

RESOLUTION NO. OC SAN 24-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ORANGE COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT COMMENDING CHAD P. WANKE FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS AND DEDICATION TO PUBLIC SERVICE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE ORANGE COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS

WHEREAS, Chad P. Wanke is completing his tenure as Chairman of the Orange County Sanitation District (OC San) Board of Directors, having served from July 2022 through June 2024; and

WHEREAS, in various positions, Chairman Wanke has provided nearly 10 years of continuous leadership and vision to the OC San Board of Directors, Administration Committee, Steering Committee, Legislative and Public Affairs Committee, Operations Committee, Headquarters Complex Ad Hoc Committee, Groundwater Replenishment System Steering Committee, General Manager Recruitment Ad Hoc Committee; General Legal Services Ad Hoc Committee; and OC San/Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority Joint Policy Committee; and

WHEREAS, in 2022 Mr. Wanke and the Board of Directors lead OC San to achieve the remarkable feat of recycling 100 percent of our reclaimable flow, setting another industry first. This achievement stems from OC San's strategic alignment with our partners at the Orange County Water District (OCWD); and

WHEREAS, under his leadership, Mr. Wanke and the OC San Board of Directors remain steadfast in their dedication to enforcing federal mandates that pertain to dental offices, with the primary objective of curtailing the release of mercury into the environment. OC San's efforts have yielded remarkable results, having received over 1,600 completed Dental Discharger Compliance Reports to date. In June of 2022, we extended our outreach by dispatching more than 350 certification letters to newly identified dental offices; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Wanke has demonstrated support for OC San's Supercritical Water Oxidation Project by seeking funding assistance through the Orange County Congressional Delegation. OC San has been honored with federal funding amounting to \$3.45 million through the federally run Community Partnering Program; and

WHEREAS, with his guidance, the Headworks Rehabilitation Project, which is anticipated to take seven years to complete and is valued at \$222.3 million, represents a paradigm shift in efficiency, a reduction in potential odorous concerns, and an enhancement in overall reliability.

WHEREAS, Mr. Wanke has provided leadership and guidance for the construction and completion of the new OC San Headquarters. The 109,000 square

foot building will consolidate over 300 administrative staff and provide a new educational display showcasing OC San’s resource recovery efforts for our visitors; and

WHEREAS, with his foresight, Chairman Wanke supported OC San conducting a rate study to determine customers’ fair and equitable share of collection, treatment, and disposal costs. The previous rate structure expired in June 2022 and to support ongoing operations, maintenance, and necessary improvements, the OC San Board of Directors approved a new five-year sewer service fee rate structure for FY 2023 - 2028 in March 2023; and

WHEREAS, Chad Wanke has demonstrated his determination, vision, and leadership to OC San and its ratepayers through the commitment of his time, professionalism, and devotion to the residents and businesses of Orange County.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Orange County Sanitation District DOES HEREBY RESOLVE:

That the Board of Directors and the staff of the Orange County Sanitation District express to Chairman Chad Wanke their sincere appreciation for his outstanding public service to the citizens of Orange County, and his meritorious efforts on behalf of OC San and its mission of protecting public health and the environment by providing effective wastewater collection, treatment, and recycling.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by unanimous acclamation at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange County Sanitation District held on June 26, 2024.

Kelly A. Lore, MMC
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Orange County Sanitation District

Robert C. Thompson
General Manager
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Orange County Sanitation District

