

## **WHAT IS THE SAN DISTRICT?**

The San Diego Area Wastewater Management District (SanDistrict) was created by State statute passed in 1992 and effective in 1993. The District included the following member agencies: the City of San Diego, the City of Chula Vista, the City of Coronado, the City of Del Mar, the City of El Cajon, the City of Imperial Beach, the City of La Mesa, the Lemon Grove Sanitation District, the City of National City, the City of Poway, the County of San Diego, the Otay Water District, the Padre Dam Municipal Water District, and the San Diego County Water Authority (ex officio). The SanDistrict was established to assume ownership and operation of the Metro Wastewater Sewer System (Metro System) from the City of San Diego.

In 1993, a Board of Directors was appointed, officers were elected, an executive director and general counsel were hired, and meetings were held. A draft agreement was prepared, negotiated and debated. During the course of this process, policy disagreements arose which caused the Board of Directors to conclude that the SanDistrict was not a viable entity to own and operate the Metro System. It was therefore agreed that the District would continue to exist but would not be utilized as an entity to own and operate the Metro System. It was decided that the Board of Directors would meet annually to maintain the existence of the District for potential use in the future. Several member agencies and cities exercised their rights under the legislation to withdraw from the District. The withdrawing agencies were the County Sanitation Districts, the City of San Diego, the City of Chula Vista, the City of El Cajon and the City of La Mesa.

The District continued to have annual meetings when there was a quorum of the Board of Directors. On occasion annual meetings have not occurred because of the absence of a quorum.

If you represent Coronado, Del Mar, Imperial Beach, Lemon Grove, National City, Otay Water District, Padre Dam Municipal Water District, or Poway, you are a participant in these meetings.