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Thank you for taking public comments on the West Yost study for the Murrieta Service Area of WMWD District. I am a 33 year resident of the City of Murrieta. I have supported the investment in this study since it's inception, have attended every community meeting on the subject, spoken to residents and developers alike, and attended all water district board meetings when the subject was on agenda. I've also read and absorbed the full report.

My primary issue with the existing Murrieta Service Area is it's inability to meet the needs of the Service Area. The District has neither the capacity nor the infrastructure to not only meet the demands of Murrieta's General Plan buildout condition, but it's needs as a city today. Page 41 of the report states that an additional 3.62 million gallons of storage are needed to support the city's water supply demands, and also states that the ability to provide that storage is near impossible. Additionally, Section 5.1.1.3 goes on to state that the maximum velocity criteria are violated now and under build-out. What that means under an extreme fire condition is broken pipelines; no water getting to the hydrants. That's what happens under high velocity conditions. Significant upgrades are required, as identified on figure 5.1, to provide adequate fire protection to the city. Lastly, Section 5.1.1.5 summarizes that "the existing distribution system is unequipped to handle even current fire flow values". While it is noted that these are "primarily small diameter legacy pipelines", I'm sure the residents relying on those pipes for fire flow would have concerns. They certainly should.

This is, and always has been first and foremost a life / safety issue for me as a resident. We live in a wildfire susceptible area, the ability to provide reliable fire protection for the safety of our residents and first responders should be a major priority. For this reason, RCWD, who has both excess capacity and existing infrastructure within the city (as stated in the report) should be the only consideration for this service area. Especially since their comment letter submitted 2-25-21 rectifies and corrects the previous inaccurate financial impacts to customers identified in the report. Additionally, the following factors should be given high consideration:

- Distance from District headquarters in the event of an emergency
- Environmental impacts to community from construction of multiple parallel distribution lines
- Lower overall cost for water supply and connections for customers
- Availability of reclaimed water supply to further reduce the demands on our domestic water supply in drought conditions.
- Ability to provide needed development in the city's southwest corridor

LAFCO needs to take all of these factors into consideration, and provide clear and decisive direction. Residents need to have a solution that protects them both today and long term. It is clear from the report that the existing service provider cannot meet our needs without significant upgrades, and our collective safety should not depend on some possible future improvements. This needs to be addressed and resolved now.

Thank you in advance for your consideration

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