

Townsend Public Affairs: 2023 End of Year Review

Bill Positions				
Measure	Summary	Position	Status	Value to OC San
AB 246 (Papan)	Prohibits manufacturing or selling menstrual products that have intentionally added PFAS.	Support	Governor Vetoed	Source control to reduce PFAS in influent
AB 334 (Rubio)	Establishes that an independent contractor, is not an officer for purposes of being subject to the prohibition on being financially interested in a contract.	Support	Signed	Contractors can do both the design and the construction of projects without being disqualified
AB 727 (Weber)	Prohibits manufacturing or selling cosmetic products that have intentionally added PFAS.	Support	Vetoed	Source control to reduce PFAS in influent
AB 1216 (Muratsuchi)	Requires additional fence-line monitoring system equipment for certain wastewater treatment facilities (Hyperion).	Oppose	Signed	Precedent setting for future stringent regulations
AB 1594 (Garcia)	Seeks to give additional flexibilities to public agencies for procurement of medium- and heavy-duty zero-emission vehicles.	Support	Signed	More flexibility to meet fleet electrification standards

Additional Advocacy Services		
Project/Issue	Status	Value to OC San
Association Engagement and Advocacy	TPA operates as one of the primary contacts for CASA and CSDA to advance OC San legislative positions and policies. TPA coordinates directly with Association lobbyists on bills and positions. TPA attends Association meetings on OC San's behalf and represents OC San.	TPA coordinates advocacy efforts, facilitates OC San involvement in statewide policy issues, and supports goodwill amongst other agencies statewide.
Biosolids Funding	TPA is working to get language in the Climate Bond in 2024 for a new grant program for biosolids management.	This program could provide additional funds for SCWO project.
Sales Tax Exemption for Treatment Chemicals	TPA has been meeting with the OC San legislative delegation to educate them on the issue to be ready for a bill introduction ask.	This could save OC San \$1 million per year in state sales tax.
OC San Legislative Plan	TPA met with all Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) at OC San to go over legislative priorities and funding needs.	Additional education about what OC San SME care about and how State law effects their job.
Position Letters	TPA provides draft position letters to OC San on topics including local governance, PFAS, and various environmental issues.	This allows OC San's position on key legislation to be recognized in Sacramento.
State of the District	TPA secured video for the State of the District from the Chair of the Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee - Senator Dave Min.	This improves OC San brand recognition and allows OC San to show strong leadership in the County for wastewater policy.