

March 9, 2020

Dear Members of the Orange County Congressional Delegation:

The Orange County Sanitation District (Sanitation District) writes to request your continued support of an important water infrastructure assistance program. Since enactment of the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act (WIIN), California has leveraged this program to increase the state's water supply reliability. In our own region, the Groundwater Replenishment System (GWRS) is in the process of its final expansion that will deliver 130 million gallons of highly treated water daily and help to drought proof a region of more than 1 million residents in north and central Orange County, CA.

Your support of this program and specifically the GWRS is deeply appreciated. With the continuing demand for federal water infrastructure assistance, we request that you work with your colleagues to provide at least \$60 million in Fiscal Year 2021 to support WIIN and Title XVI programs.

There are currently 55 Title XVI-WIIN eligible projects awaiting assistance, with a total of more than \$550 million in eligible federal cost-share. This list will only grow as more projects become eligible. Title XVI-WIIN is an integral part of the federal funding partnership with local communities throughout the West to ensure they have safe and sustainable water supplies to meet demand. This is especially true in California, which has received the vast majority of Title XVI funding.

Thank you for considering our request. Please contact Jennifer Cabral, OCSD's Administration Manager at 714.593.7581 or via email at jcabral@ocsd.com should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

David John Shawver
Board Chairman