

LAKESIDE (IRRIGATION) WATER DISTRICT

DISTRICT BACKGROUND

The Lakeside (Irrigation) Water District (WD) provides water service within approximately 10 square miles of east county, including the unincorporated communities of Lakeside, Eucalyptus Hills, Moreno Valley, Muth Valley, and Wintergardens.

The District was formed as the Lakeside Irrigation District (ID) in 1924. As a founding member of the San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA), the District was entitled to imported SDCWA water when it arrived in San Diego county in 1948.

In 1955, the ID relinquished its SDCWA membership to the Rio San Diego Municipal Water District (MWD) and the MWD became a wholesale supplier of imported water for the Lakeside ID and the Riverview and Santee County Water Districts (CWD).¹

The Lakeside ID absorbed the private Lakeside Farms Mutual Water Company in 1973. The Irrigation District began operating as the *Lakeside Water District in 1979.*

In 2006, a component of the *Upper San Diego River Reorganization* dissolved the Riverview CWD; transferred Riverview CWD responsibility to the Lakeside WD; and detached Lakeside WD territory from its water wholesaler—the Padre Dam MWD (formerly Rio San Diego

MWD). Coming full circle, Lakeside WD re-joined SDCWA and currently receives imported water directly from SDCWA.

The Lakeside WD receives an allocation of property tax revenue; however, the district’s principal source of revenue is user fees.

DISTRICT CHARACTERISTICS

Principal Act:	Water Code § 20500 et seq.
Service:	Water service
Service Connections:	6,937 meters
Population:	31,282 (2012 SANDAG)
District Area:	9.85 sq. miles
Sphere of Influence:	Larger than District
Sphere Adopted:	December 2, 1985
Sphere Affirmed:	August 6, 2007
Revenue Sources:	Property tax, fees
Governance:	Elected 5-member Board of Directors
Board Meeting:	1st Tuesday: 5:00 p.m. 10375 Vine Street; Lakeside, CA Santee, CA 92071
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View Map:	sdlafco.org/Webpages/agency_maps_links.htm

LAFCO approved a sphere-of-influence for the Lakeside WD in 1985 that is larger than the district boundary.

¹ Rio San Diego MWD and Santee County WD were reorganized in 1976 and emerged as the Padre Dam MWD.