

Comments Received During RCWD  
MSR Public Review Period:  
September 21, 2015 through October 14, 2015

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# JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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October 13, 2015



Mr. David E. Fey, AICP  
FRESNO LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION  
2607 Fresno Street, Suite B  
Fresno, CA 93721

**SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON ADOPTION OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES REVIEW AND SHPERE OF INFLUENCE UPDATE FOR THE RAISIN CITY WATER DISTRICT**

Dear Mr. Fey:

The James Irrigation District ("James ID") was recently made aware of the Fresno Local Agency Formation Commission ("Fresno LAFCO") hearing to adopt a Municipal Service Review ("MSR") for the Raisin City Water District ("Raisin City WD") and to consider adjustments to its sphere of influence ("SOI"). The James ID Board of Directors discussed the matter during its regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting on October 13, 2015, and respectfully submits the following comments for the record.

1. James ID supports Fresno LAFCO's recommendation to avoid dissolving the Raisin City WD. A major challenge facing water districts today is the issue of groundwater sustainability. James ID feels that local organizations with landowner support have a better chance of identifying and undertaking projects and actions that will lead toward groundwater sustainability. Dissolution of Raisin City WD would disconnect its landowners from those that would be responsible for its role in regional groundwater sustainability.
2. James ID supports Fresno LAFCO's recommendation regarding the preparation, submission, and maintenance of a master plan. The Municipal Service Review correctly points out that Raisin City WD does not have surface water supplies and has not undertaken any efforts, other than studies, to develop a surface water supply. By requiring the preparation of a Master Plan, the Raisin City WD will have a clearly charted path towards development of alternative water supplies and groundwater sustainability.

3. James ID does not support Fresno LAFCO's recommendation that Raisin City Water District's sphere of influence remain in its current configuration. James ID respectfully suggests that the SOI be modified so it matches its current boundaries. Given the current lack of surface water supply within Raisin City WD and its organizational challenges, Raisin City WD does not have the facilities or the means to provide water service to the SOI area north and east of State Highway 145 at this time. Other adjacent irrigation and water districts, including James ID, hold rights and maintain facilities in the current SOI area. Discussions of future annexations in the area should include adjacent irrigation and water districts.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments. If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact me at (559) 693-4356 extension 110 or by e-mail at [ssadler@jamesid.org](mailto:ssadler@jamesid.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven P. Stadler". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Steven" and last name "Stadler" clearly distinguishable.

Steven P. Stadler, P.E., Assistant Manager  
JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT

# ***Fred Rau Dairy, Inc.***

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October 7, 2015

George W. Uc  
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Email: [guc@co.fresno.ca.us](mailto:guc@co.fresno.ca.us)

RE: Raisin City Water District Municipal Service Review

Dear Mr. Uc:

I am writing on behalf of Fred Rau Dairy to submit comments on the Fresno Local Agency Formation Commission's Municipal Service Review (MSR) for Raisin City Water District. I am a grower within the District and I strongly support the approval of the Raisin City Water District MSR and the existing District Sphere of Influence without limitations or modifications.

With the enactment of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (SGMA), it is extremely important for growers in the District to be represented by a local agency that can participate in the implementation of SGMA and help meet our groundwater sustainability goals.

I understand that the District is already working with other local agencies to implement SGMA and to initiate local groundwater recharge projects. It is vital to local growers that this work continue without interruption. For these reasons, I respectfully request that the Fresno Local Agency Formation Commission approve the District MSR and existing Sphere of Influence without limitation.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Fred Rau  
President  
Fred Rau Dairy, Inc.

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**Re: Raisin City Water District Municipal Service Review**

Dear Mr. Uc:

I am writing on behalf of Larry Meles to submit comments on the Fresno Local Agency Formation Commission's Municipal Service Review (MSR) for Raisin City Water District. Larry Meles is a grower within the District and strongly supports the approval of the Raisin City Water District MSR and the existing District Sphere of Influence without limitations or modifications.

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Respectfully submitted,

Larry Meles



**Uc, George**

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**From:** Russel Efird <refird51@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 12, 2015 12:25 PM  
**To:** Uc, George  
**Subject:** Raisin City Water District  
**Attachments:** Landowner Support Letter.docx

Mr. George Uc,

Please consider my attached letter in support of the Raisin City Water District.

Russel Efird

# Double E Farms, Inc

Russel Efird  
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October 12, 2015

## **Re: Raisin City Water District Municipal Service Review**

Dear Mr. Uc:

I am writing to submit comments on the Fresno Local Agency Formation Commission's Municipal Service Review (MSR) for Raisin City Water District. I, Russel Efird APN # 041 020 50S, am a grower within the District and strongly supports the approval of the Raisin City Water District MSR and the existing District Sphere of Influence without limitations or modifications.

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Respectfully submitted,

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**Re: Raisin City Water District Municipal Service Review**

Dear Mr. Uc:

I am writing on behalf of my brother and myself to submit comments on the Fresno Local Agency Formation Commission's Municipal Service Review (MSR) for Raisin City Water District. We are growers within the District and strongly support the approval of the Raisin City Water District MSR and the existing District Sphere of Influence without limitations or modifications.

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Respectfully submitted,

Marie Motta

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Anna Harguindeguy  
Harguindeguy Family Farms  
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October 7, 2015

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RE: Raisin City Water District Municipal Service Review

Dear Mr. Uc:

I am writing on behalf of Harguindeguy Family Farms to submit comments on the Fresno Local Agency Formation Commission's Municipal Service Review (MSR) for Raisin City Water District. I am a grower within the District and I strongly support the approval of the Raisin City Water District MSR and the existing District Sphere of Influence without limitations or modifications.

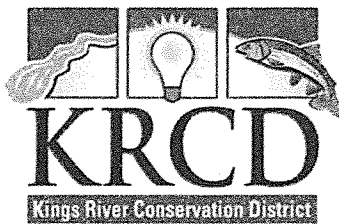
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Respectfully submitted,

Anna Harguindeguy

*Jeane Harguindeguy*  
Jeane Harguindeguy - Partner



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October 6, 2015

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Fresno County Local Agency Formation Commission  
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Re: Raisin City Water District Municipal Service Review

Dear Mr. Uc:

Kings River Conservation District (KRCDD) would like to submit comments on the Fresno Local Agency Formation Commission's Municipal Service Review (MSR) for Raisin City Water District (RCWD).

The RCWD has a long history of collaborating with KRCDD and other local and regional agencies to perform studies and implement projects to address groundwater issues. Over the years efforts undertaken by RCWD have included participation in and financial support of regional planning efforts such as groundwater management plan and hydrologic model development, preparation and adoption of the Kings Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Plan, and partnership with KRCDD on a number of implementation projects that address groundwater issues common to our two boundaries.

With the enactment of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (SGMA), it is extremely important for growers in the RCWD to be represented by a local agency that can participate in the implementation of SGMA and help meet our groundwater sustainability goals.

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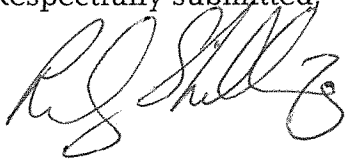
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Mr. George W. Uc, LAFCo  
October 6, 2015  
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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Randy Shilling". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Randy" and last name "Shilling" clearly distinguishable.

Randy Shilling,  
Interim General Manager

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CC: Stephen Heintz, RCWD

**Uc, George**

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**From:** David Britz <davidb@britzinc.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 05, 2015 2:44 PM  
**To:** Uc, George  
**Cc:** Stephen Heintz (hbm1100@aol.com)  
**Subject:** FW:  
**Attachments:** 20151005141645458.pdf

Attached landowner support letter for Raisen City Water District

-----Original Message-----

From: IT Devices  
Sent: Monday, October 05, 2015 2:17 PM  
To: David Britz  
Subject:

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I am writing on behalf of DLM Partners to submit comments on the Fresno Local Agency Formation Commission's Municipal Service Review (MSR) for Raisin City Water District. DLM Partners is a grower within the District and strongly supports the approval of the Raisin City Water District MSR and the existing District Sphere of Influence without limitations or modifications.

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Respectfully submitted,

DLM Partners by  
Wendy Birtz

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