



# STEERING COMMITTEE

## Agenda Report

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**FROM:** Robert Thompson, General Manager

**SUBJECT:**

**LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS UPDATE FOR THE MONTHS OF JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2023**

**GENERAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION**

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and file the Legislative Affairs Update for the months of January and February 2023.

### **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 and 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 legislative interests. Help to create/monitor legislation and grants that would benefit OC San, the wastewater industry, and the community. To assist in relationship building efforts, OC San will continue to reach out to elected officials providing facility tours, one-on-one meetings, and trips to Washington D.C. and Sacramento.

**RAMIFICATIONS OF NOT TAKING ACTION**

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

**ATTACHMENT**

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

- Federal Update - ENS Resources
- State Update - Townsend Public Affairs
- Grant Matrix 2023