

# CSA No. 135

## REGIONAL COMMUNICATIONS/FIRE PROTECTION AND EMS

### DISTRICT BACKGROUND

County Service Area (CSA) No. 135 provides county -dependent governance for two distinctly separate activities: a district-wide regional communications system; and fire protection and emergency medical services (EMS) within a restricted service area of the CSA.

### DISTRICT CHARACTERISTICS

<b>Principal Act:</b>	Government Code § 25210 et seq.
<b>RCS service area:</b>	Unincorporated San Diego County and 10 of 18 cities (additional cities and agencies contract for RCS service)
<b>RCS Population:</b>	1,039,060 (2015 SANDAG)
<b>RCS Sphere:</b>	Coterminous with County of San Diego
<b>RCS Sphere Adopted:</b>	October 3, 1994
<b>RCS Sphere Affirmed:</b>	May 7, 2007
<b>RCS Sphere Reaffirmed:</b>	August 6, 2007
<b>RCS Revenue Sources:</b>	Fees, contract revenue
<b>Governance:</b>	County Board of Supervisors
<b>RCS Contact:</b>	<a href="http://rcs800mhz.org">rcs800mhz.org</a> San Diego County Sheriff's Dept.; RCS 5555 Overland Ave., Suite 5105 San Diego, CA 92123 858/694-3663
<b>SDCFA Service Area:</b>	921,514-acre latent powers area
<b>SDCFA Population:</b>	38,248 (2015 SANDAG)
<b>SDCFA Sphere:</b>	Coterminous with latent powers area
<b>SDCFA Sphere Adopted:</b>	October 6, 2008
<b>SDCFA Sphere Affirmed:</b>	December 5, 2011
<b>SDCFA Sphere Amended:</b>	August 3, 2015
<b>SDCFA Revenue Source:</b>	County General Fund, property tax, voter approved assessments
<b>SDCFA Contact:</b>	<a href="http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/dplu">www.sdcounty.ca.gov/dplu</a> San Diego County Regional Fire Authority 5510 Overland Avenue, Suite 250 San Diego, CA 92123 858/694-2960
<b>View Map:</b>	<a href="http://sdlafco.org/Webpages/agency_maps_links.htm">sdlafco.org/Webpages/agency_maps_links.htm</a>

#### ■ San Diego Regional Communications System

CSA No. 135 was formed in 1994 to support an 800 MHz communications system for public safety personnel in San Diego County. The CSA boundary includes unincorporated San Diego County and 10

cities; additional cities and organizations contract for RCS services. Fiscal and operational oversight has been delegated to a member-agency Advisory Board. The RCS is staffed by the Sheriff's Department.

#### ■ Fire Protection and EMS services

The San Diego County Regional Fire Authority (SDCFA) was established by county ordinance in July 2008 to cover approximately 1.5 million acres in unincorporated San Diego County. In October 2008, CSA No. 135 was authorized to provide fire protection services as a latent power within a restricted area of the CSA that represented approximately 60 percent of the SDCFA. Activation of latent powers fulfilled Step I of a three-part county plan to extend fire protection services throughout the SDCFA. Proposals to expand the latent powers area and authorize fire protection service within the remaining 40 percent of the SDCFA was authorized by LAFCO between 2011 and 2016. The sphere is still generally coterminous within the latent powers area and contain several special study areas. Services in the latent powers area are provided through contracts with CAL FIRE and volunteer fire companies and funded through the County Fire Enhancement Program, property taxes, and voter approved assessments.

LAFCO approved a sphere-of-influence for the latent powers area in 2008 that is coterminous with the restricted fire protection service area. In 2011, the fire protection latent powers was expanded by 136,818 acres upon dissolution of CSA 109 (Mt. Laguna); CSA 110 (Palomar Mtn.) CSA 111 (Boulevard); CSA 112 (Campo); and CSA 113 (San Pasqual). In 2016, the fire protection latent powers for CSA 135 was expanded by 445,676 acres upon dissolution of the San Diego Rural FPD. It is anticipated that the latent powers for CSA No. 135 will be expanded by another 44,460 acres in 2016 after the dissolution of the Pine Valley FPD is finalized.

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