

RESOLUTION NO. OC SAN 22-15

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ORANGE COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT COMMENDING JOHN B. WITHERS FOR HIS OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS AND DEDICATION TO PUBLIC SERVICE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE ORANGE COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS

WHEREAS, John Withers is completing his tenure as Chairman of the Orange County Sanitation District (OC San) Board of Directors, having served from July 1, 2021 through June 2022; and

WHEREAS, he has provided 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 (GWRS) Steering Committee; and OC San/Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority Joint Policy Committee; and

WHEREAS, in 2020 Mr. Withers and the Board of Directors recognized the gravity of the pandemic on our community and the financial hardship it created for many of our ratepayers and, as such, took action to forgo the publicly noticed and Board approved regional sewer service fee increase for the 2020-21 fiscal year, keeping it at \$339 for the year; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership, Mr. Withers and the Board of Directors updated the Orange County Sanitation District logo and abbreviation from OCSD to OC San in 2021. This change is a better representation of our agency and mission; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Withers has been supportive of the Supercritical Water Oxidation Project and OC San's application for funding assistance through the Orange County Congressional Delegation; and

WHEREAS, while COVID-19 resulted in operational modification, with the leadership of Mr. Withers the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) continued to move forward. During fiscal year 2020-21, OC San advertised for bid 20 projects for construction with a total construction value of \$475 million, helping support the Orange County economy. Also under his leadership, OC San broke ground to build a new headworks facility in Fountain Valley which will strengthen the reliability of the infrastructure and improve plant-wide operations and services; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Withers was also instrumental in OC San's enhanced outreach effort through the first series of virtual Vendor Information Workshops, which allow vendors to learn about our professional services, goods, and supplies opportunities, as well as how to become an OC San vendor.

WHEREAS, Mr. Withers has provided leadership and guidance for OC San to complete the design of the new headquarters building. Construction is underway and is expected to be complete in 2023. The 109,000 square foot building will consolidate staff and provide a new educational center showcasing OC San's resource recovery efforts for our visitors; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Withers initiated the OC San Performance Dashboard which provides the Board of Directors an effective quarterly tracking report which measures the performance of our mission; and

WHEREAS, John Withers has demonstrated his determination, vision, and leadership to OC San and its ratepayers through the commitment of his time, professional dignity, 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 John B. Withers 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 22, 2022.

Kelly A. Lore, MMC
Clerk of the Board
Orange County Sanitation District

James D. Herberg
General Manager
Orange County Sanitation District

Chad P. Wanke
Board Vice-Chairman
Orange County Sanitation District

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
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COUNTY OF ORANGE) ss

I, Kelly A. Lore, Clerk of the Board of Directors of the Orange County Sanitation District, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. OC SAN 22-15 was passed and adopted at a regular meeting of said Board on the 22nd of June 2022, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of Orange County Sanitation District this 22nd day of June 2022.

Kelly A. Lore, MMC
Clerk of the Board
Orange County Sanitation District