



ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Agenda Report

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SUBJECT:

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS UPDATE FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2025

GENERAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and file the Legislative Affairs Update for the month of November 2025.

BACKGROUND

The Orange County Sanitation District's (OC San) legislative affairs program includes advocating for OC San's legislative interests, sponsoring legislation (where appropriate), and seeking local, state, and federal funding for projects and programs.

RELEVANT STANDARDS

- Maintain influential legislative advocacy and a public outreach program
- Build brand, trust, and support with policy makers and community leaders
- Maintain collaborative and cooperative relationships with regulators, stakeholders, and neighboring communities

PROBLEM

Without a strong advocacy program, elected officials may not be aware of OC San's mission, programs, and projects, or how they could be impacted by proposed legislation.

PROPOSED SOLUTION

Continue to work with Local, State, and Federal officials to advocate for OC San's interests and help identify, create and monitor legislation and grants opportunities that would benefit OC San, the wastewater industry, and the community. To strengthen relationship building efforts, OC San will continue to engage elected officials through facility tours, one-on-one meetings, and outreach trips to Washington D.C. and Sacramento.

RAMIFICATIONS OF NOT TAKING ACTION

If OC San does not actively engage with Local, State, and Federal elected officials, legislation could be enacted that negatively impacts OC San and the wastewater industry. Additionally, lack of engagement may result in missed funding opportunities.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Activities in November:

- The 2026 Legislative and Regulatory Plan went before the November Administration Committee and was adopted by the Board of Directors.

Activities in December:

- As the legislature returns, we can expect bills to be introduced in late December and throughout January and February. OC San staff and Lobbyists will evaluate bills as they are introduced to establish if a position is deemed necessary and will bring to the Committee for comments and guidance.

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N/A

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

All items mentioned are included in OC San's FY 2025-26 adopted Budget.

ATTACHMENT

The following attachment(s) may be viewed on-line at the OC San website (www.ocsan.gov) with the complete agenda package:

- Federal Legislative Update
- Federal Matrix
- State Legislative Update
- Local Legislative Update
- Presentation