that this region maintain focus on improving water supply reliability for the residents we serve, especially the development of recycled water. We recognize that by working together we can achieve much more than by doing things on our own.

As an agency with wastewater treatment authority, we fully support East Valley Water District's efforts to activate their latent powers. Their existing customer relationships foster an environment that educates our community on the importance of new water supplies independent of local rainfall and a commitment to recovery efforts for threatened and endangered species. We look forward to continued partnerships with East Valley Water District, along with the other agencies dedicated to protecting our local groundwater supply.

For this reason, we urge LAFCO to move forward with due speed to activate EVWD's latent authority, allowing them to join us in the effort to protect our local water supplies.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions regarding this matter. I can be reached at 909-387-9226.

Sincerely,



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