DISTRICT BACKGROUND

The Olivenhain Municipal Water District (MWD) provides water service, hydroelectric generation, wastewater collection and treatment, reclaimed water, and park and recreation services within portions of the Cities of Carlsbad, Encinitas, San Diego, San Marcos and Solana Beach; and the unincorporated communities of 4S Ranch, Elfin Forest, Rancho Cielo, and Rancho Santa Fe Valley. Wastewater services are restricted to the 4-S Ranch and Rancho Cielo areas. The Olivenhain MWD was formed in 1959 to develop an adequate water supply for district residents. The District joined the San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA) in 1962 and imported SDCWA water provides 100 percent of the district’s potable supply. The MWD and SDCWA jointly constructed the 24,000 acre-foot Olivenhain Regional Storage Project.

In 1985, the MWD was authorized to provide park and recreation services as a latent power and the District cooperates with the SDCWA, U.S. Bureau of Land Management, State Department of Forestry, and the California Conservation Corps in a multi-agency project to develop and maintain the 784-acre Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve.

In 1998, the Olivenhain MWD was authorized to provide wastewater services as a latent power. In concurrent actions, the 4S Ranch and Rancho Cielo Sanitation Districts—both located within the boundary of the Olivenhain MWD—were dissolved and the MWD was named successor to provide wastewater service within areas that replicate the boundaries of the former sanitation districts. The MWD sells reclaimed water for irrigation uses in the San Dieguito Valley and La Costa areas. LAFCO approved a sphere-of-influence for the Olivenhain MWD in 1984 that is larger than the district boundary. The sphere was last affirmed in 2013.

DISTRICT CHARACTERISTICS

Principal Act: Government Code § 71000
Services: Water  
Wastewater  
Hydroelectric generation  
Reclaimed water  
Park and recreation
Connections: 19,610 water meters
Population: 69,695 (2012 SANDAG)
District Area: 48.45 square miles
Sphere of Influence: Larger than District
Sphere Adopted: June 4, 1984
Sphere Updated: May 2, 2005
Sphere Affirmed: June 3, 2013
Wastewater Area: 4.7 square miles
Wastewater Sphere: Larger than service area
Sphere adopted: February 2, 1998
Governance: Elected 5-member Board of Directors
Board Meeting: varies see website
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Revenue Sources: Property tax, fees
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View Map: sdlafco.org/Webpages/agency_maps_links.htm