**DISTRICT BACKGROUND**

The Ramona Municipal Water District (MWD) provides water, fire protection and emergency medical service, wastewater, and park and recreation services in the unincorporated east county community of Ramona.

The Ramona MWD was established in 1956 to replace the Ramona Irrigation District. The MWD is a member-agency of San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA) and imported water provides 100 percent of the district’s water supply.

In 1971, the MWD was authorized to provide wastewater service in a restricted area as a latent power. The wastewater area was expanded in 1980 when the county-dependent Ramona Sanitation District (SD) was dissolved and service responsibility transferred to the MWD. The wastewater service area was expanded further in 1982 to include the Ramona Current Urban Development Area (CUDA); and again in 1993 to include the service area of the dissolved Mt. Woodson Ranch Sanitation District.

The District was authorized to provide park and recreation services as a latent power in 1975 and operates a 166-acre community park and Lake Ramona.

In 1981, the 32-square mile Ramona Fire Protection District (FPD), which was entirely within the boundary of the 75-square mile MWD, was dissolved and the MWD was authorized to provide fire protection services district-wide as a latent power. Volunteer fire companies outside of the FPD boundary—but within the MWD boundary—were absorbed by the MWD. CAL FIRE has been the contract fire protection provider within the District since 1993.

**DISTRICT CHARACTERISTICS**

- **Principal Act:** Water Code § 71000 et seq.
- **Services:** Water, Wastewater, Structural fire protection and EMS, Park and recreation
- **Facilities:** Two wastewater treatment plants, 166-acre community park
- **Water Connections:** 9,303 potable; 209 agricultural untreated
- **Fire Stations:**
  - (1) 829 San Vicente Rd.
  - (2) 24462 San Vicente Rd.
  - (3) 3410 Dye Rd.
- **ISO Rating:** 4 and 9 by area (2000)
- **Dispatch:** CAL FIRE
- **Ambulance Transport:** CAL FIRE under contract
- **Population:** 33,995 (2012 SANDAG)
- **District Area:** 71.67 square miles
- **Sphere of Influence:** Slightly Larger than District service area
- **Sphere Adopted:** April 4, 1983
- **Sphere Affirmed:** June 2, 2014
- **Revenue Sources:** Property tax, fees and assessments
- **Governance:** Elected 5-member Board of Directors, Elected by division
- **Board Meeting:** 2nd and 4th Tuesday: 2:00 p.m.
  - 434 Aqua Lane
  - Ramona, CA 92065
- **Contact:**
  - www.rmwd.org
  - 105 Earlham Street
  - Ramona, CA 92065
  - 760/789-1330
- **View Map:** sdlafco.org/Webpages/agency_maps_links.htm

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