




**2025 Draft  
Legislative and  
Regulatory Plan**

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## Guiding Priorities



- Oppose redundant regulatory and legislative requirements that cause undue constraints on efficient operations;
- Support legislative and regulatory streamlining that promotes affordability, public health, and environmental protection;
- Maintain local control over governance of special districts and other local entities; and
- Obtain financial assistance for OC San projects through grants, loans, and legislative directed funding.

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## Legislative - Regulatory Team



### OC San:

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### Consultants:

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## Procedure For Taking a Position



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## How The Plan Is Developed



- Committee Feedback Throughout the Year
- Obtain Feedback from OC San Staff/Subject Matter Experts
- Work with State and Federal Lobbyist
- Share with Various Organizations:
  - California Association of Sanitation Agencies
  - California Special Districts Association
  - Orange County Water District
  - Municipal Water District of Orange County
  - Irvine Ranch Water District
- Committee Review and Input
- Board Adoption in November

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## 2025 Plan Highlights




- Support legislation that would exempt vital treatment chemicals for water and wastewater agencies for the sole purpose of water recycling from sales and use tax
- Additional (refined) focus on PFAS and potential legislation/regulation
- Focus on maintaining local control over governance of special districts and other local entities
- Biosolids, microplastics, microfibers: funding for alternative methods of treatment

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## Potential Legislative Concepts




- Bid Advertising Reform
- Dollar thresholds for bidding and force account work
- Video Retention Reform


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## Final Plan



- Provide comments/direction in preparation for the final document
- Recommend to the Board of Directors to:
  - Adopt the OC San 2025 Legislative and Regulatory Plan at the November Board Meeting



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