The San Diego County Sanitation District (SD) provides wastewater services to approximately 120,000 residents in widely disbursed areas of unincorporated San Diego County.

The San Diego County SD emerged from a Reorganization effective July 1, 2011, which: (1) dissolved the Alpine, Julian, Lakeside, and Pine Valley County Sanitation Districts; (2) annexed the former districts’ territory to the Spring Valley County SD; (3) annexed territory within the East Otay Mesa, Harmony Grove, and Winter Gardens County Sewer Maintenance Districts, and the Campo Sewer and Water Maintenance District to the Spring Valley SD; and (4) renamed the Spring Valley SD as the San Diego County Sanitation District. Water service in the unincorporated community of Campo continues to be the responsibility of the Camp Maintenance District.

The County Department of Public Works administers, operates, and maintains wastewater facilities and services for the San Diego County SD. The District’s conveyance system includes approximately 450 miles of pipeline, 8 pump stations and three community-based treatment plants.

The County of San Diego is a member of the San Diego METRO Wastewater JPA and wastewater flows originating within the unincorporated Alpine, Lakeside, Spring Valley, East Otay Mesa, and Wintergardens areas are transported to the City of San Diego’s Pt. Loma facility for treatment and disposal. The District has a METRO capacity of 17.5 million gallons per day (gpd). Wastewater in the unincorporated Pine Valley, Julian, and Campo areas is treated at community-based treatment plants. A collection and treatment facility will be constructed in the Harmony Grove area in conjunction with planned development.

LAFCO approved a sphere of influence for the San Diego County Sanitation District in 2010 that is larger that the district boundary. The approximate 58.4 square mile sphere incorporates the sphere territory of the dissolved sanitation districts plus the territory of the sewer maintenance districts.