

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WATER



METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA,
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY,
ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT & LOCAL RETAIL WATER PROVIDERS



METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA



By Act of California Legislature in 1927, the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) was established.

Governed by a 37-member Board of Directors, the mission of Metropolitan is to provide its service area with adequate and reliable supplies of high quality water to meet present and future needs in an environmentally and economically responsible way. Metropolitan currently delivers an average of 1.7 billion gallons of water per day to a 5,200-square-mile service area.



MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY (MWD OC)



MWD OC is a wholesale water supplier and resource planning agency that was established in 1951.

Governed by a seven-member Board, MWD OC's mission is to provide reliable, high-quality supplies from Metropolitan and other sources to meet present and future needs, at an equitable and economical cost, and to promote water use efficiency for all of Orange County.

MWD OC is Metropolitan's third largest member agency and appoints four representatives to advocate the interests of Orange County on the Metropolitan Board.



26 MEMBER AGENCIES

Metropolitan is a consortium of 26 cities and water districts that provide drinking water to over 19 million people in parts of Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura counties. **The Municipal Water District of Orange County is Metropolitan's third largest agency.**

MWD OC's efforts focus on sound planning and appropriate investments in water supply development, water use efficiency, public information, legislative advocacy, water education, and emergency preparedness.



27 MEMBER AGENCIES

MWD OC's service area covers all of Orange County with the exception of the cities of Anaheim, Fullerton and Santa Ana. MWD OC serves Orange County through 27 water retail agencies.



ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT



The Orange County Water District (OCWD) was formed in 1933 by a special act of the California State Legislature to protect Orange County's rights to water in the Santa Ana River. OCWD's primary responsibility is managing the vast groundwater basin under northern and central Orange County that supplies water to more than 20 cities and water agencies.

Governed by a 10-member Board of Directors; seven of whom are elected and three are appointed by the city councils of Anaheim, Fullerton and Santa Ana, the mission of OCWD is to provide local water retailers with a reliable, adequate, high quality water supply at the lowest reasonable cost in an environmentally responsible manner. **OCWD, a MWDOC member agency, purchases imported water to recharge the groundwater basin.**



OC RETAIL WATER PROVIDERS



Retail water agencies, the direct link to consumers, provide a number of other services including maintaining water quality throughout their distribution systems, repair and replacement of critical infrastructure, regulatory compliance, customer service, cross-connection control programs, water-use efficiency and conservation services, recycled water for irrigation or other non-potable uses, and public outreach as well as other public health water related services.



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MILLION GALLONS PER DAY

OCWD operates the Groundwater Replenishment System (GWRS) in partnership with the Orange County Sanitation District. The GWRS takes highly treated wastewater that would have previously been discharged into the Pacific Ocean and purifies it using a three-step advanced treatment process. This state-of-the-art water purification project can produce up to 100 million gallons of high-quality drinking water per day, that exceeds all state and federal drinking water standards.



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WATER PROVIDERS

There are 29 retail and two wholesale water providers in Orange County. Retail providers include cities, water agencies and one private water company. These water providers directly serve residential and commercial customers, delivering high quality tap water to homes and businesses. All water providers are governed by an elected board of directors, city council, or investors.