

SAN DIEGUITO (IRRIGATION) WATER DISTRICT

DISTRICT BACKGROUND

The San Dieguito (Irrigation) Water District (WD) provides potable water treatment and distribution service within the approximate western-half of the City of Encinitas.

The San Dieguito WD was formed in 1922 as an independent Irrigation District to provide water service in the unincorporated area south of the City of Carlsbad. The District joined the San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA) in 1948 and imported water purchased from SDCWA provides approximately 60 percent of the District’s water supply. Local water stored in City of San Diego-owned Lake Hodges is also available to the ID—and to the neighboring Santa Fe Irrigation District. The two districts jointly own and operate the R.E. Badger Water Filtration Plant, where water from Lake Hodges and raw water purchased from SDCWA is treated.

The 1986 incorporation of the City of Encinitas included the territory of the San Dieguito WD. The District became a subsidiary district of the City and is governed by the Encinitas City Council acting as the District Board of Directors. The WD service area covers approximately nine square miles in the western portion of the City—generally west of El Camino Real. The remainder of the City and adjacent unincorporated areas are served by the independent Olivenhain Municipal Water District.

In 2000, the San Dieguito WD began distrib-

uting reclaimed wastewater from the San Elijo Water Pollution Control Facility to landscape irrigation customers within approximately half of the District’s service area.

DISTRICT CHARACTERISTICS

Principal Act:	Water Code § 20500 et seq.
Service:	Water Hydro-electric
Service connections:	11,530 meters
Population:	36,316 (2012 SANDAG)
District Area:	9.16 square miles
Sphere of Influence:	Smaller than District
Sphere Adopted:	June 4, 1984
Sphere Affirmed:	June 3, 2013
Revenue Sources:	Property tax, fees
Governance:	Subsidiary district to City of Encinitas Encinitas City Council presides as District Board of Directors
Board Meeting:	3rd Wednesday; 5:00 p.m. 505 South Vulcan Avenue Encinitas, CA 92024
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View Map:	sdlafco.org/Webpages/agency_maps_links.htm

LAFCO approved a sphere-of-influence for the San Dieguito WD in 1984 that was smaller than the district boundary. The approved sphere remained the same after the incorporation of the City of Encinitas and was affirmed by LAFCO in 2005 and 2007. The sphere was last affirmed in 2013.

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