

2024 Legislative and Regulatory Plan

Steering Committee Meeting

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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

- Cori Takkinen– Townsend Public Affairs
- Eric O’Donnell– Townsend Public Affairs
- Eric Sapirstein– ENS Resources
- Sarah Sapirstein– ENS Resources
- David French– ENS Resources
- Rob Thompson– OC San
- Jennifer Cabral– OC San
- Rebecca Long– OC San
- Lan Wiborg– OC San
- Tom Meregillano– OC San

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Procedure For Taking a Position



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How the Plan is Developed...

- Steering 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
- Steering Committee Review and Input
- Board Adoption

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The 2024 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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Recommendation

Recommend to the Board of Directors to:


- Adopt the Orange County Sanitation District 2024 Legislative and Regulatory Plan.



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Questions



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