DISTRICT BACKGROUND

The Carlsbad Municipal Water District (MWD) provides potable water and wastewater services within approximately 85 percent of the City of Carlsbad. Approximately 85 percent of the City receives water from the MWD; a small southeasterly section of the City receives water services from either the Vallecitos Water District or Ovendenhain Municipal Water District.

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

The MWD also provides wastewater collection services within approximately 85 percent of the City. The District is a member agency of the Encina Wastewater Authority and wastewater generated within the District is transported to the Encina Water Pollution Control Facility (EWPCF) for treatment and disposed through an ocean outfall, or after further treatment, distributed as reclaimed water.

LAFCO approved a sphere of influence for the Carlsbad MWD in 1985 that was larger than the district boundary. In 2007, annexation of territory within the district sphere rendered the sphere as coterminous with the district boundary and affirmed. The District sphere was last affirmed in 2013.

Updated 6/3/13

DISTRICT CHARACTERISTICS

Principal Act: Government Code § 71000 et seq.
Services: Water, Wastewater, Reclaimed water
Service connections: 26,770 water connections
Population: 82,715 (2012 SANDAG)
District Area: 32.45 square miles
Sphere of Influence: Coterminous with District
Sphere Adopted: September 9, 1985 (larger than district)
Sphere Affirmed: June 3, 2013
Revenue Sources: Property tax, fees
Governance: Subsidiary District to City of Carlsbad; Carlsbad Council presides as Carlsbad MWD Board of Directors
Board Meeting: Tuesdays: 6:00 p.m. Council Chambers 1200 Carlsbad Village Drive Carlsbad, CA
Contact: carlsbadca.gov/water 5950 El Camino Real Carlsbad, CA 92008 760/438-2722
View Map: sdlafco.org/tables/distnmaplinks.htm