

WHAT IS THE SANTA YNEZ COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT?

The Santa Ynez Community Services District was formed in 1971 by citizens in the area for the purpose of obtaining and providing community sewage disposal services in the Santa Ynez area (approximately one square mile). In January 1974 State and County health departments determined a health hazard existed due to septic systems, and a building moratorium was put on the area. The original system was built to address this problem and was completed in 1981. Subsequent to this there have been extensions to the mainline to make public sewer available to residents who have come to the District requesting service.

The Santa Ynez Community Services District is an independent special district created under section 61000, Title 6, Division 2 of the Community Services District Law of the State of California. The District is governed by a Board of Directors consisting of five elected members serving four year terms. Board members must reside in the District. As a local government, we are accessible to our customers and as an enterprise district we charge only those who receive the service.

The SYCSD owns 0.30 gpd capacity in the City of Solvang 1.5 mgd wastewater treatment plant. The SYCSD collection system has 693 connections, 372 manholes, 7.4 miles of 8 inch VCP gravity line, 4,415 feet of force main, 4.25 miles of 12 inch VCP gravity line and 2.1 miles of 15 inch VCP gravity line and one lift station. The SYCSD's main trunk line carries an average of 150,000 gpd to Solvang 's treatment plant.

The Chumash Tribe owns 0.088 gpd of the SYCSD's capacity. The Chumash Tribe has constructed a wastewater treatment plant with a capacity of 200,000 gallons per day (gpd), which was brought on-line in May 2004. This plant will serve the Casino, Hotel, administration buildings, and approximately 350 residents on the reservation. Treatment includes head works, extended aeration, filtration, and the disinfection is by UV prior to discharge to Zanja de Cota Creek. The discharge will meet California Title 22, tertiary 2.2 standards. Some of this tertiary water is being utilized in the irrigation throughout the reservation and for water to flush the toilets. The SYCSD is under contract to maintain the Chumash wastewater plant and collection system. The SYCSD Board of Directors believes it is in the best interest of the community to have a governmental agency manage the Chumash wastewater treatment plant. The Tribe's collection system has 1.8 miles of 8 inch VCP gravity sewer, 33 manholes, .9 miles of 4 inch sewer force main and two lift stations.