Vallecitos (County) Water District

District Background

The Vallecitos (County) Water District (WD) provides potable water, wastewater, and reclamation services within approximately 45 square miles in northern San Diego County. The District boundary includes: the City of San Marcos; limited territory within the Cities of Carlsbad, Escondido, and Vista; and the unincorporated communities of Lake San Marcos and Twin Oaks.

The Vallecitos WD was formed in 1955 as the San Marcos County Water District; the district name was changed to the Vallecitos Water District in 1989.

The District is a member of the San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA) and 100 percent of the District’s potable supply is imported water purchased from SDCWA.

A wastewater system to collect, treat and dispose of wastewater within the urbanized portions of the WD was constructed in 1958. The District joined the Encina Wastewater Authority in 1969 and became a joint owner of the Encina Wastewater Pollution Control Facility (EWPCF); wastewater generated within the Vallecitos WD is transported to the EWPCF for treatment and disposal. The district reclamation facility was upgraded and rededicated in 1983 as the Meadowlark Water Reclamation Facility. The Facility produces up to five million gallons per day (mgd) of reclaimed water, which is sold to the City of Carlsbad for landscape irrigation.

District Characteristics

Principal Act: Water Code § 30000 et seq.
Services: Water
Wastewater
Reclaimed wastewater
Wastewater: 19,695 (2008-09)
Population: 89,953 (2009 SANDAG)
District Area: 45.30 sq. miles
Sphere of Influence: Larger than District
Sphere Adopted: June 3, 1985
Sphere Updated: September 8, 2003
Sphere Affirmed: August 6, 2007
Governance: Elected 5-member Board of Directors
Board Meeting: 1st and 3rd Wednesday: 4:00 p.m.
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San Marcos, CA 92069
Revenue Sources: Property tax, fees
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View Map: sdlafco.org/Webpages/agency_maps_links.htm

LAFCO approved a sphere-of-influence for the Vallecitos Water District in 1985 that is larger than the district boundary.