**Mootamai Municipal Water District**

**District Background**

The Mootamai Municipal Water District (MWD) was formed in 1962 specifically to protect the water rights of district property owners. The District includes two discontiguous areas within the San Luis Rey River watershed with aggregate territory of approximately one square mile.

Mootamai MWD is empowered to provide public water and structural fire protection services; however, neither service is directly provided by the District. The District does not operate a water system and is not a member of the San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA). District operations are limited to protecting groundwater and riparian water sources within the District boundary.

The privately-owned Pauma Valley Water Company operates a storage and distribution system for residential and irrigation water users within sections of the Mootamai MWD; other areas within the District rely on private wells.

Structural fire protection and emergency medical services (EMS) within the Mootamai MWD are provided by contract with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE). Mootamai, Pauma, and Yuima MWDs maintain a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) to underwrite a CAL FIRE contract for structural fire protection service within all three MWDs. Yuima MWD provides contract administration for the JPA. The responding CAL FIRE operation is based at the CAL FIRE Rincon Station. The County of San Diego, through the County Fire Enhancement Program, subsidizes an upgrade of the services provided by CAL FIRE.

LAFCO approved a sphere-of-influence for the District. The sphere is coterminous with the District boundary.

**District Characteristics**

- **Principal Act:** Water Code §71000 et seq.
- **Services:** Water rights, Structural fire protection and EMS
- **Fire Station:** CAL FIRE: Rincon
- **Dispatch:** CAL FIRE
- **Ambulance Transport:** Mercy
- **District Area:** 659 acres
- **Population:** 417 (2012 SANDAG)
- **ISO Rating:** 9
- **Sphere of Influence:** Coterminal with District
- **Sphere Adopted:** November 5, 1984
- **Sphere Affirmed:** November 7, 2005
- **Sphere Reaffirmed:** May 7, 2007
- **Sphere Reaffirmed:** August 6, 2007
- **Revenue Sources:** Property tax, County Fire Enhancement Program
- **Governance:** Elected five-member Board of Directors
- **Board Meeting:** Quarterly special meetings at Pauma Valley Comm. Center 16650 Highway 76 Pauma Valley, CA 92061-0812

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Mootamai MWD in 1984 that is coterminous with the district boundary.