

BORREGO (CALIFORNIA) WATER DISTRICT

DISTRICT BACKGROUND

The Borrego (California) Water District (WD) provides groundwater replenishment, water, wastewater, flood control, vector control, solid waste, and park and recreation services within the unincorporated east county community of Borrego Springs.

The District was formed in 1962 in response to concerns that water would be exported out of the Borrego Valley groundwater basin. The formative District was authorized only to provide groundwater replenishment services; however, the district's authority broadened over three-decades as the District's latent powers were activated.

1979 Latent powers for water service were activated district-wide.

1979 Latent powers for wastewater service activated in restricted area; service-specific sphere-of-influence approved for wastewater services.

1983 (1) Latent powers for vector control services activated district-wide; Borrego Valley Mosquito Abatement District dissolved. (2) Restricted wastewater area expanded.

1984 Latent powers for flood control service activated in restricted area.

1985 Restricted wastewater area expanded.

2009 (1) Following special legislation, latent powers for solid waste and park and recreation services activated in restricted area; Borrego Springs Park CSD dissolved. (3) Restricted wastewater area expanded.

Water service capacity has expanded through district acquisition of private water systems. The 1979 activation of latent powers for water was associated with transfer of infrastructure from

the Ram's Hill Development; the service areas of the Golden Sands and Rancho Borrego Mutual Water Companies were annexed to the District in 1987; and in 1996, the Borrego Springs Water Company was acquired and the Company's service area annexed to the District.

DISTRICT CHARACTERISTICS

Principal Act:	Water Code § 34000 et seq.
Services:	District-wide: groundwater replenishment, water, vector control Restricted areas: wastewater, flood control, solid waste, park and recreation
Facilities:	18 wells; 5 potable and 1 reclaimed reservoir; wastewater treatment plant
Population:	3,639 permanent (2012 SANDAG)
District Area:	47.9 square miles
Spheres of Influence:	District: Larger than District Wastewater service: Larger than service area
Spheres Adopted:	District: January 6, 1986 Wastewater service: October 5, 1987
Spheres Affirmed:	District: February 4, 2013 Wastewater service: February 4, 2013
Revenue Sources:	Property tax, fees
Governance:	Elected 5-member Board of Directors; must be registered voters within District
Board Meeting:	4 th Wednesday: 9:15 am 806 Palm Canyon Drive Borrego Springs, CA 92004
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View Map:	sdlafco.org/Webpages/agency_maps_links.htm

LAFCO approved a sphere-of-influence for the Borrego WD in 1986 that was coterminous with the district boundary; the sphere was updated to larger than in 1987. A service-specific sphere was approved for the wastewater service area; expansion of wastewater service is restricted to the wastewater service sphere. District spheres were last affirmed in 2013.

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