



October 3, 2024

Mr. Manuel Zamorano, President  
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9935 Auburn-Folsom Road  
Granite Bay, CA 95746

Mr. Kevin Thomas, President  
Board of Directors  
Sacramento Suburban Water District  
3701 Marconi Avenue #100  
Sacramento, 95821

Dear President Zamorano and President Thomas:

On June 24, 2024 Fair Oaks Water District (FOWD) Board President Petersen sent you the attached letter related to the analysis of a proposed merger between the San Juan Water district (SJWD) and Sacramento Suburban Water District (SSWD). An important item in the June letter was a request that the SJWD and SSWD consider working through written comments and concerns submitted on behalf of our ratepayers during the prior merger discussions.

FOWD appreciated the June 25, 2024 email response from SJWD General Manager Paul Helliker stating that *he and SSWD General Manager York were committed to responding to any and all comments submitted by the FOWD.*

Given the above, it is requested that you ensure that responding to all written comments, submitted during the prior merger discussions that ended in 2015, is included in the approved scope of work for the new Business Case Analysis that is on tonight's Joint Special Board Meeting agenda for possible action.

As was stated by FOWD Board President Petersen in the June letter, the FOWD hopes that the current merger analysis will include reasonable and collaborative interaction between all potentially impacted Agencies – with the FOWD looking forward to working with the SSWD and SJWD boards and assigned staff on meeting the objectives of your proposed merger.

We again thank you for your consideration of our input in your decision-making process.

Sincerely,



Tom R. Gray  
General Manager  
Fair Oaks Water District



June 24, 2024

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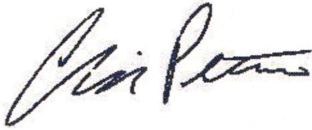
Based on statements made at recent meetings of the Sacramento Suburban Water District (SSWD) and San Juan Water District (SJWD) Boards of Directors, it is our understanding that the Districts are going to restart discussions of a proposed merger of the two Districts. Given the potential direct impacts of a merger on Fair Oaks Water District (FOWD) ratepayers, FOWD is committed to participating in these discussions to ensure that our ratepayers are aware of the SJWD merger discussions with the SSWD and the potential effects on FOWD water rates and related interests.

Though FOWD has never taken a position on the potential merger of the SJWD and SSWD, we did submit written comments and concerns on behalf of our ratepayers during the prior merger discussions. We are happy to resubmit those comments, and look forward to the Districts' responses and learning more about how the concerns will be addressed. We request the opportunity to work through those concerns and questions directly with us as part of your process.

The FOWD hopes that the proposed merger analysis will include reasonable and collaborative interaction between all potentially impacted Agencies. We look forward to working with the SSWD and SJWD boards and assigned staff on meeting the objectives of your proposed merger analysis.

On behalf of the entire FOWD Board and staff, we thank you in advance for your consideration of our input into your decision-making process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christian Petersen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "C".

Christian Petersen  
Board President  
Fair Oaks Water District

cc: Tom Gray – FOWD General Manager  
Dan York – SSWD General Manager  
Paul Helliker – SJWD General Manger