

CITY OF SAN MARCOS

The City of San Marcos is located in northern San Diego County and is bordered by the unincorporated community of Twin Oaks to the north; the City of Escondido to the east; the unincorporated communities of Elfin Forest and Rancho Santa Fe to the south; and the Cities of Carlsbad and Vista to the west.

As of 2014, the City of San Marcos has an estimated population of 90,170, which is projected to increase to 105,708 by 2050 (SANDAG Regional Growth Forecast, 2010).

San Marcos is organized under the council-manager form of government and is governed by a five-member City Council consisting of a directly-elected Mayor and four Councilmembers elected at-large.

The San Marcos Sphere of Influence is larger than the City's boundary and includes adjacent unincorporated territory located within the Bonsall, Twin Oaks, San Dieguito, and North County Metro Community Planning Areas of the County of San Diego; and, an unincorporated island that contains Lake San Marcos.

The City of San Marcos provides fire protection services city-wide. The subsidiary San Marcos Fire

Protection District provides fire protection services to unincorporated territory within and adjacent to the City's sphere of influence. Police service is provided by contract with the San Diego County Sheriff. Water and wastewater services are primarily provided to San Marcos by the Vallecitos Water District. The Olivenhain Municipal Water District, Vista Irrigation District, and the Rincon Del Diablo Municipal Water District also provide water service to small portions of San Marcos. Solid waste and recycling services are provided by contract with EDCO Disposal.

CITY CHARACTERISTICS

Incorporation Date: 1963

Population: 90,170 (2014, SANDAG)

Land Area: 24 Sq. miles

Governance: Charter City; Council elected at large

City Council Meetings: 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.

Planning Commission: 1st Mondays at 6:30 p.m.

Sphere of Influence: Larger than city

Sphere Adopted: August 6, 1979

Sphere Reaffirmed: March, 3, 2008

General Plan Adoption Date: 2012

Primary Service Providers: City of San Marcos (Fire Protection Service); San Marcos Fire Protection District (Subsidiary District - Fire Protection Service); San Diego County Sheriff (Police Service); Olivenhain Municipal Water District (Water Service); Vallecitos Water District (Water and Wastewater Services); Vista Irrigation District (Water Service); and Rincon Del Diablo Municipal Water District (Water Service); EDCO Disposal (Solid Waste and Recycling Services).

Contact Information

Address: 1 Civic Center Drive
San Marcos, CA 92069

City Hall Phone: 760/744-1050

Police Department (Non Emergencies): 760/510-5200

Fire Department (Non Emergencies): 760/744-1050 Ext. 3409

Planning Department: 760/744-1050 Ext. 3233

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