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Mr. Steve Lucas
Local Agency Formation Commission
1453 Downer Street, Suite C
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Re: Draft Municipal Service Review

Dear Mr. Lucas,

Thermalito Water & Sewer District has reviewed the Draft MSR and more specifically Chapter & regarding the District. Please see below for my comments:

Comments to consider;

1. The 2020 population for the District is 12,066 based upon DWR's population tool and the approved UWMP.
2. Page 7-9: Board of Directors compliance certificates for AB 1234 and AB 1825 are posted on the District's website at www.twsd.info and were posted following the trainings in November.
3. Page 7-94: The inclusion of the Human Right to Water Data Tool results are concerning in that the District has no way to verify the conclusion presented. The score of 3, indicating "Poor" affordability is not backed by factual evidence. It seems an unfair characterization as the other water districts within the MSR are not compared to the same resource. Based upon the results of the 2018 Oroville Area Water Study, the District had the cheapest actual cost for providing water service (Page 9).
4. General: The District has a Capital Improvement Summary as well as a Capacity Analysis – Expenditures Report (both attached).
5. Appendix C, Page C-4, Section 5) Only Drinking Water service reorganization: There are significant issues with the contention that SFWPA could simply consolidate all three water agencies. The District is currently funding a water treatment plant capacity upgrade which will double its treated water capacity. Furthermore, given the Feather River dividing service areas, it would be difficult to provide the necessary treated water volume across the river. If consolidation is to be recommended it should consider the full scope of financial, hydraulic and operational challenges to overcome.

We appreciate LAFCO's effort regarding the updated MSR. The overall content of the District's services, financials and operations were well covered.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jayme Boucher". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jayne Boucher
General Manager