



county of san diego

Our Los Peñasquitos Watershed



Watersheds are land areas that drain water through streams, lakes and rivers to a common low point – usually the ocean.

The Los Peñasquitos Watershed is 1 of 11 watersheds within San Diego County.

The Los Peñasquitos Watershed begins in the mountains east of Poway and drains all the way to the Pacific Ocean south of Del Mar, as well as Mission Bay. If you live within this watershed, actions you take at your home and within your community can help improve the water quality in our rivers, lakes, and ocean.



We rely on our watershed more than you might think.

Whenever we walk along the Los Peñasquitos Lagoon, boat in Mission Bay, hike in Los Peñasquitos canyon, or simply take a sip of water, we are using our watershed's resources.

Los Peñasquitos Watershed Map



We Can Protect Our Watersheds with Just a Few Steps!

The water that flows through our watershed picks up pollutants like bacteria, sediment, and trash, which can contaminate our waterways. **The top priority in the Los Peñasquitos Watershed is preventing bacteria pollution, like pet waste for example.** As residents, it is up to us to keep it clean. Every individual action can add up to big changes.

You can help protect our watershed by taking these simple actions to prevent pollution:



Bacteria | *found in waste and sewage*

- Keep your yard free of pet waste. Carry bags when walking your pet and properly dispose of their waste in designated containers.
- Take care of your sewer or septic system. Report sewage leaks or spills immediately to 858-505-6657.
- Properly dispose of RV sewage at a designated dump station.



Sediment | *dirt and soil*

- Sweep your driveway or porch instead of using a hose. Dispose of debris in a designated container.
- Use mulch or gravel in landscaped areas to prevent erosion and save water.



Trash | *including green waste*

- Throw all trash away in designated containers and keep the lids closed.
- Visit <https://wastefreesd.org/> to find out how to dispose or recycle specific items.

The County of San Diego and its partners also work together to keep our watersheds healthy.

If you would like to learn more about these efforts in the Los Peñasquitos Watershed, visit www.projectcleanwater.org/los-penasquitos-wma/

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