## LAKE CUYAMACA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT

## DISTRICT BACKGROUND

The Lake Cuyamaca Recreation and Park District provides recreational services associated with Lake Cuyamaca. The District includes more than 12 square miles located south of the unincorporated community of Julian and substantially surrounds Lake Cuyamaca.

Lake Cuyamaca is owned by the Helix Water District and operated as a water storage reservoir. In the late 1950's, owners of property surrounding Lake Cuyamaca were concerned about declining levels of lake water and proposed formation of a Recreation and Park District to protect the Lake's recreational assets. Special Legislation which empowered landowners to join registered voters as district electors authorized formation of the Lake Cuyamaca Recreation and Park District in July 1961. Formation of the District was approved by district voters on November 13, 1961.

The Lake Cuyamaca Recreation and Park District Act (Chapter 1654 of Statutes of 1961) established a five-member District Board of Directors appointed by the Board of Supervisors. The Act was amended in 1978 to increase board membership to seven.

The District is authorized to oversee water recharge activities that preserve recreational areas and to develop the Lake's recreational potential. Recreational facilities associated with Lake Cuyamaca are operated by the Recreation and Park District under a lease agreement with the Helix Water District. The Park and

Recreation District annually stocks the lake with trout, maintains campground and boating facilities, and leases restaurant facilities to a private concessionaire. District activities are funded with user fees and lease revenue.

## DISTRICT CHARACTERISTICS

Principal Act: Created by Chapter 1654 of the Statutes of

1961, as amended by Chapter 1982 of the Statutes of 1963, as amended by Chapter 328 of the Statutes of 1978, as amended by Chapter 354 of the Statutes of 1979 and as amended by Section 3 of Chapter 96 of the

Statutes of 1999.

Services: Recreation and Park services associated

with Lake Cuyamaca

**District Area:** 12.11 square miles **Population:** 265 (2012 SANDAG)

Sphere of Influence: Coterminous with District

Sphere Adopted: August 6, 2007

Sphere Affirmed: March 4, 2013

Revenue Sources: Fees, lease revenue

**Governance:** Appointed 7-member Board of Directors

Board Meeting Not less than quarterly
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LAFCO approved a sphere-of-influence for the Lake Cuyamaca Recreation and Park District in 2007 that is coterminous with the district boundary. The sphere was last affirmed in 2013.

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