**CSA No. 26**  
**Rancho San Diego**

**District Background**

County Service Area (CSA) No. 26 (Rancho San Diego) was formed in 1970 to provide a funding source for planning activities associated with the Rancho San Diego Development in unincorporated east county.

The CSA was authorized to also provide landscape and open-space maintenance services as a latent power in 1972 and park and recreation in 1984. Planning services were last performed in 1973; however, landscape and open-space maintenance and park and recreation services are ongoing district functions. District officials established Zone A (Cottonwood) in 1980 and Zone B (Vista Village) in 1985 as service sub-areas of the CSA. Discrete mixtures of services are administered within the zones. The Special Districts Section of the County Department of Public Works administers maintenance services for local parks within the CSA.

The county-dependent CSA is governed by the Board of Supervisors. A five-member Advisory Board provides community input to the County regarding district issues. Advisory Board members are nominated by the District 2 Supervisor and confirmed by the Board of Supervisors; terms of office run concurrent with the District 2 Supervisor. Advisory Board membership will increase at the discretion of the Board of Supervisors as parks develop.

CSA No. 26 included approximately 6,000 acres at formation; 230 developed acres were detached from the CSA in 1983 and responsibility for maintenance services within the detached area was assumed by a homeowners association. A six-acre development was annexed to CSA No. 26 and Zone A in 2001.

**District Characteristics**

- **Principal Act:** Government Code § 25210 et seq.
- **Service:** Landscape and open-space maintenance  
Parks and Recreation
- **Population:** 15,562 (2012 SANDAG)
- **District Area:** 8.5 square miles
- **Sphere of Influence:** Coterminous with District
- **Sphere Adopted:** April 1, 1985
- **Sphere Affirmed:** April 8, 2013
- **Revenue Source:** Voter-approved assessment
- **Governance:** County Board of Supervisors  
Appointed 5-member Advisory Board
- **Advisory Meeting:** 1st Thursday; 6:00 p.m.  
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- **View Map:** sdlafco.org/webpages/agency_maps_links.htm

LAFCO approved a sphere-of-influence for CSA No. 26 in 1985 that is coterminous with the district boundary. The sphere was last affirmed in 2013.

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