Special districts are publicly owned and overseen.

ACCOUNTABLE & TRANSPARENT

A series of sunshine laws ensure special districts remain transparent and accountable to communities:
- Open and Public Meetings
- Public Records
- Regular Audits
- Finances and Compensation
  Posted Online

PREVENT OVERLAPPING SERVICES

To prevent overlapping services and ensure local agencies are operating effectively and efficiently to meet communities’ needs, special districts are formed, reviewed, consolidated, or dissolved through a methodical local process.

Third-parties impose additional oversight, review, and regulation of special districts:
- Local Agency Formation Commission
- County Auditor-Controller
- County District Attorney
- County Civil Grand Jury
- State Attorney General
- State Controller
- State Auditor
- State Treasurer
- State Regulators

Local Agency Formation Commissions

PUBLIC

STAKE-HOLDERS

ANALYSIS

VOTE

Special districts are created and funded by a community’s residents to provide new or enhanced local services and infrastructure. Local residents own special districts and govern them through locally elected or appointed board members.