

# PERMANENT SPECIAL AGRICULTURAL WATER RATE (PSAWR) PROGRAM



San Diego County Water Authority  
And Its 24 Member Agencies

## WHAT IS THE PSAWR PROGRAM?

The San Diego County Water Authority (Water Authority) provides a special agricultural water rate to eligible commercial agricultural customers within its service area. The PSAWR program is administered at the retail level by Water Authority member agencies and is a voluntary program that provides eligible agricultural customers a lower water rate in exchange for a reduced level of water service during water supply shortages or emergencies.

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Agricultural customers must grow or raise, for commercial purposes, products of an agricultural, horticultural, or floricultural nature within the service area of a Water Authority member agency participating in the PSAWR program. Additionally, agricultural customers must be listed on one of the following County of San Diego or San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board agricultural lists - prior to participation in the PSAWR program:

1. San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board:
  - a. General Agricultural Orders List
2. County of San Diego:
  - a. Growers List
  - b. Active Certified Producers List
  - c. Organic Producers List

Program eligibility is verified on an annual basis using updated County and Regional Board lists.



## WHAT IS THE PSAWR PROGRAM AGRICULTURAL WATER RATE BENEFIT?

Customers participating in the PSAWR Program receive a cost benefit tied to the reduced level of water service during water supply shortages or emergencies. The Water Authority's cost benefit is comprised of three components including a Supply Rate Differential, Storage Charge Exemption and Supply Reliability Charge Exemption.

The total wholesale cost benefit provided to participating member agencies for Calendar Year 2023 is \$489 per acre-foot. Please note that the PSAWR customers' retail cost benefit will vary by member agency based on the individual agency's retail rate structure. Check with your local water agency for more details about specific PSAWR cost benefits in your area.

## HOW AND WHEN CAN I JOIN THE PSAWR PROGRAM?

Commercial agricultural customers who wish to receive the PSAWR agricultural water rate should:

1. check to see if their retail water agency participates in the PSAWR Program (see map on Page 2), and
2. submit a completed PSAWR Program Enrollment Form to their participating water agency for eligibility verification

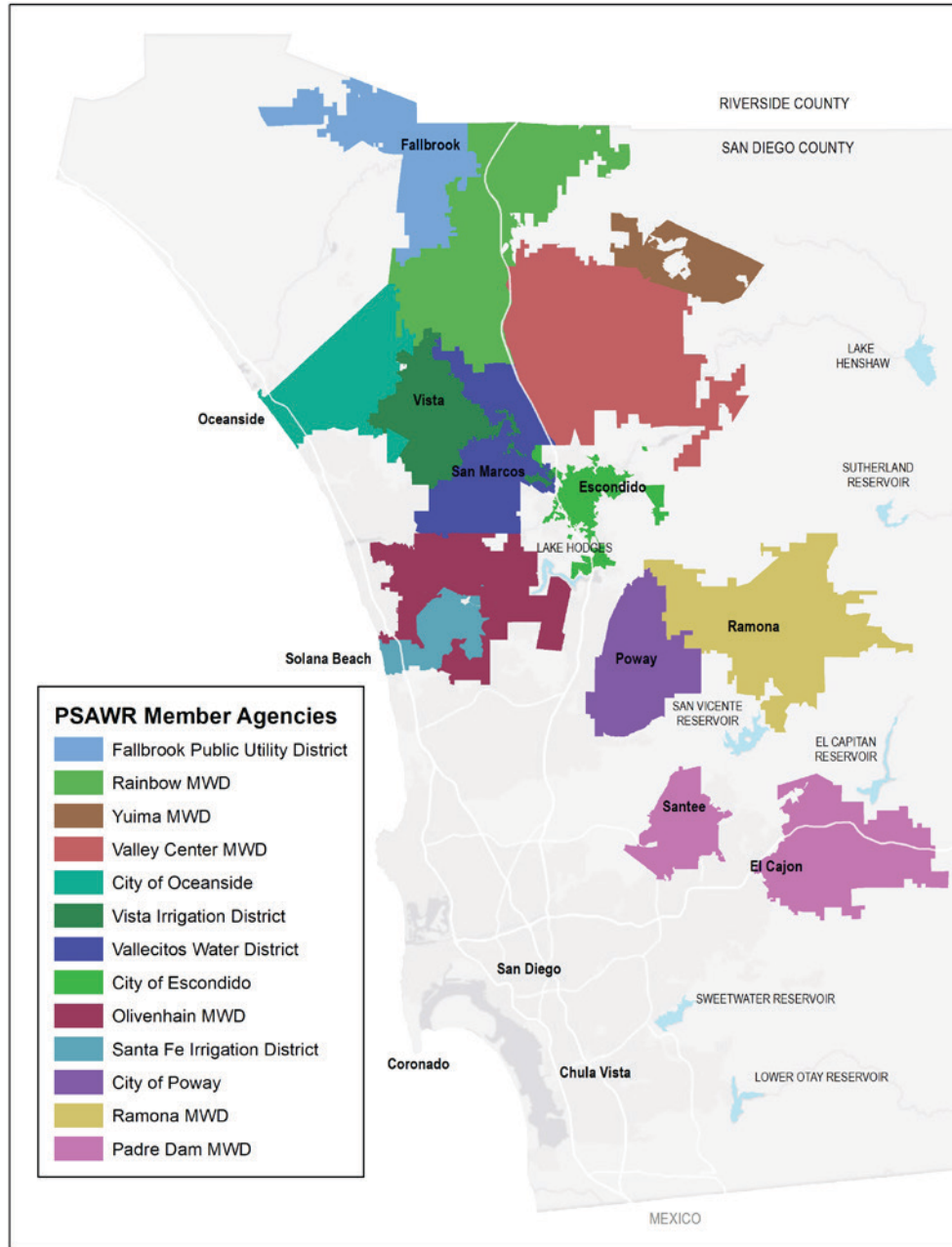
Agricultural customers may complete an enrollment form at any time except during service limitation periods (periods where member agencies are experiencing supply cutbacks from the Water Authority or during emergency situations).

## PSAWR FACTS

- 13 member agencies currently participate in the PSAWR Program
- More than 2,000 agricultural customers in the San Diego region are enrolled in the PSAWR program



## PSAWR PROGRAM PARTICIPATING MEMBER AGENCIES



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