

COACHELLA VALLEY (COUNTY) WATER DISTRICT

DISTRICT BACKGROUND

NOTE: The Coachella Valley Water District includes territory in Riverside, Imperial, and San Diego Counties; less than five percent is within San Diego County.

The Coachella Valley Water District (WD) covers approximately 1,000 square miles over three counties. The majority of district territory lies in Riverside County; a small portion is in Imperial County; and only about 28,000 acres is within San Diego County.

A California Water District (CWD) was formed in Coachella Valley in 1918. Special legislation (Water Code § 33100-33106) in 1937 allowed the CWD to merge with the Coachella Valley Storm Water District and the successor Coachella Valley Water District assumed the powers and duties of both Storm Water and County Water District.

Within Riverside and Imperial Counties, the Coachella Valley WD provides domestic water, wastewater collection and treatment, regional stormwater and flood protection, irrigation water, irrigation drainage, and groundwater management services. Imported water is used for irrigation. Groundwater is pumped for domestic use and the groundwater supply is recharged with reclaimed and imported water. Territory in San Diego County was annexed to the District in 1963; however, district services have never been provided services within the annexed area.

Approximately 13 percent of the District's operating expense is funded by property tax revenue. In 2008, district territory in Riverside and

Imperial Counties had an assessed value of approximately \$58.1 billion as the base for generating property tax revenue. District territory in San Diego County is entirely within the Anza-Borrego State Park; the area is uninhabited, is not assessed, and does not contribute property

DISTRICT CHARACTERISTICS

Principal Act:	Water Code § 30000 et seq.
Services:	No service provided in San Diego County; Riverside and Imperial Counties: Water, wastewater, regional stormwater and flood protection, irrigation drainage, groundwater management
Service Connections:	No services in San Diego County
District Area:	27,836 acres in San Diego County 639,857 acres district-wide
Sphere of Influence:	San Diego County: Smaller than District
Sphere Adopted:	San Diego County Sphere: August 6, 2007
Sphere Affirmed:	
Governance:	Elected 5-member Board of Directors
Revenue Source:	No revenue from San Diego County
Board Meeting:	2nd and 4th Tuesday; 9:00 a.m. 85-995 Avenue 52 Coachella, CA 92236
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View Map:	sdlafco.org/Webpages/agency_maps_links.htm

tax revenue to the District.

Because the greatest assessed value of Coachella WD territory is in Riverside County, the role of *principal county* for the multi-county district is assigned to Riverside. In 2007, San Diego LAFCO affirmed a sphere-of-influence for the Coachella WD that has been approved by the LAFCO from the principal county. The district sphere within San Diego County is smaller than the district boundary.