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From: Christine Rios
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Message Body:

I would like to make a comment about how Rancho Water District plans to run the study area. The report shows that Rancho will not make a decision on how to operate the area until after they have experience operating the system. That means that they will decide LATER whether to keep the area separate (distinct) or integrate it. Under either scenario (distinct or Integrated) Rancho is the most expensive option for residents. Rancho will either add a surcharge on to our water bills or an ad-valorem assessment on our tax bill. Realistically, Rancho would want an ad valorem because it can generate more income for them to help pay down their debt and for new development. If Rancho is awarded the contract they will decide to financially integrate the study area and then collect ad valorem from customers who use their water or well water. Why would we, as residents, want to roll the dice with a company that won't be up front about the cost of water until AFTER they acquire the study area? The scenarios presented in LAFCO's study show that both Western and Eastern Water Districts would be more financially friendly to the residents in the study area.

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