

# BUENA (COUNTY) SANITATION DISTRICT

## DISTRICT BACKGROUND

The Buena (County) Sanitation District (SD) provides wastewater collection services within the Agua Hedionda Creek Basin in north San Diego County. The District boundary includes approximately eight square miles, including a portion of the City of Vista and unincorporated territory southeast of the City.

## DISTRICT CHARACTERISTICS

<b>Principal Act:</b>	Health and Safety § 4700 et seq.
<b>Service:</b>	Wastewater
<b>Population:</b>	23,635 (2012 SANDAG)
<b>District Area:</b>	8.169 square miles
<b>Sphere of Influence:</b>	Transitional
<b>Sphere Adopted:</b>	March 5, 1984
<b>Sphere Affirmed:</b>	August 6, 2007
<b>Revenue Source:</b>	Fees
<b>Governance:</b>	Vista City Council presiding as District Board of Directors
<b>Board Meeting:</b>	2nd and 4th Tuesday: 5:30 p.m.
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<b>View Map:</b>	<a href="http://sdlafco.org/Webpages/agency_maps_links.htm">sdlafco.org/Webpages/agency_maps_links.htm</a>

The county-dependent district was formed in 1960 to provide wastewater services within unincorporated territory. The District was initially governed by the Board of Supervisors and wastewater services were administered by county staff. When the City of Vista incorporated in 1963, the new city included territory that was served by the Buena SD. Additional unincorporated territory, which was served by the SD,

annexed to the City of Vista in successive years until a substantial amount of the District was within the City of Vista.

In 1983, the District Board of Directors was restructured to accommodate one member of the Vista City Council. The Board was further modified in 1990 to increase city representation to two members and reduce county representation to a single seat. In 1998, County Supervisors totally withdrew from the District Board and designated the Vista City Council as the Buena SD Board of Directors as authorized by Health and Safety Code § 4730.

The Buena SD and the City of Vista wastewater collection systems are administered as a single system by the City of Vista Engineering Department. The City and the District are both members of the Encina Wastewater Authority; each agency has two Authority representatives; and wastewater generated in both agencies is treated at the Encina Water Pollution Control Facility (WPCF) in Carlsbad.

LAFCO approved a transitional sphere for the Buena SD in 1984 in recognition that Buena SD service responsibility should eventually be assumed by the City of Vista. The sphere approval includes provisions to allow unincorporated parcels, which need wastewater services, to annex to the District until such time as the Buena SD merges with the City of Vista.