

OTAY (MUNICIPAL) WATER DISTRICT

DISTRICT BACKGROUND

The Otay (Municipal) Water District (WD) provides potable water, wastewater collection and treatment, and recycled water services within approximately 125.5 square miles in southern San Diego County. The District covers portions of the Cities of Chula Vista and San Diego and the unincorporated communities of Spring Valley, Jamul-Dulzura, and East Otay Mesa.

The Otay WD was formed as a Municipal Water District in 1956. Following twenty-five years of operating as the Otay Municipal Water District, the District was renamed the Otay Water District in 1981.

The Otay WD is a member of the San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA) and import water purchased from the SDCWA provides the District's potable water supply.

District wastewater services are available in approximately 6.8 square miles of the unincorporated communities of Rancho San Diego, Hillsdale, and Calavo. The Otay WD is a member of the San Diego METRO Wastewater JPA.

Up to 1.2 million gallons per day (mgd) of wastewater flow originating within the Otay WD is treated to Title 22 tertiary levels at the Ralph W. Chapman WR Facility and distributed to recycled water customers in areas defined by the Regional Water Quality Control Board. The balance of wastewater originating within the District is transmitted to the METRO Facility at Point Loma.

LAFCO approved a sphere-of-influence for the Otay WD in 1983. The sphere has been amended several times to facilitate annexations into the District and once to exclude a parcel that would be better served by another agency. The Otay WD sphere is essentially coterminous with its boundary—except for the excluded parcel, where the Otay sphere was amended to *less-than* the district boundary. Per the

2007 Otay sphere affirmation, the sphere contains two Special Study Areas. One study area consists of 473 acres and is owned by the Sycuan Indian Tribe. The territory is also designated as a special study area

DISTRICT CHARACTERISTICS

Principal Act:	Water Code § 71000 et seq.
Services:	Water Wastewater Recycled water
Connections:	Water: 49,553 meters Wastewater: 5,141 Recycled Water: 689
Facilities:	Ralph W. Chapman Reclamation Facility
Population:	207,706 (2012 SANDAG)
District Area:	125.5 square miles
Wastewater Area:	6.7 square miles
Sphere of Influence:	Smaller than District
Sphere Adopted:	April 4, 1983
Sphere Affirmed:	August 6, 2007
Revenue Sources:	Property tax, fees
Governance:	Elected 5-member Board of Directors
Board Meeting:	1st Wednesday: 3:30 p.m. 2554 Sweetwater Springs Blvd. Spring Valley, CA 91978—2004 619/670-2210
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in the Padre Dam Municipal Water District sphere. The other Study Area consists of 1865 acres and includes Village 13 of the Otay Ranch Project. After the necessary planning approvals, the study areas will be resolved.