Guide to the Santa Margarita Water District Records

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Santa Margarita Water District records


Date (bulk): bulk 1978-1981

Collection Number: MS-R083

Creator: Santa Margarita Water District (Calif.)

Extent: 5 linear feet (5 boxes)

Languages: The collection is in English.

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Abstract: Established in 1964, the Santa Margarita Water District (SMWD), serves Mission Viejo, Rancho Santa Margarita, Coto de Caza, Las Flores, Ladera Ranch, Talega, and Rancho Mission Viejo in Orange County, California. The collection documents SMWD’s research and services. It contains analyses and reports on wastewater disposal, water reclamation, water importation, facility regulations, and environmental impacts related to SMWD projects. It also includes correspondence, proposals, agreements, and minutes of board of directors’ meetings.

Access

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Acquisition Information

Transferred to Special Collections and Archives from UCI Libraries Government Information Center in 2001.

Custodial History

Evidence within the collection indicates these materials were received and collected by Robert Monroe, a board director of the SMWD.

Processing History


Biography

The Santa Margarita Water District (SMWD), Orange County’s second largest water district, is located in southern Orange County, California. It was formed in 1964, prior to the construction of the first residential neighborhood in the area, when the region was dominated by the 52,000-acre Rancho Mission Viejo. As of 2007, it serves the communities of Mission Viejo, Rancho Santa Margarita, Coto de Caza, Las Flores, Ladera Ranch, Talega, and the remaining 23,000-acres of Rancho Mission Viejo. The SMWD is governed by a five-member board of directors that is elected by residents within the district’s boundaries.

Biography/Organization History

1964 SMWD established by a group of local landowners to supply water to their ranches.
1965 First SMWD Board of Directors meeting held.
1970 Began strategic planning to supply water to future communities scheduled to be built within the district.
1974 Established more than 800 connections, including to the newly constructed communities of Mission Viejo and Coto de Caza.
1981 Constructed the O’Neill Reservoir, the district’s largest water storage facility.
1985 Began construction on Chiquita Water Reclamation Plant to provide sewage treatment for the neighborhoods of Coto de Caza, Rancho Santa Margarita, and part of the Trabuco Canyon Water District.
1990 Spearheaded construction of the South County Pipeline from Lake Forest to San Clemente.
1993 Completed South County Pipeline, the district’s primary source of water.
2001 Expanded Chiquita Water Reclamation Plant.

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2005 Began construction on two subterranean reservoirs intended to serve Ladera Ranch.

Collection Scope and Content Summary
The collection comprises materials documenting Santa Margarita Water District's (SMWD) research and activities in the development and delivery of its water service. It includes meeting booklets documenting monthly SMWD Board of Directors’ meetings, including agendas, minutes, and reports from the treasurer, general manager, engineers, and legal counsel. The collection also includes analyses and reports on wastewater disposal, water reclamation, water importation, facility regulations, and environmental impacts related to SMWD projects. It also includes some related correspondence, proposals, and agreements.

Collection Arrangement
This collection is arranged in three series.

Series 1. Board of directors meeting materials, 1978-1982. 2.8 linear feet
Series 2. Project proposals, plans, and reports, 1970-1981. 2 linear feet
Series 3. Agreements and correspondence, 1977-1981. 0.2 linear feet

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Subjects
Santa Margarita Water District (Calif.). -- Archives.
Water districts -- California -- Orange County -- Archives.
Water supply -- California -- Orange County -- Archives.
Sewage disposal -- California -- Orange County -- Archives.
Orange County (Calif.) -- Archives.

Genres and Formats of Materials
Environmental impact statements -- California -- Orange County --20th century.

Series 1. Board of directors meeting materials 1978-1982
Physical Description: 2.8 linear feet
Series Scope and Content Summary
This series contains booklets that were distributed to SMWD board members documenting SMWD board meetings and include agendas, minutes, reports from the treasurer, general manager, engineers, and legal counsel. Some booklets are accompanied by supplemental materials related to the meeting, including maps, correspondence, and reports related to the items discussed at that meeting.
Arrangement
This series is arranged chronologically by meeting date.
Processing note
Booklets have been unbound for preservation purposes.

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Box : Folder 3 : Minutes, reports, and other materials 1980-1982
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Physical Description: 2 linear feet

Series Scope and Content Summary

This series primarily contains project proposals, plans, and reports prepared for the improvement of water service and wastewater management within the SMWD. It also includes information on projects that impacted the SMWD.

The Santa Margarita Water District is divided into eight Improvement Districts. The geographic locations associated with projects and proposals in the collection are identified by Improvement District number, and abbreviated, "ID no." Many of the communities now served by the SMWD had not been built at the time of these records, but were part of the expansive Rancho Mission Viejo. The ID numbers on the materials in this collection roughly correspond with the following regions as they existed in the mid-1970s to early 1980s:

Improvement District 1: Mission Viejo

Improvement District 2: Coto de Caza

Improvement District 3: Northern Rancho Mission Viejo

Improvement District 4: Northwestern Rancho Mission Viejo

Improvement District 5: Southern Rancho Mission Viejo

Improvement District 6: Central Rancho Mission Viejo

Improvement District 7: Southwestern Rancho Mission Viejo

Improvement District 8, located at the northern tip of the SMWD, is not defined in these materials.

Arrangement

Projects that affected several regions are listed first, followed by materials pertaining to specific regions.

Multiple regions

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