

LEMON GROVE (COUNTY) SANITATION DISTRICT

DISTRICT BACKGROUND

The Lemon Grove (County) Sanitation District (SD) provides wastewater collection services within the City of Lemon Grove; only a very limited amount of city territory is not within the District.

The reorganization did not convert the Lemon Grove SD into a subsidiary agency of the City; nevertheless, the Lemon Grove City Council was designated the District Board of Directors under provisions in County Sanitation District law, which permits County Supervisors to designate a city council as a district board of directors if city population accounts for more than one-half of the total district population.

DISTRICT CHARACTERISTICS

Principal Act:	Health and Safety § 4700 et seq.
Service:	Wastewater
Population:	25,499 (2012 SANDAG)
District Area:	3.82 sq. miles
Sphere of Influence:	Transitional
Sphere Adopted:	May 4, 1987 (larger than District)
Sphere Updated:	November 7, 2005 (Transitional)
Sphere Affirmed:	August 6, 2007 (Transitional)
Revenue Source:	Fees
Governance:	Lemon Grove City Council presiding as Sanitation District Board of Directors
Board Meeting:	1st, 3rd Tuesday: 6:00 pm Lemon Grove Community Center 3146 School Lane; Lemon Grove, CA
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View Map:	sdlafco.org/Webpages/agency_maps_links.htm

The Lemon Grove SD was established in 1947 as a county-dependent district. The original SD boundary included territory that was incorporated as the City of Lemon Grove in 1977. Prior to incorporation, service responsibility in the area was shared by the Lemon Grove and Spring Valley County SDs. Both districts were retained and both districts included City of Lemon Grove and surrounding unincorporated territory. A reorganization in 1982 assigned all City of Lemon Grove territory to the Lemon Grove SD.

Wastewater flow generated within the SD is transported to the San Diego METRO Wastewater JPA facilities at Pt. Loma for treatment and disposal through the ocean outfall. Transferring oversight to the City Council without establishing the SD as a city subsidiary allowed the METRO rates that were considered favorable at the time to be retained. The County relinquished all SD operational responsibility to the City of Lemon Grove in 1989.

Lemon Grove SD services extend beyond the district boundary and outside the City of Lemon Grove. District services have been provided to residential properties within the adjoining City of San Diego since 1947; contracts for wastewater service within the City of La Mesa were initiated in 1983 and again in 2004.

LAFCO approved a sphere-of-influence for the SD in 1987 that was larger than the district boundary. The district sphere was amended to a transitional sphere in 2005 to facilitate a City and District reorganization.