



CITY OF SANTEE

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The San Diego River Watershed

The City of Santee is located within the San Diego Watershed, the second largest hydrologic unit in all of San Diego County, with a land area of 440 square miles. It also has the highest population (~476,000) of all the watersheds and is home to the City of Santee. This watershed also contains portions of the cities of San Diego, El Cajon, La Mesa, and Poway, as well as several storage reservoirs, a large ground aquifer, extensive biodiversity and natural habitat, and even tide pools.



Water Quality

All jurisdictions located within the San Diego River watershed are required to take water quality samples on a yearly basis. The results of the water quality sampling indicate that there are a number of pollutants which are exceeding acceptable thresholds for waterways. The highest priority pollutants for the San Diego River are:

Pollutant	Likely Sources May Include
Fecal Coliform (bacteria)	Pet waste, human sourced (sewer spills, river encampments)
Enterococci (bacteria)	Waste (trash) storage areas, food establishments, decaying food matter or garden waste
Nutrients	Fertilizers from landscaped areas (including parks, sport fields, and golf courses)
Total Dissolved Solids	Pool discharges, irrigation runoff, construction sites, concrete work, and stone cutting

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For specific water conservation requirements visit: www.padredam.org.