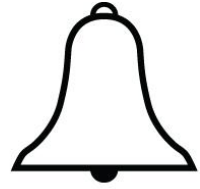


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Santa Margarita Water District

December 17, 2021

The Honorable Megan Yoo-Schneider
President
Municipal Water District of Orange County
PO Box 20895
Fountain Valley CA 92728

Re: MWDOC Division Boundaries

Dear President Yoo-Schneider:

On behalf of the board of directors of the Santa Margarita Water District ("SMWD" or "District") I am writing to provide comments on the on-going process of changing the MWDOC division boundaries. We are aware that the MWDOC board's time for consideration of required changes is limited. We appreciate that the general guidance in the agency's administrative code is that required changes reflect maintaining member agency service areas and cities intact as much as possible.

Currently, SMWD is in Division 6, represented by Director Thomas. With the recent annexation of the City of San Juan Capistrano water utility into SMWD's service area, we are currently represented by both Director Thomas and you.

We understand the importance of balancing the divisions by population and other factors such as communities of interest to ensure equity. It would be our preference to maintain the status quo with representation of SMWD by both Director Thomas and you. Nevertheless, should the board choose to place all of SMWD within Division 7 as shown in the current Plans 1 and 2 we will look forward to your continued representation.

We look forward to seeing the next iteration of division boundaries. Please let us know if you would like further information or perspective on this process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Daniel R. Ferons".

Daniel R. Ferons
General Manager

c: Rob Hunter, GM, MWDOC