

SANTA FE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

DISTRICT BACKGROUND

The Santa Fe Irrigation District (ID) provides potable and reclaimed water services within approximately 16 square miles in north coastal San Diego County. The District boundary includes the unincorporated community of Rancho Santa Fe; the City of Solana Beach; and limited territory within the Cities of Del Mar and Encinitas.

The District was formed in 1923 to bring water from Lake Hodges to the community of Rancho Santa Fe. The privately-owned Lake Hodges and Lake Hodges Dam were purchased by the City of San Diego in 1925; however, rights to stored water were conferred to the Rancho Santa Fe and neighboring San Dieguito Irrigation Districts. A narrow causeway, where a pipeline transports water from Lake Hodges to the Santa Fe ID, is incorporated into the eastern boundary of the Santa Fe ID and the district sphere-of-influence.

The District is a member agency of the San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA) and approximately 70 percent of the ID's water supply is imported water that is purchased from the SDCWA. Raw water purchased from SDCWA and untreated water from Lake Hodges is treated at the R. E. Badger Treatment Center, which is jointly owned and operated by the Santa Fe and San Dieguito IDs.

The Santa Fe ID purchases reclaimed water from the San Elijo Joint Powers Authority for resale to customers in the City of Solana Beach. Reclaimed water represents approximately four percent of district water sales.

DISTRICT CHARACTERISTICS

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| Principal Act: | Water Code § 20500 et seq. |
| Service: | Water |
| Service connections: | 6,452 meters |
| Population: | 19,308 (2012 SANDAG) |
| District Area: | 16.14 square miles |
| Sphere of Influence: | Smaller than District |
| Sphere Adopted: | June 4, 1984 |
| Sphere Affirmed: | June 3, 2013 |
| Revenue Sources: | Property tax, fees |
| Governance: | Elected 5-member Board of Directors |
| Board Meeting: | 3rd Thursday: 8:30 a.m. 5920 Linea del Cielo Rancho Santa Fe, CA 92067 |
| Contact: | sfidwater.org P.O. Box 409 Rancho Santa Fe, CA 92067-0409 858/756-2424 |
| View Map: | sdlafco.org/Webpages/agency_maps_links.htm |

LAFCO approved a sphere-of-influence for the Santa Fe Irrigation District in 1984 that is smaller than the district boundary.