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RIVERVIEW WATER DISTRICT AND PADRE DAM AGREE TO SEPARATE

RIVERVIEW AND LAKESIDE AGREE TO CONSOLIDATE

The Riverview and Padre Dam Water Districts have agreed to end their relationship after nearly 30 years. In a related action, the Riverview and Lakeside Water Districts have agreed to consolidate. Padre has acted as wholesaler to Riverview since 1976, which both districts agree is no longer cost effective. The boards voted unanimously on a proposal to study alternative service options for Riverview, including connecting to the recently expanded Helix Water District treatment plant.

In addition to having increased capacity, the Helix plant now uses a method of disinfection called ozonation rather than the traditional chlorination. Ozone is a much more effective disinfectant than chlorine and, unlike chlorine, does not produce harmful by-products. Ozonated water is also much better tasting than chlorinated water.

In addition to water quality improvements, the wholesale price would be lower. Although new capital facilities would be required, Riverview would avoid almost one million dollars in costs by hooking up to Lakeside Water District which is also detaching from Padre Dam and connecting to Helix. Lakeside would build one connection to the Helix system to serve both districts rather than each district building their own. This would save Riverview customers several hundred dollars each in capital costs.

Additionally, a financial analysis has concluded that a consolidation of Riverview and Lakeside Water Districts would save customers more than \$400,000 per year in operating expenses. While Lakeside has the lowest rates in the county, Riverview, because of its small size, has among the highest. It is expected that water rates would be uniform in a combined district. Riverview's rates would therefore be cut 20% or more, if the consolidation is approved.

Although both boards have approved the consolidation, each would also have to approve the terms and conditions, including the rate cut. The San Diego Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) must also approve it.

Together, the detachment from Padre Dam and the consolidation with Lakeside would result in a significant improvement in water quality, and a substantial rate cut for Riverview ratepayers.

Public comments are welcome and can be submitted to: Riverview Water District, 11769 Waterhill Road, Lakeside, CA 92040, Phone; 619.561.1333, Email address; jsrwd@earthlink.net ; or Michael Ott, Lafco, 1600 Pacific Highway, Room 452, San Diego, CA 92101, 619. 531.5400, Email address: mike.ott@sdcounty.ca.gov.

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would have better
water quality and a
20% rate cut.

Board of Directors: Billie Sangster, Irvin Lynn, Joe Till, Bob Kleinschmidt, Patty Schwen

Young Artists at the 2004 Open House

Open house was held in May, *Water Awareness Month*. With attendance of approximately 150 people, open house was deemed a success. This great community event took place on Saturday, May 15, 2004. The ceremonies began with President Sangster giving a short overview of Riverview Water District's 88 years of service to the community. A clown was on hand to entertain the youngsters with face painting, balloon animals, and souvenirs were distributed. Special thanks to Lakeside's Optimists Club for providing free lunch for all who attended. Also thanks to the El Capitan Stadium Association for funding supplies and trophies for the youth of Lakeside. Thanks to Robin Senne, the creator of "Water Wise Kids Club" and last years grand prize winner, for participating in the award ceremony and singing the national anthem. Out of the 194 posters that were submitted, 45 students of Lakeside's elementary and middle schools won trophies for their magnificent artwork in the annual *Water Awareness Month Poster Contest*. The top ten posters were also submitted to The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California poster contest for the 2005 calendar. The first place winners of each category were;

- K Robert Doerr
- 1st Heather Woof
- 2nd Tristin Brocious
- 3rd Delanie Gourley
- 4th Jared Hill
- 5th Heidi Vettel
- 6th Mia Dean
- 7th Keith McKinsey
- 8th James Evano



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Typical Water Use in a Single Family Home

