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Dear Sir;

It is with gratitude for the opportunity that I submit my comments on the matter referenced above.

Comments will respectfully attempt to adhere to that part of LAFCO, which states it's purpose and authority to assure "the financial ability of agencies to provide services, opportunities for shared facilities, and [sustainable] efficiency, and governance structure alternatives."

A. I would urge LAFCO to suggest to the Coachella Valley's electrical customers, other IID stakeholders _as well as the supervisor of District Four_, to read, analyze carefully, and consider the text and summary of IID's letter of August 30, 2023, to the firm Dopudja & Wells Consulting.

Specifically, the context and potential impact of Item 'II' regarding clarification of the 1934 Compromise Agreement between IID and CVWD.

B. Essentially, a review of the other already submitted comment letters (CVEC, The City of La Quinta, 'ERA', and the County of Riverside), suggests the following:

Said stakeholders appear to have overlooked, or choose to ignore the factual realities should a "termination" of IID's leadership and governance be transferred to insufficiently trained, ill-prepared, and / or financially incapable municipalities, or enterprises.

Indeed, the overall issue of energy production, delivery, service and governance is one of great complexity.

It is my opinion that as regards to growth and development within the Coachella Valley, an energy governance system should not be founded nor confined to the sole principle of expediency for both.

Most importantly, the public's interest must not at any time, nor in any way become subordinate to municipal or county's energy governance ambitions which appear to be focused principally on a vision of same as source for increased revenue.

May I request of your office and officers, to recommend and vote in favor of preserving the IID's role as continued principal energy governance structure for the future and beyond the year 2033?

Respectfully submitted,

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