



# Costa Mesa Sanitary District

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December 14, 2016

The Honorable Ethan Temianka  
President, Board of Directors  
Mesa Water District  
1965 Placentia Avenue  
Costa Mesa, CA 92627

Dear President Temianka:

Congratulations on your appointment as President of the Mesa Water District Board of Directors. I hope your term as President is both successful and productive.

In response to your letter of December 9, 2016, the Costa Mesa Sanitary District (CMSD) is certainly willing to meet with Mesa Water officials to discuss how shared services could benefit both agencies, financially and operationally. CMSD has a long history of implementing shared services with other agencies, such as Irvine Ranch Water District, the City of Costa Mesa and Orange County Sanitation District, where in each case we experienced cost savings and enhanced services.

I would like to suggest that we invite City of Costa Mesa officials to join in this discussion of shared services, since the three agencies have an exceptional history of working together. I am confident that the three agencies can collaborate to identify and agree upon shared services that will be beneficial to the agencies and our community.

However, CMSD is not interested in meeting with Mesa Water to discuss consolidation. As stated previously and repeatedly, we believe your "Optimal Governance Structure Study" by Arcadis U.S., Inc. is severely flawed and that Measure TT misinformed and misguided the public into believing that the savings it purported, along with a 28 percent rate reduction, would in fact occur via consolidation. Also, we strongly believe any resources or money spent on consolidation at this time is a misuse of public funds when LAFCO is scheduled to conduct its Municipal Service Reviews in 2018.

As you know, LAFCO is mandated by the state legislature to conduct Municipal Service Reviews (MSRs), which look at the future growth of all Orange County cities and special districts and how these agencies are planning for that growth within their municipal services and infrastructure systems (Government Code §56430). As you also know, the respective Spheres of Influence of each agency must also be considered.

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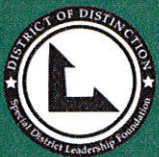
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We believe LAFCO is the appropriate agency for determining optimum governance structures through its MSR process, where an unbiased and in-depth analysis is performed that takes into consideration all agencies that can provide water, sewer and trash services, such as the City of Costa Mesa, the City of Newport Beach, Irvine Ranch Water District, County of Orange, Mesa Water District and CMSD, in the most efficient and cost effective manner.

In the meantime, if you would like to discuss shared services with us, please have your General Manager, Paul Shoenberger, contact our General Manager, Scott Carroll, to set up a meeting.

Sincerely,



Michael Scheafer  
CMSD Board President

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