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**OUR VALUES**

- Resource Stewardship
- Integrity
- Continuous Improvement
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June 4, 2021

To: All Independent Special Districts in San Diego County

On March 23, 2021, the Rincon del Diablo Municipal Water District Board of Directors unanimously nominated and recommended David A. Drake for the San Diego Local Agency Formation Commission (SDLAFCO) Alternate Special District Member position.

You should have received the San Diego LAFCO Special District Ballot Form/Election to Alternate Special District Member on LAFCO Commission, which provides the details and due date to vote for the Alternate Special District Member position.

This letter follows the candidates' forum held on May 20<sup>th</sup> at the San Diego Chapter of California Special Districts Association's Quarterly Dinner, which allowed statements by the candidates.

As a long-time resident of San Diego County, Mr. Drake has been involved in civic and local matters for many years. Mr. Drake has served as the Rincon del Diablo Municipal Water District's Director for Division II since 2006 and is the current President of the Board. He has represented Rincon Water on the ACWA/JPIA Board of Directors since 2006 and currently serves on the JPIA Executive Committee and the Workers Compensations Committee. David is also a founding member of the California Water Insurance Fund. Mr. Drake's past public service includes Past Chair of the City of Escondido Planning Commission, a member of the City of Escondido's Franchise Commission and of the General Plan Committee, and a City of Escondido representative on the San Diego County Water Authority for nine years.

I would welcome your support and vote for David Drake, as he is well qualified for the position. He understands the role of special districts and LAFCO, and would ensure all special district interests are understood, communicated, and protected.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need any further information.

Truly Yours,

Clint R. Baze  
General Manager

June 2, 2021

Dear Special District Members,

LAFCO provides a critical function for the management of public services in San Diego County. The Special Districts in the County have a unique and compelling mission to provide those services for the benefit of our citizens. The boundary and service issues we face today require close attention to detail and a broad scope view of the mission.

My experience with the Rincon del Diablo Municipal Water District, having been a member of the Board of Directors since 2006, has been an excellent platform for understanding the complexities and achievements of public service. I am currently the President of the Board of Directors and also have served as Vice President and Treasurer. My public service also includes chairing the Escondido Planning Commission and serving as an Executive Committee member of the Association of California Water Agencies Joint Powers Insurance Authority. Previously, I represented the City of Escondido on the Board of Directors of the San Diego County Water Authority for nine years. I didn't just learn about public service, I have lived it for 30 years.

LAFCO is a key part of the dynamic management of our service domain. The County's environment is under continuous change, and we must understand these changes and respond to them with effective solutions. My commitment to you is honesty, integrity, and hard work in order to assure that all of our agencies are treated with equity and fairness.

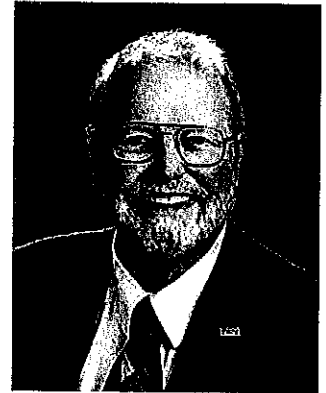
I seek your support and ask for your vote for the Alternate Special Districts Member on the Local Agency Formation Commission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David A. Drake". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Rincon del Diablo Municipal Water District  
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**David A. Drake**  
**Qualifications for Alternate Special Districts Member of**  
**the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO)**



**Current Responsibilities**

Mr. Drake has served the Rincon del Diablo MWD (Rincon Water) ratepayers since 2006 as the Director for Division II. He currently serves and previously served from 2014-2016 as the President of the Board for Rincon Water, and is also a member of Sewer Committee and the Engineering and Long-Range Planning Committee, in addition to previously serving on the Audit Committee.

Director Drake has represented Rincon Water to the ACWA/JPIA since 2006, and currently serves on the JPIA Executive Committee and the Workers Compensation Committee. As an Executive Committee member, he has championed more detailed analysis and reconciliation of large health care invoices, thereby avoiding unnecessary expenses. In addition, he has submitted improvements for the Liability Program's application process and has promoted the development of an "early warning system" for districts at risk. Director Drake is also a founding member of the California Water Insurance Fund.

**Past Service**

- As a member of the Rincon Water Ad Hoc Committee, assisted in the negotiations for adjusting health care coverage, and reducing overall District costs, for current and retired Rincon employees
- Past Chair of the City of Escondido Planning Commission
- Served on the City of Escondido's Franchise Commission and General Plan Committee
- Represented the City of Escondido to the San Diego County Water Authority for nine years, wherein he served on the SDCWA Engineering and Administrative/Finance Committees
- Served as the San Diego FBI InfraGard President during 2004-2006

**Employment**

Currently, Co-Founder and Chief Innovation Officer of SmartCover Systems in Escondido focusing on water system risk and cost reduction. In February 2021, SmartCover Systems will be celebrating sixteen years of service to the water and wastewater industries. During this time SmartCover Systems purchased over \$300,000 in commercial insurance.

- Pointsource Technologies, Inc. - Vice President of Engineering 2001-2005
- SAIC - Internet Services Architect 1997-2001
- Mitchell International - Vice President and Chief Information Officer 1993-1997
- Digital Equipment Corporation - San Diego Software Unit Manager 1985-1993
- Oak Industries - Manager of Engineering 1979-1985
- Caltech/NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory -- Member of the Technical Staff 1974-1979

**Education and Recognition**

- BS in Engineering, Caltech 1974, MSEE University of Southern California 2017
- Holds fourteen U.S. and five foreign patents
- Named by Water and Waste Digest as 2020 Industry Icon
- Member of the AWWA, AAAS, and Life Member of the IEEE
- Extra Class Radio Amateur AC6OA
- Graduate of the FBI and Justice Department Citizens Academy
- Mr. Drake has lived in Escondido since 1979 and has been married to Virginia for 37 years

**Statement**

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