

District Updates

Providing customers with essential information on programs, services, events, and resources.

R.E. Badger Filtration Plant Clearwell Solar Ribbon Cutting

Construction of a new solar energy project at the shared R.E. Badger Filtration Plant has been completed, with a ribbon cutting held on March 31, 2026. The project features a solar array installed on the potable water clearwell, including a 467-kilowatt solar system paired with a 574-kilowatt-hour battery to enhance energy reliability while providing cost savings.

This system will reduce reliance on non-renewable energy while helping offset the plant's electricity use. By advancing a more sustainable energy solution, the Santa Fe Irrigation District and the San Dieguito Water District are taking important steps to lower the carbon footprint at the water treatment plant. Over the next 25 years, the project is expected to deliver more than \$3 million in net savings.



Photo: R.E. Badger Plant Solar Panels Ribbon Cutting

SDWD Finance Update

The San Dieguito Water District's outside auditors, The Pun Group, LLP, issued a clean opinion on the Fiscal Year 2024-25 financial statements. A clean, or unmodified, opinion is the most favorable conclusion in an audit and means that the financial statements are fairly stated in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

District Resources



Calling all 4th grade students! Submit your calendar contest entry by April 10th!



Visit www.sdwd.org for more details and entry form

Rebates & Incentives

To find information about residential, commercial, & agricultural rebates, visit socialwatersmart.com or scan the QR code below.



Large Landscape Assistance Programs

Large commercial properties can use enhanced rebates, irrigation surveys, and incentives. Find information at watersmartsd.org

Water Efficiency Surveys

Commercial customers and HOAs have access to complimentary in-person commercial large landscape surveys. Find more information at waterefficiencysurvey.com.

In January, the District Board unanimously voted to approve the incorporation of pass-through charges for potable and recycled water for the next cost of service (rate) update. Most water agencies in the County have a pass-through provision in their adopted rate schedules, allowing them to automatically pass on increases in wholesale rates to their customers. Pass-through charges help with the district's financial planning and provide greater transparency to customers about the cost to bring water imported from far away right to the tap. Learn more by watching our Board meeting recording at this [link](#).



Proud of Your Water-Efficient Yard?



Enter for a chance to win!

Basic Judging Criteria:

- Overall attractiveness
- Efficient methods of irrigation
- Design
- Appropriate plant selection & maintenance

DEADLINE: MAY 8, 2026

Winners from each participating water agency will receive valuable prizes. For eligibility requirements, details on how to apply, and more, visit landscapecontest.com or contact your local water agency.



Capital Improvement Program Update

The San Dieguito Water District appreciates the residents who may have been temporarily impacted and inconvenienced due to these improvements. The projects have increased the reliability of the water system and enhanced fire flows in these areas. These projects underscore the District's commitment to maintaining and upgrading essential water infrastructure. [Work Across the City](#) and the [City's project dashboard](#) provide details related to projects within the City, including the District's projects.

Air Release and Blow-off Valve Replacement Project Phase II

The construction contract is underway. This project will replace air release valves and blow-off valves on the district's 30-inch transmission main. The existing valves have reached the end of useful service life and replacing them will allow the district to better operate and maintain the critical 30-inch transmission

[Other Resources](#)

Plants for WaterSmart

Landscapes

Check out the Nifty 50 plant list and enhance your landscape. View the San Diego County Water Authority's guide [here](#):



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Newsletter

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San Dieguito Water District

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has been serving coastal Encinitas since 1922. The District serves the communities of Leucadia, Old Encinitas, Cardiff, and portions of New Encinitas.

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main. Construction is expected to start in late spring or early summer and continue through fall 2026 and includes the following locations:

- El Montevideo east of Via De Fortuna
- Via de Fortuna north of Vista de Fortuna
- El Mirlo east of S. Rancho Santa Fe Road
- Encinitas Blvd. west of Willowspring Drive
- Encinitas Blvd and El Camino Real



Photo: Air release valve (blue can) and associated pipeline and appurtenance replacement construction

Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP)

The district will be releasing its draft UWMP in April, a required long-range plan that explains where our water will come from and how the district will keep it reliable.

The draft version will be available after the April 15, 2026, meeting with the Board of Directors on the district's website: www.sdwd.org. The public is welcome to read the draft plan and submit public comments.

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