



TO: Orange County Sanitation District

FROM: Whittingham Public Affairs Advisors

DATE: October 21, 2024

SUBJECT: Local Legislative Report

The month of October was marked by a week-long heat wave and wildfires that burned tens of thousands of acres and stretched resources at dozens of agencies. Following is a few of the more notable developments and issues of the month:

- The City of Fullerton provided an updated on its efforts to comply with SB 1383, which included the creation of two new staff positions, a solid waste recycling specialist and environmental services coordinator. Fullerton has implemented a three-bin collection system at various City facilities and is looking at establishing a partnership with Abound Food Care, a food waste nonprofit organization, to aid the process of implementing an edible food recovery program for the city.
- Costa Mesa Sanitary District (CMSD) began rollout of its three-cart collection system for its ratepayers. With this new system, one of the existing Mixed Waste Carts will be exchanged for a new Recycling Cart (blue lid) to dispose of recyclables such as clean paper, cardboard, glass and plastic. The second Mixed Waste Cart will become a Landfill Cart (black lid) for landfill waste and customers will continue to use their Organics Cart (green lid) for food scraps and yard trimmings. CMSD is one of a number of jurisdictions in Orange County required to a three-cart system since their waste is not processed at a high-diversion facility.
- The City of San Clemente has finished a sand replenishment project at North Beach, a months-long effort to help widen a stretch of eroded coastline. The project, which kicked off in late July, delivered 37,000 cubic yards of sand from the Santa Ana River. The project cost an estimated \$2 million and because the work went faster than expected and was under budget, the amount of material to be hauled in was expanded a month ago to add 7,000 more cubic yards.
- The Placentia City Council approved a new three-year contract for the management of the City's Fats, Oils & Grease (FOG) control program. Placentia's 110 permitted food service establishments (FSEs) are required to obtain an annual FOG permit, and all new or existing FSEs undergoing a change

of operations are required to install and maintain a grease interceptor and implement Kitchen Best Management Practices (BMPs), which include employee training, education, and cleaning methods to keep FOG from entering the sewer.

- The County of Orange Health Care Agency (HCA) assumed management of the Be Well Orange Campus in Orange, overseeing the delivery of vital mental health and substance use disorder (SUD) services at the campus.

As part of our scope of work, Whittingham Public Affairs Advisors (WPAA) has continued to monitor the various City Council agendas of each of the District's members and highlighted issues and items of relevance to OC San. We also monitored activities at the South Coast Air Quality Management District, including the ongoing consideration of Proposed Amended Rule (PAR) 410, dealing with Odors from Transfer Stations and Materials Recovery Facilities; Proposed Rule 1110.4, related to Emissions from Emergency Generators; and PAR 1133.3, which will seek to reduce VOC and ammonia emissions from green waste and organics composting.

It is a pleasure to work with you and to represent the Orange County Sanitation District.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Peter Whittingham".

Peter Whittingham