

2021 Draft Legislative and Regulatory Plan

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Guiding Priorities



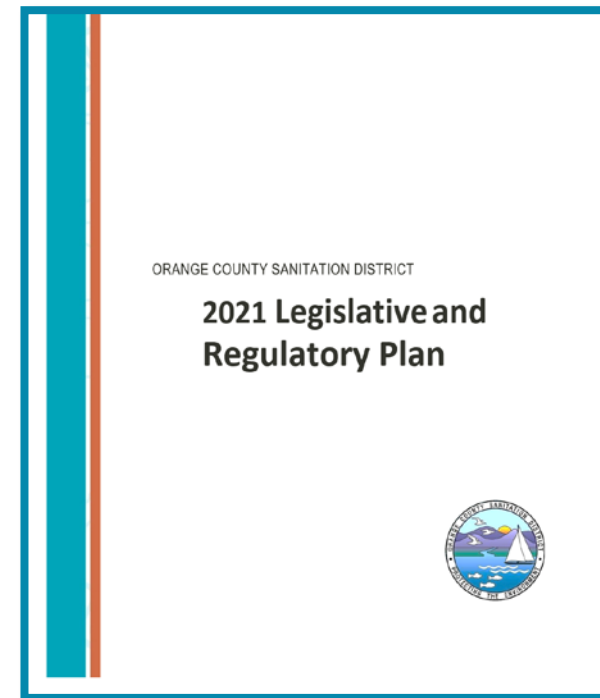
- Seek financial assistance for OCSD projects through grants, loans and , or other means;
- Maintain local control over governance of special districts and other local entities;
- Oppose redundant regulatory and legislative requirements that cause undue constraints on efficient operations;
- Support legislative regulatory streamlining that promotes affordability, public health and the environment.



How the Plan is Developed...



- Development of Plan
 - LaPA Committee Feedback Throughout the Year
 - Work with OCSD Staff/Subject Matter Experts
 - Work with State and Federal Lobbyist
 - Share with Various Organizations:
 - California Association of Sanitation Agencies
 - Association of California Cities Orange County
 - California Special Districts Association
 - Orange County Water District
 - Municipal Water District of Orange County
 - Irvine Ranch Water District
 - LaPA Committee Review and Input
 - Board Adoption



Highlights From the Plan...



- **PFAS**

- Support legislation that would create forever homes for forever chemicals.
- Work with Congress to advance federal assistance to support the treatment of forever chemicals and to protect public agencies from liability for per- and polyfluoroalkyl acids (PFAS) presence in biosolids and wastewater.
- Provide that any funding regime be derived from the manufacturers of PFAS chemicals to provide federal grants and low-interest loans to agencies impacted.
- Work to secure liability exemption for wastewater agencies if PFAS or other “forever” chemicals defined as a hazardous substance under CERCLA or are regulated as a class.

- **Flushable Wipes**

- Support federal policies and legislation that regulates the disposal of flushable wipes to ensure clarity on the definition of “flushable”.

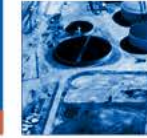
- **Food Waste (SB 1383)**

- Support organic co-digestion and recycling projects.

- **Labor Relations**

- Oppose overreaching and costly mandates that require non-necessary disclosures to employees.
- Oppose legislation and regulations that force OCSD to adjust paid and unpaid leave time parameters.

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Questions?

