



Raisin City Water District

Dear Landowner,

You are receiving this mailing because you are a landowner in an area that is not currently part of a water district, also known as a “white area.” You are invited to a webinar on Tuesday, August 20th to learn about the possibility of being annexed into the Raisin City Water District.

The McMullin Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“MAGSA”) includes lands within the jurisdiction of Raisin City Water District (RCWD) and Mid-Valley Water District, as well as undistricted lands (“white areas”) within the sphere of influence of the two districts. You are currently part of the white area. After considerable requests and stakeholder input, the RCWD Board of Directors has initiated annexation of the white areas within the MAGSA boundary.

What is annexation? Annexation is a legal process where boundaries of a water district or agency are expanded to include nearby areas not already included in a district or agency. Through this process, the white areas in MAGSA would become part of the Raisin City Water District.

What does annexation mean for white area landowners?

- RCWD would represent the annexed areas at our local Groundwater Sustainability Agency, MAGSA. After annexation is complete, landowners will be able to vote in the next election for the RCWD Board of Directors, which currently appoints two directors to MAGSA.
- RCWD would include the white areas in their infrastructure planning and development. When water is purchased, RCWD would provide water to white areas on the same terms and conditions it does to its current landowners (absent a LAFCO condition of approval providing otherwise).
- White area landowners will be subject to the same fees as other RCWD landowners.

What are the benefits of annexation? Annexation of the white areas into RCWD would likely:

- Allow RCWD to raise more funding for capital improvement projects to support Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) implementation as required by California law, and purchase surface water to bring more water into the area and improve the region’s sustainability.
- Provide greater organization and support for landowners previously in the white area, allowing growers to directly vote for representation in RCWD, which currently appoints two directors to MAGSA.

What’s next? RCWD is in the process of applying for annexation with the Fresno Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO). Once this application is approved, landowners will receive a formal notice, and a public hearing will be scheduled.

Questions? You are invited to attend an Annexation Webinar on Tuesday, August 20th from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM via Zoom Webinar to learn more about annexation and ask questions of the RCWD staff and board. **Register for the Annexation Webinar at: rcwd.ca.gov/annexation.**

Sincerely,

Raisin City Water District Board of Directors

"I believe there is strength in numbers. This is an opportunity for farmers to join together in planning for our future and securing a water supply for our growers. **Annexation will give representation to a group of landowners that deserve the right to vote and be active in a water district.**"

~ Jonathon DeGroot, Raisin City Water District Board Member

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Contact Raisin City Water District:



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Visit our website:
rcwd.ca.gov

Annexation Webinar
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Register at: rcwd.ca.gov/annexation
or by scanning this QR code.



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