

# Federal Advocacy Day Recap Report

**Monday March 29, 2021**

**Colin Timmerman**

**Legislative Assistant**

**Office of Representative Young Kim**

**Attendees:** General Manager Jim Herberg, Chairman Shawver and Vice Chair Withers, Eric Sapirstein-ENS and OC San Staff

- General Manager Jim Herberg spoke about the logo change from OCSD to OC San.
- He Introduced OC San to the office and provided an overview of OC San to the staff.
- Additionally, Mr. Herberg updated Colin on the three projects:
  - Primary Clarifiers Replacement at Plant No. 2 in Huntington Beach
  - Headworks Rehabilitation at Plant No. 1 in Fountain Valley
  - Interim Food Waste Receiving Facility at Plant No. 2 in Huntington Beach
- Mr. Herberg spoke about PFAS and the fact that POTWs are passive recipients.
- Vice Chair Withers invited the office to take a tour of our facilities (virtual for now).
- Chairman Shawver spoke about the importance of infrastructure funding and the need to support funding for wastewater infrastructure in any future congressional infrastructure investment package.
- Mr. Herberg also reiterated that funding for infrastructure is important to us and our partners the Orange County Water District. He also stated that we have a lot of shovel ready projects.
- Eric Sapirstein of ENS reiterated that we are a resource for Colin Timmerman and Congresswoman Kim.

**Tuesday, March 30, 2021**

**Congressman Alan Lowenthal**

**Ngoc Nguyen, Senior Legislative Assistant**

**Attendees:** General Manager Jim Herberg, Chairman Shawver and Vice Chair Withers, Eric Sapirstein-ENS and OC San Staff

- General Manager Jim Herberg spoke about the logo change from OCSD to OC San.
- Mr. Herberg provided an update on OC San to the office.
- Mr. Herberg discussed the Groundwater Replenishment System, a joint project with the Orange County Water District and the status of the Final Expansion, which is expected to be complete in 2023 and will provide enough new water for 1 million people in north and central Orange County.
- Additionally, Mr. Herberg updated the Congressman on three shovel ready projects:
  - Primary Clarifiers Replacement at Plant No. 2 in Huntington Beach
  - Headworks Rehabilitation at Plant No. 1 in Fountain Valley
  - Interim Food Waste Receiving Facility at Plant No. 2 in Huntington Beach

- Mr. Herberg talked about future COVID Funding and that we would want to be included for Rate Payer relief if possible.
- Mr. Herberg spoke about PFAS and the fact that POTWs are passive recipients.
- Mr. Herberg thanked the Congressman for his support on the Break Free from Plastics Legislation and his support of wipes (IE proper labeling etc.) Congressman Lowenthal mentioned that he feels we should not be held responsible for things like the wipes problem and microfibers etc.
- Chairman Shawver reiterated the need for infrastructure funding.
- Chairman David Shawver spoke about how much the Congressman has done for us and our relationship and thanked him for his support.

**Tuesday, March 30, 2021**

**Angela Eibiner, Policy Advisor**

**Office of Senator Alex Padilla**

**Attendees:** General Manager Jim Herberg, Chairman Shawver, Vice Chair Withers, Director Jesus Silva, Eric Sapirstein-ENS and OC San Staff

- General Manager Jim Herberg spoke about the logo change from OCSO to OC San.
- He Introduced OC San to the office and provided an overview of OC San to the staff.
- Additionally, Mr. Herberg updated Angela on the three projects:
  - Primary Clarifiers Replacement at Plant No. 2 in Huntington Beach
  - Headworks Rehabilitation at Plant No. 1 in Fountain Valley
  - Interim Food Waste Receiving Facility at Plant No. 2 in Huntington Beach
- Chairman Shawver reiterated the need for infrastructure funding including water recycling.
- Mr. Herberg spoke about PFAS and the fact that POTWs are passive recipients.
- Mr. Herberg talked about future COVID Funding and that we would want to be included in future Rate Payer relief if possible.
- Mr. Herberg stated We have continued operating even with COVID and that we receive we receive our fees from property taxes.
- LaPA Chairman Silva introduced himself mentioned that we have Disadvantaged Communities (DAC) and possible funding in DACs for PFAS. And thank him for taking on the immigration challenge.
- Chairman Shawver discussed the Groundwater Replenishment System, a joint project with the Orange County Water District and the status of the Final Expansion, which is expected to be complete in 2023 and will provide enough new water for 1 million people in north and central Orange County. He also discussed our Ocean Outfall and that we are working to recycle 100 percent of all reclaimable flows.
- Mr. Herberg invited Angela to a tour. Jim also discussed microplastics and climate resiliency and the work that OC San is doing to research how they affect the work OC San does.

- Mr. Herberg discussed the Battery Storage System at Plant No. 1.
  - Utilizes lithium-ion batteries and reduces power demand during peak demand charges.
- Vice Chair Withers and Director Silva introduced themselves and what their roles are on the Board.

**Wednesday, March 31**

**Rishi Sahgal, Legislative Assistant/Climate-Change Advise**

**Office of Senator Dianne Feinstein**

**Attendees:** General Manager Jim Herberg, Chairman Shawver, Vice Chair Withers, Eric Sapirstein-ENS and OC San Staff

- General Manager Jim Herberg spoke about the logo change from OCSD to OC San.
- He Introduced OC San to the office and provided an overview of OC San to the staff.
- Additionally, Mr. Herberg updated Rishi on the three shovel ready projects:
  - Primary Clarifiers Replacement at Plant No. 2 in Huntington Beach
  - Headworks Rehabilitation at Plant No. 1 in Fountain Valley
  - Interim Food Waste Receiving Facility at Plant No. 2 in Huntington Beach
- Mr. Herberg discussed the Groundwater Replenishment System, a joint project with the Orange County Water District and the status of the Final Expansion, which is expected to be complete in 2023 and will provide enough new water for 1 million people in north and central Orange County.
- Mr. Herberg spoke about PFAS and the fact that POTWs are passive recipients. He reiterated that passive receivers should not be responsible but the creators/manufacturers of PFAS should be held liable.
- Chairman Shawver reiterated that we are a resource.
- American Jobs Act : Eric Sapirstein stated that we would like more of commitment for Wastewater as most of the \$111 billion is going to Water and not Wastewater.
- Chairman Shawver and Mr. Herberg reiterated the need for infrastructure funding including water recycling.

**Thursday, April 1**

**Congressman Mike Levin**

**Jonathan Gilbert, Deputy Chief of Staff**

**Attendees:** General Manager Jim Herberg, Chairman Shawver, Vice Chair Withers, Eric Sapirstein-ENS and OC San Staff

- General Manager Jim Herberg spoke about the logo change from OCSD to OC San.
- He Introduced OC San to the office and provided an overview of OC San to the staff.
- Additionally, Mr. Herberg updated Congressman Levin on the three shovel ready projects:
  - Primary Clarifiers Replacement at Plant No. 2 in Huntington Beach
  - Headworks Rehabilitation at Plant No. 1 in Fountain Valley
  - Interim Food Waste Receiving Facility at Plant No. 2 in Huntington Beach

- Mr. Herberg discussed the Climate Resiliency Study. Staff and ENS Resources shared the Climate Resiliency study with the Congressman.
- Mr. Herberg discussed the need for infrastructure funding.
- The Congressman mentioned Biden's funding opportunities and the American Jobs Act.
- Mr. Sapirstein mentioned - Smart Water Technologies and that he is working with the Congressman's staffer Johnathon on various opportunities.
- Vice Chair Withers conducted a self-introduction to Levin's staff.
- Chairman Shawver reiterated that we have the best and finest and to use OC San as a resource. He also offered a tour of the Plant.

### **Wednesday, April 7**

#### **Congressman Lou Correa**

#### **Laurie Saroff, Chief of Staff**

**Attendees:** General Manager Jim Herberg, Chairman Shawver, Vice Chair Withers, Director Jesus Silva, Eric Sapirstein-ENS and OC San Staff

- Congressman Correa started with a meet and greet.
- Chairman Shawver, Vice Chair Withers and Director Silva conducted self-introduction.
- Mr. Herberg discussed the Groundwater Replenishment System, a joint project with the Orange County Water District and the status of the Final Expansion, which is expected to be complete in 2023 and will provide enough new water for 1 million people in north and central Orange County. He also stated that we are working to recycle 100 percent of all reclaimable flows.
- Mr. Herberg discussed the Interim Food Waste Receiving Facility at Plant No. 2 in Huntington Beach.
- Additionally, Mr. Herberg updated Congressman Correa on the three shovel ready projects:
  - Primary Clarifiers Replacement at Plant No. 2 in Huntington Beach
  - Headworks Rehabilitation at Plant No. 1 in Fountain Valley
  - Interim Food Waste Receiving Facility at Plant No. 2 in Huntington Beach
- Mr. Herberg spoke about PFAS and the fact that POTWs are passive recipients. He reiterated that passive receivers should not be responsible but the creators/manufacturers of PFAS should be held liable.
- He also mentioned how PFAS can show up in the biosolids.
- Mr. Herberg also discussed the regulation of PFAS.
- In response to PFAS: Mr. Sapirstein discussed the need for Congressional funding and regulation and reiterated that there needs to be responsibility to the manufacturers and that money for pretreatment is good and needed so Congress does need to provide funding IE Through the Infrastructure Package.
- The Congressman asked OC San to reach out to Congresswoman Steel regarding possible infrastructure funding opportunities.