

PAUMA MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

DISTRICT BACKGROUND

The Pauma Municipal Water District (MWD) manages water rights protection efforts on behalf of district property owners by coordinating legal and engineering activities related to water supply issues.

DISTRICT CHARACTERISTICS

Principal Act:	Water Code § 71000 et seq.
Services:	Water rights Structural fire protection and EMS
ISO Rating:	9
Ambulance Transport:	Mercy
Fire Station:	CAL FIRE: Rincon
Dispatch:	CAL FIRE
Population:	146 (2009 SANDAG)
District Area:	6.91 sq. miles/eight discontinuous areas
Sphere of Influence:	Coterminous to 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:	Annually and as scheduled Lyall Ranch 15524 Highway 76 Pauma Valley, CA 92061-9547
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View Map:	sdlafco.org/Webpages/agency_maps_links.htm

The MWD, which includes eight discontinuous areas in the San Luis Rey River Watershed, was

formed in August 1960. The District 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). All water within the Pauma MWD is obtained from local groundwater wells.

Structural fire protection and emergency medical services (EMS) within the District are provided by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) through a contract for CAL FIRE service. The Pauma, Mootamai, and Yuima MWDs have established a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA), which underwrites a contract for fire protection services within all three MWDs. The Yuima MWD is contract administrator for the JPA.

The CAL FIRE operation that responds to the MWD is based at the CAL FIRE Rincon Station. The County of San Diego, through its Fire Enhancement Program, subsidizes an upgrade of the fire protection services provided to Mootamai/Pauma/Yuima MWDs.

LAFCO approved a sphere of influence for the Pauma MWD in 1984 that is coterminous with the district boundary.