



## FY 2011 FACT SHEET

- District formed in 1959, independent special district
- Special District formed under "County Water District" statute of state law
- LWD is one of 6 member agencies of the Encina Wastewater Authority (a joint powers authority) that operates a regional wastewater treatment and disposal facility in Carlsbad. (Other members are Carlsbad, Vista, Encinitas, Vallecitos Water District and Buena Sanitation District).
- LWD collects, treats, and disposes of 4.5 million gallons of wastewater daily.
- Service area includes La Costa, Leucadia and the Village Park area of Encinitas.
- LWD serves approx. 60,000 residents in a 16 square mile service area.
- Approximately 20,000 customer accounts, 27,545 equivalent dwelling units (EDU – same as a single family home); max of 30,045 EDU's at build out; currently at 92% build-out.
- 200 miles of pipeline, 9 lift stations, 2 pump stations, and 15 miles of force mains.
- Customers are almost all residential. Some businesses such as stores, restaurants.
- Annual Operating budget is \$5.93 million (includes water recycling)
- LWD's sewer service charge is \$21.52 per month for a single family home (\$258.22/year) – San Diego County average is \$38.42 per home. LWD has one of the lowest sewer service rate in San Diego County. (Based on 2008 San Diego county average).
- LWD Capacity Fee - \$3,732 (revised 2008) following Financial Plan Update
- Fiscal year is July 1 – June 30.
- FY 2011 Capital budget is \$3.9 million; Capital Acquisition is \$193K – tied to the District's Asset Management Master Plan & LWD Financial Plan for facility replacement and new facilities.
- Protection of public health, the Batiquitos Lagoon, beaches and coastal waters are highest priorities of District.
- LWD's record of environmental protection is exceptional (lack of major sewer spills and response to minor spills results in an outstanding track record of environmental protection.
- District has installed state of the art monitoring systems and back up facilities to ensure no sewer spills,
- Current staff of 18 employees.
- District is not a land use agency – makes no decisions about planning or growth in community – cities have this authority. LWD simply provides wastewater service.
- LWD owns and operates the Gafner Water Reclamation Plant – can produce up to 1.0 million gallons per day of high quality recycled water for irrigation purposes – serves La Costa Golf Course
- District has a long range Strategic Plan, Asset Management Master Plan (2008) and Financial Plan (2008) that guide decisions and operations.

- Recent LWD accomplishments include:
  - **California Sanitation Risk Management Authority (CSRMA)**
    - Lowest Claims Cost (1991-1992, 1996-1997, 1997-1998, 1998-1999, 2006-2007)
    - Loss Control Program of the Year Award (2006, 2009)
  - **California Water Environment Association (CWEA)**
    - Collection System of the Year Award (1991, 1994, 1999, 2004, 2006, 2008)
    - Safety Award (1992, 2001, 2006)
  - **California Association of Sanitation Agencies**
    - Organizational Innovation Award – LWD Incentive Program (2005)
    - Technical Achievement Award - Asset Management Master Plan (2008)
  - **California Special Districts Association (CSDA)**
    - District of Distinction (2008)
  - **American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)**
    - Buildings & Structures Award of Excellence (2010)
  - **Construction Management Association of America (CMAA)**
    - Honorable Mention, Buildings/New Construction Less than \$10 Million (2010)
  - **San Diego Society for Human Resource Management**
    - Medallion Winner – Workplace Excellence Awards (2008)