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June 2, 2015

VIA EMAIL & UNITED STATES MAIL

George W. Uc
FRESNO COUNTY LOCAL AGENCY
FORMATION COMMISSION
2607 N. Fresno Street, Suite B
Fresno, CA 93721

**Re: Raisin City Water District: June 3, 2015, Hearing
On RCWD Municipal Service Review**

Dear Mr. Uc:

I am writing on behalf of Raisin City Water District ("RCWD") regarding the June 3, 2015, hearing on the Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Update (the "MSR") prepared by the Fresno County Local Agency Formation Commission (the "LAFCo") concerning RCWD. As explained in my May 11, 2015, letter concerning the MSR, RCWD disagrees with the recommendation set forth in the current MSR, and believes that RCWD's continued existence is critical for growers in the Raisin City area to help resolve groundwater overdraft conditions in the Kings sub-basin.

I have reviewed the Staff Report for LAFCo's June 3, 2015, hearing on the MSR, which recommends the continuance of the hearing on the MSR for RCWD to October 14, 2015, to provide RCWD and LAFCo Staff additional time to address the concerns raised in the MSR. I am writing to confirm that RCWD supports staff's recommendation to continue the hearing on the MSR to October 14, 2015, and that RCWD looks forward to working with LAFCo staff in the coming months to address any outstanding issues.

I also wanted to inform you that RCWD has received several additional letters of support that were not enclosed with my May 11, 2015, letter. Those letters are enclosed.

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June 2, 2015

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If you have any questions, or need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,
WANGER JONES HELSLEY PC



John P. Kinsey

Enclosures



Donald Kizirian Ranches

Raisins • Table Grapes • Apples

May 14, 2015

Via Email & United States Mail

George W. Uc
Fresno County Local Agency Formation Commission
2607 N. Fresno Street, Suite B
Fresno, CA 93721

Re: Municipal Service Review: Raisin City Water District

Dear Mr. Uc:

I am writing on behalf of Donald Kizirian Ranches to submit comments on the Fresno County Local Agency Formation Commission's Municipal Service Review (MSR) for Raisin City Water District. Donald Kizirian Ranches is a grower within the District, and strongly disagrees with the MSR's recommendation that the LAFCo initiate dissolution proceedings against the District.

Donald Kizirian Ranches has been in operation since 1965, we have various farming operations in Fresno County. We have two parcels in the Raisin City District. Our company employs about 50 local individuals in our farming operation. We strongly encourage the growth and development of the rural town of Raisin City through involvement of the community and the individuals who reside there.

Donald Kizirian Ranches disagrees with the MSR's conclusion that "it is neither local nor efficient to continue the status quo." With the enactment of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (SGMA), it is more important than ever for growers within the District to be represented by a local agency that can participate in a Groundwater Sustainability Agency, and help achieve sustainability for the local aquifer.

Growers within the District have historically been required to rely extensive upon groundwater to irrigate their lands. If the District dissolves, the LAFCo will remove a powerful vehicle through which growers within the District can help achieve sustainability. As a local agency representing numerous landowners, the District has the capability of entering into partnerships with other agencies within the sub-basin to reduce overdraft conditions. The District can also raise funds to develop infrastructure and bring surface water into the District in wet years. I understand these efforts are well underway.

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In short, Donald Kizirian Ranches respectfully requests that the District decline to initiate dissolution proceedings against the District, and instead maintain the status quo.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Donald Kizirian", written in a cursive style.

Donald Kizirian

Owner

LION FARMS

P.O. BOX 1350
SELMA, CA 93662

May 11, 2015

Via Email & United States Mail

George W. Uc
Fresno County Local Agency Formation Commission
2607 N. Fresno Street, Suite B
Fresno, CA 93721

RE: Municipal Service Review: Raisin City Water District

Dear Mr. Uc:

I am writing on behalf of Lion Farms to submit comments on the Fresno County Local Agency Formation Commission's Municipal Service Review (MSR) for Raisin City Water District. Lion Farms is a grower within the District, and strongly disagrees with the MSR's recommendation that the LAFCo initiate dissolution proceedings against the District.

Lion Farms is a farming company growing primarily grapes for raisins in the Raisin City area. Our company employs over 100 people in the Raisin City area and has approximately 400 acres of grapes for raisins in the Raisin City Irrigation District. Our business is a positive impact on Raisin City and on Fresno County. Our farm requires both equipment and supplies which we purchase in the Fresno County area.

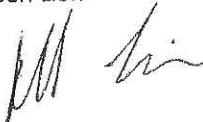
Lion Farms disagrees with the MSR's conclusion that "it is neither local nor efficient to continue the status quo." With the enactment of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (SGMA), it is more important than ever for growers within the District to be represented by a local agency that can participate in a Groundwater Sustainability Agency, and help achieve sustainability for the local aquifer.

Growers within the District have historically been required to rely extensive upon groundwater to irrigate their lands. If the District dissolves, the LAFCo will remove a powerful vehicle through which growers within the District can help achieve sustainability. As a local agency representing numerous landowners, the District has the capability of entering into partnerships with other agencies within the sub-basin to reduce overdraft conditions. The District can also raise funds to develop infrastructure and bring surface water into the District in wet years. I understand these efforts are well underway.

In short, Lion Farms respectfully requests that the District decline to initiate dissolution proceedings against the District, and instead maintain the status quo.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Lion



Fred Rau Dairy, Inc.
P.O. Box 430
Caruthers, CA 93609-0430

May 8, 2015

Via Email & United States Mail

George W. Uc
Fresno County Local Agency Formation Commission
2607 N. Fresno Street, Suite B
Fresno, CA 93721

Re: Municipal Service Review: Raisin City Water District

Dear Mr. Uc:

I am writing to submit comments on the Fresno County Local Agency Formation Commission's Municipal Service Review (MSR) for Raisin City Water District (RCWD). Fred Rau Dairy, Inc. farms approximately 3,500 acres within the District, and strongly disagrees with the MSR's recommendation that the LAFCo initiate dissolution proceedings against the District.

Fred Rau Dairy, Inc. disagrees with the MSR's conclusion that "it is neither local nor efficient to continue the status quo." With the enactment of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (SGMA), it is more important than ever for growers within the District to be represented by a local agency that can participate in a Groundwater Sustainability Agency and help achieve sustainability for the local aquifer.

Growers within the District have historically been required to rely extensively upon groundwater to irrigate their lands. If the District dissolves, the LAFCo will remove a powerful vehicle through which growers within the District can help achieve sustainability. As a local agency representing numerous landowners, the District has the capability of entering into partnerships with other agencies within the sub-basin to reduce overdraft conditions. The District can also raise funds to develop infrastructure and bring surface water into the District in wet years.

In short, Fred Rau Dairy, Inc. respectfully requests that the District decline to initiate dissolution proceedings against the District, and instead maintain the status quo.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Fred Rau
PRESIDENT



5-8-2015

Via Email & United States Mail

George W. Uc
Fresno County Local Agency Formation Commission
2607 N. Fresno Street, Suite B
Fresno, CA 93721

Re: Municipal Service Review: Raisin City Water District

Dear Mr. Uc:

I am writing on behalf of Johann Dairy to submit comments on the Fresno County Local Agency Formation Commission's Municipal Service Review (MSR) for Raisin City Water District. Johann Dairy is a grower within the District, and strongly disagrees with the MSR's recommendation that the LAFCO initiate dissolution proceedings against the District.

Johann Dairy offers a wide variety of employment opportunities to individuals living in the Raisin City area. We currently employ people living in the Raisin City district. We are involved in the maintenance and operations of the Field of Dreams ballpark located in Raisin City.

Johann Dairy disagrees with the MSR's conclusion that "it is neither local nor efficient to continue the status quo." With the enactment of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (SGMA), it is more important than ever for growers within the District to be represented by a local agency that can participate in a Groundwater Sustainability Agency, and help achieve sustainability for the local aquifer.

Growers within the District have historically been required to rely extensive upon groundwater to irrigate their lands. If the District dissolves, the LAFCO will remove a powerful vehicle through which growers within the District can help achieve sustainability. As a local agency representing numerous landowners, the District has the capability of entering into partnerships with other agencies within the sub-basin to reduce overdraft conditions. The District can also raise funds to develop infrastructure and bring surface water into the District in wet years. I understand these efforts are well underway.

In short, Johann Dairy respectfully requests that the District decline to initiate dissolution proceedings against the District, and instead maintain the status quo.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Verwey", is written over a horizontal line.

John Verwey

Owner/Operator



May 8, 2015

Via Email & United States Mail

George W. Uc
Fresno County Local Agency Formation Commission
2607 N. Fresno Street, Suite B
Fresno, CA 93721

Re: Municipal Service Review: Raisin City Water District

Dear Mr. Uc:

I am writing on behalf of Terranova Ranch Inc. to submit comments on the Fresno County Local Agency Formation Commission's Municipal Service Review (MSR) for Raisin City Water District (RCWD). Terranova Ranch Inc. farms approximately 2,200 acres within the District, and strongly disagrees with the MSR's recommendation that the LAFCo initiate dissolution proceedings against the District.

Terranova Ranch Inc. contributes greatly to the area encompassed by the Raisin City Water District by providing full time jobs to over 65 year round employees in a community that relies heavily on agricultural production.

Terranova Ranch Inc. disagrees with the MSR's conclusion that "it is neither local nor efficient to continue the status quo." With the enactment of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (SGMA), it is more important than ever for growers within the District to be represented by a local agency that can participate in a Groundwater Sustainability Agency and help achieve sustainability for the local aquifer.

Growers within the District have historically been required to rely extensively upon groundwater to irrigate their lands. If the District dissolves, the LAFCo will remove a powerful vehicle through which growers within the District can help achieve sustainability. As a local agency representing numerous landowners, the District has the capability of entering into partnerships with other agencies within the sub-basin to reduce overdraft conditions. The District can also raise funds to develop infrastructure and bring surface water into the District in wet years. Our farm is currently working in conjunction with RCWD on the McMullin On Farm Recharge Project that will allow storm water to be applied to farmland for recharge of our underground water supply within the District.

In short, Terranova Ranch Inc. respectfully requests that the District decline to initiate dissolution proceedings against the District, and instead maintain the status quo.

Respectfully submitted,

Don J. Cameron
Vice President