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February 3, 2020

NOTICE OF MEETING

LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

ORANGE COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT

Monday, February 10, 2020 – 12:00 p.m.

Administration Building
10844 Ellis Avenue
Fountain Valley, California 92708
WWW.OCSD.COM

A meeting of the Legislative and Public Affairs Committee of the Orange County Sanitation District will be held at the above location, date, and time.

***Our Mission:** To protect public health and the environment by providing effective wastewater collection, treatment, and recycling.*

LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING DATES	BOARD MEETING DATES
Monday 02/10/20 12:00 p.m.	02/26/20
Monday 03/09/20 12:00 p.m.	03/25/20
Monday 04/13/20 3:30 p.m.	04/22/20
Monday 05/11/20 12:00 p.m.	05/27/20
<i>JUNE – DARK</i>	06/24/20
Monday 07/13/20 3:30 p.m.	07/22/20
<i>AUGUST – DARK</i>	08/26/20
Monday 09/14/20 12:00 p.m.	09/23/30
<i>OCTOBER – DARK</i>	10/28/20
Monday 11/09/20 12:00 p.m.	<i>11/18/20 *</i>
<i>DECEMBER – DARK</i>	<i>12/16/20 *</i>
<i>JANUARY – DARK</i>	01/27/21

**** Meeting will be held on the third Wednesday of the month***

ROLL CALL

LEGISLATIVE & PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Meeting Date: February 10, 2020

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Adjourn: _____

COMMITTEE MEMBERS (7)

Peter Kim, Chair	
Allan Bernstein, Vice-Chair	
Lucille Kring, Member-At-Large	
Erik Peterson, Member-At-Large	
Christina Shea, Member-At-Large	
David Shawver, Board Chair	
John Withers, Board Vice-Chair	

OTHERS

Brad Hogin, General Counsel	

STAFF

Jim Herberg, General Manager	
Rob Thompson, Assistant General Manager	
Lorenzo Tyner, Assistant General Manager	
Celia Chandler, Director of Human Resources	
Kathy Millea, Director of Engineering	
Lan Wiborg, Director of Environmental Services	
Kelly Lore, Clerk of the Board	
Jennifer Cabral, Administration Manager	
Daisy Covarrubias, Pr. Public Affairs Specialist	
Rebecca Long, Senior Public Affairs Specialist	

ORANGE COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Complete Roster

Effective 01/22/2020

AGENCY/CITIES	ACTIVE DIRECTOR	ALTERNATE DIRECTOR
Anaheim	Lucille Kring	Denise Barnes
Brea	Glenn Parker	Cecilia Hupp
Buena Park	Fred Smith	Connor Traut
Cypress	Mariellen Yarc	Stacy Berry
Fountain Valley	Cheryl Brothers	Patrick Harper
Fullerton	Jesus J. Silva	Jan Flory
Garden Grove	Steve Jones	John O'Neill
Huntington Beach	Erik Peterson	Lyn Semeta
Irvine	Christina Shea	Anthony Kuo
La Habra	Tim Shaw	Rose Espinoza
La Palma	Peter Kim	Nitesh Patel
Los Alamitos	Richard Murphy	Dean Grose
Newport Beach	Brad Avery	Joy Brenner
Orange	Mark Murphy	Kim Nichols
Placentia	Chad Wanke	Ward Smith
Santa Ana	Cecilia Iglesias	David Penaloza
Seal Beach	Sandra Massa-Lavitt	Schelly Sustarsic
Stanton	David Shawver	Carol Warren
Tustin	Allan Bernstein	Chuck Puckett
Villa Park	Robert Collacott	Chad Zimmerman

Sanitary/Water Districts

Costa Mesa Sanitary District	James M. Ferryman	Bob Ooten
Midway City Sanitary District	Andrew Nguyen	Margie L. Rice
Irvine Ranch Water District	John Withers	Douglas Reinhart
Yorba Linda Water District	Brooke Jones	Phil Hawkins

County Areas

Board of Supervisors	Doug Chaffee	Michelle Steel
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Orange County Sanitation District
LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
Regular Meeting Agenda
Monday, February 10, 2020 - 12:00 PM
Board Room
Administration Building
10844 Ellis Avenue
Fountain Valley, CA 92708
(714) 593-7433

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AGENDA POSTING: In accordance with the requirements of California Government Code Section 54954.2, this agenda has been posted outside the main gate of the Sanitation District's Administration Building located at 10844 Ellis Avenue, Fountain Valley, California, and on the Sanitation District's website at www.ocsd.com not less than 72 hours prior to the meeting date and time above. All public records relating to each agenda item, including any public records distributed less than 72 hours prior to the meeting to all, or a majority of the Board of Directors, are available for public inspection in the office of the Clerk of the Board.

AGENDA DESCRIPTION: The agenda provides a brief general description of each item of business to be considered or discussed. The recommended action does not indicate what action will be taken. The Board of Directors may take any action which is deemed appropriate.

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Director of Engineering: Kathy Millea, kmillea@ocsd.com / (714) 593-7365
Director of Environmental Services: Lan Wiborg, lwiborg@ocsd.com / (714) 593-7450

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

DECLARATION OF QUORUM:

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

If you wish to address the Committee on any item, please complete a Speaker's Form (located at the table outside of the Board Room) and submit it to the Clerk of the Board or notify the Clerk of the Board the item number on which you wish to speak. Speakers will be recognized by the Chairperson and are requested to limit comments to three minutes.

REPORTS:

The Committee Chairperson and the General Manager may present verbal reports on miscellaneous matters of general interest to the Directors. These reports are for information only and require no action by the Directors.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Consent Calendar Items are considered to be routine and will be enacted, by the Committee, after one motion, without discussion. Any items withdrawn from the Consent Calendar for separate discussion will be considered in the regular order of business.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[2019-830](#)

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Legislative and Public Affairs Committee held December 9, 2019.

Originator: Kelly Lore

Attachments: [Agenda Report](#)
[12-09-2019 LaPA Meeting Minutes](#)

NON-CONSENT:

**2. PUBLIC AFFAIRS UPDATE FOR THE MONTHS OF DECEMBER 2019
AND JANUARY 2020**

[2020-884](#)

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend to the Board of Directors to:

Receive and file the Public Affairs Update for the months of December 2019 and January 2020.

Originator: Jim Herberg

Attachments: [Agenda Report](#)
[Outreach and Media Summary December 2019 and January 2020](#)

3. LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS UPDATE FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2020 [2020-886](#)

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend to the Board of Directors to:

Receive and file the Legislative Affairs Update for the month of January 2020.

Originator: Jim Herberg

Attachments: [Agenda Report](#)
[Federal Update - ENS Resources](#)
[Federal Legislative Matrix - ENS Resources](#)
[State Update - Townsend Public Affairs](#)
[State Legislative Matrix - Townsend Public Affairs](#)
[Coalition Letter for Bond Funding](#)
[Grant Matrix](#)

INFORMATION ITEMS:

None.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

OTHER BUSINESS AND COMMUNICATIONS OR SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA ITEMS, IF ANY:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS INITIATED ITEMS FOR A FUTURE MEETING:

At this time Directors may request staff to place an item on a future agenda.

ADJOURNMENT:

The next Legislative and Public Affairs Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 9, 2020 at 12:00 p.m.



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LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Agenda Report

File #: 2019-830

Agenda Date: 2/10/2020

Agenda Item No: 1.

FROM: James D. Herberg, General Manager
Originator: Kelly A. Lore, Clerk of the Board

SUBJECT:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

GENERAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Legislative and Public Affairs Committee held December 9, 2019.

BACKGROUND

In accordance with the Board of Directors Rules of Procedure, an accurate record of each meeting will be provided to the Directors for subsequent approval at the following meeting.

RELEVANT STANDARDS

- Resolution No. OCSD 19-19

ATTACHMENT

The following attachment(s) are included in hard copy and may also be viewed on-line at the OCSD website (www.ocsd.com) with the complete agenda package:

- Minutes of the Legislative and Public Affairs Committee meeting held December 9, 2019

Orange County Sanitation District
Minutes for the
**LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC
AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**



Monday, December 9, 2019
12:00 PM
Board Room
Administration Building
10844 Ellis Avenue
Fountain Valley, CA 92708
(714) 593-7433

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Legislative and Public Affairs Committee was called to order by Committee Chair Peter Kim on Monday, December 9, 2019 at 12:01 p.m. in the Administration Building of the Orange County Sanitation District. Chair Peter Kim led the pledge of allegiance.

DECLARATION OF QUORUM:

A quorum was declared present, as follows:

PRESENT: Peter Kim, Allan Bernstein, Lucille Kring, Erik Peterson, Christina Shea, David Shawver and John Withers
ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT:

Jim Herberg, General Manager; Robert Thompson, Assistant General Manager; Lorenzo Tyner, Assistant General Manager; Kathy Millea, Director of Engineering; Kelly Lore, Clerk of the Board; Jennifer Cabral; Tanya Chong; Daisy Covarrubias; Lisa Frigo; Al Garcia; Rebecca Long; Joshua Martinez; Kelly Newell; Wally Ritchie; and Ruth Zintzun.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Brad Hugin, General Counsel; Eric Sapirstein, ENS Resources (via teleconference); Eric O'Donnell, Townsend Public Affairs (TPA); and Cori Williams, Townsend Public Affairs (TPA).

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

REPORTS:

Chair Kim and General Manager Jim Herberg did not provide a report.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[2019-720](#)

Originator: Kelly Lore

MOVED, SECONDED, AND DULY CARRIED TO:

Approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Legislative and Public Affairs Committee held November 4, 2019.

AYES: Peter Kim, Allan Bernstein, Lucille Kring, Erik Peterson and Christina Shea
NOES: None
ABSENT: David Shawver and John Withers
ABSTENTIONS: None

Board Chairman Dave Shawver arrived at the meeting at 12:03 p.m.

NON-CONSENT:

2. PUBLIC AFFAIRS UPDATE FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2019 [2019-766](#)

Originator: Jim Herberg

Administration Manager Jennifer Cabral stated that to save time she would not be providing a report but noted that the Orange County Business Council will be in attendance at the December 18th Board meeting to present OCSD with an award. She also shared the upcoming holiday activities which will take place during the month.

At the request of Chair Kim, and in an effort to reduce paper, the Committee agreed to eliminate the hard copy version of the media clips previously provided in the printed agenda packet.

WITHOUT OBJECTION: Recommend to the Board of Directors to:

Receive and file the Public Affairs Update for the month of November 2019.

Board Vice-Chair John Withers arrived at the meeting at 12:20 p.m.

3. LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS UPDATE FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2019 [2019-779](#)

Originator: Jim Herberg

Eric Sapirstein from ENS Resources provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding key legislative activities: PFAS: National Defense Authorization Act, FY 2020 Appropriations Status, and Extended NPDES permit terms.

Eric O'Donnell from TPA provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the legislation currently scheduled and a look ahead for the fiscal year 2020-2021 State budget; and Impact Fee legislation update.

WITHOUT OBJECTION: Recommend to the Board of Directors to:

Receive and file the Legislative Affairs Update for the month of November 2019.

4. 2020 LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY PLAN

[2019-782](#)

Originator: Jim Herberg

MOVED, SECONDED, AND DULY CARRIED TO: Recommend to the Board of Directors to:

Approve the Orange County Sanitation District 2020 Legislative and Regulatory Plan.

AYES: Peter Kim, Allan Bernstein, Lucille Kring, Erik Peterson, Christina Shea, David Shawver and John Withers

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

5. LEGISLATIVE CONCEPTS

[2019-785](#)

Originator: Jim Herberg

Cori Williams from TPA provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the three legislative concepts for consideration and the proposed next steps needed to move forward to draft bill language and secure a bill author.

At the request of General Counsel an amended motion was made.

MOVED, SECONDED, AND DULY CARRIED TO:

Approve Legislative Concept 2: Amend Public Contracting Code for sanitation districts to allow sanitation districts, whose service area includes a population of more than 1 million, the opportunity to utilize Job Order Contracting as a bid procurement procedure. This change should be an addition to Public Contract Code, Division 2, Part 3, Chapter 1, Article 50; and

Approve only on the condition that General Counsel opines that authority under the Job Order Contracting process does not already exist currently.

~~Approve Legislative Concept 2: Amend Public Contracting Code for sanitation districts to allow sanitation districts, whose service area includes a population of more than 1 million, the opportunity to utilize Job Order Contracting as a bid procurement procedure. This change should be an addition to Public Contract Code, Division 2, Part 3, Chapter 1, Article 50.~~

AYES: Peter Kim, Allan Bernstein, Lucille Kring, Erik Peterson, Christina Shea, David Shawver and John Withers

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

None.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

None.

OTHER BUSINESS AND COMMUNICATIONS OR SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA ITEMS, IF ANY:

None.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS INITIATED ITEMS FOR A FUTURE MEETING:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Kim adjourned the meeting to the next Legislative and Public Affairs Committee meeting on Monday, February 10, 2020 at 12:00 p.m.

Submitted by:

Kelly A. Lore, MMC
Clerk of the Board



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LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Agenda Report

File #: 2020-884

Agenda Date: 2/10/2020

Agenda Item No: 2.

FROM: James D. Herberg, General Manager

SUBJECT:

PUBLIC AFFAIRS UPDATE FOR THE MONTHS OF DECEMBER 2019 AND JANUARY 2020

GENERAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend to the Board of Directors to:

Receive and file the Public Affairs Update for the months of December 2019 and January 2020.

BACKGROUND

Staff will provide an update on recent public affairs activities.

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
- Listen to and seriously consider community input on environmental concerns

PROBLEM

The Orange County Sanitation District (Sanitation District) is well recognized within the water/wastewater industry; however, within our service area there is limited knowledge by our customers of the important work we do to protect public health and the environment. In general, the customers we serve do not realize that when they improperly dispose of waste into the sanitation system, it can negatively affect our sewer lines, our treatment plants, and the quality of water we supply for the Groundwater Replenishment System.

PROPOSED SOLUTION

By providing tours, community outreach, education, and general communication via the Sanitation District's website, social media outlets, and direct mailings, we have the ability to educate the community, local agencies, and businesses on our messaging such as the What2Flush program, energy production, water recycling, biosolids, and our source control program. This, in turn, helps improve the quality of wastewater that is recycled or released to the ocean.

TIMING CONCERNS

N/A

RAMIFICATIONS OF NOT TAKING ACTION

If we do not educate the community, local agencies, and area businesses about the Sanitation District, we may not have the support necessary to deliver our mission.

PRIOR COMMITTEE/BOARD ACTIONS

N/A

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

December 2019 and January 2020

Activity	#	# of Guests
OCSD/OCWD Tours	6	169
OCSD Tours	10	154

Current Activities - December 2019 and January 2020Holiday Luncheons

During the month of December, the Sanitation District hosted lunches for all Sanitation District employees at Plant Nos. 1 and 2. The night crews also got in on the celebration with holiday dinners. A special holiday mug was also presented to each Sanitation District employee.

CASA Conference

Last month, the Sanitation District staff and Board Chairman attended the CASA Conference in Palm Desert. Administration Manager Jennifer Cabral attended the Communications Committee Meeting and Rebecca Long, Senior Public Affairs Specialist, attended the Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Committee Meeting. General Manager Jim Herberg presented on "Climate Resiliency, What Does it Mean for Your Agency?".

GWRS Final Expansion Public Outreach

OCWD has begun construction of the Groundwater Replenishment System Final Expansion project at Plant No. 2. Since work is within the Sanitation District property, Sanitation District staff is managing the outreach efforts and has sent out a notification to the neighbors informing them about the upcoming work and the benefits that will come from the project.

Southeast Huntington Beach Council Committee Meeting

In January, Sanitation District staff attended the committee meeting to provide updates on the Plant No. 2 activity including the various projects for the Final Expansion of the Groundwater Replenishment System and share upcoming tour dates for Plant No. 2.

Pretreatment Pollution Prevention Stormwater (P3S) Conference

At the end of January, Sanitation District employees and Director of Environmental Services Lan Wiborg presented on different topics throughout the conference. The event was held in Long Beach.

CEQA

N/A

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

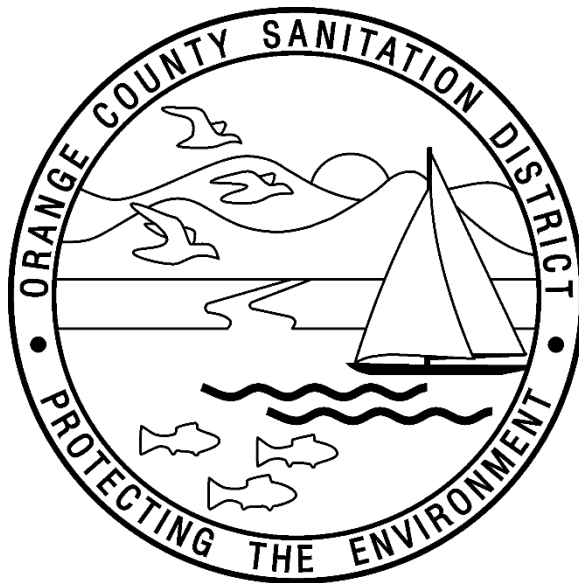
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ATTACHMENTS

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- Outreach and Media Summary Report December 2019 and January 2020

Outreach and Media Summary



December 2019 and January 2020

OCSD Public Affairs Office

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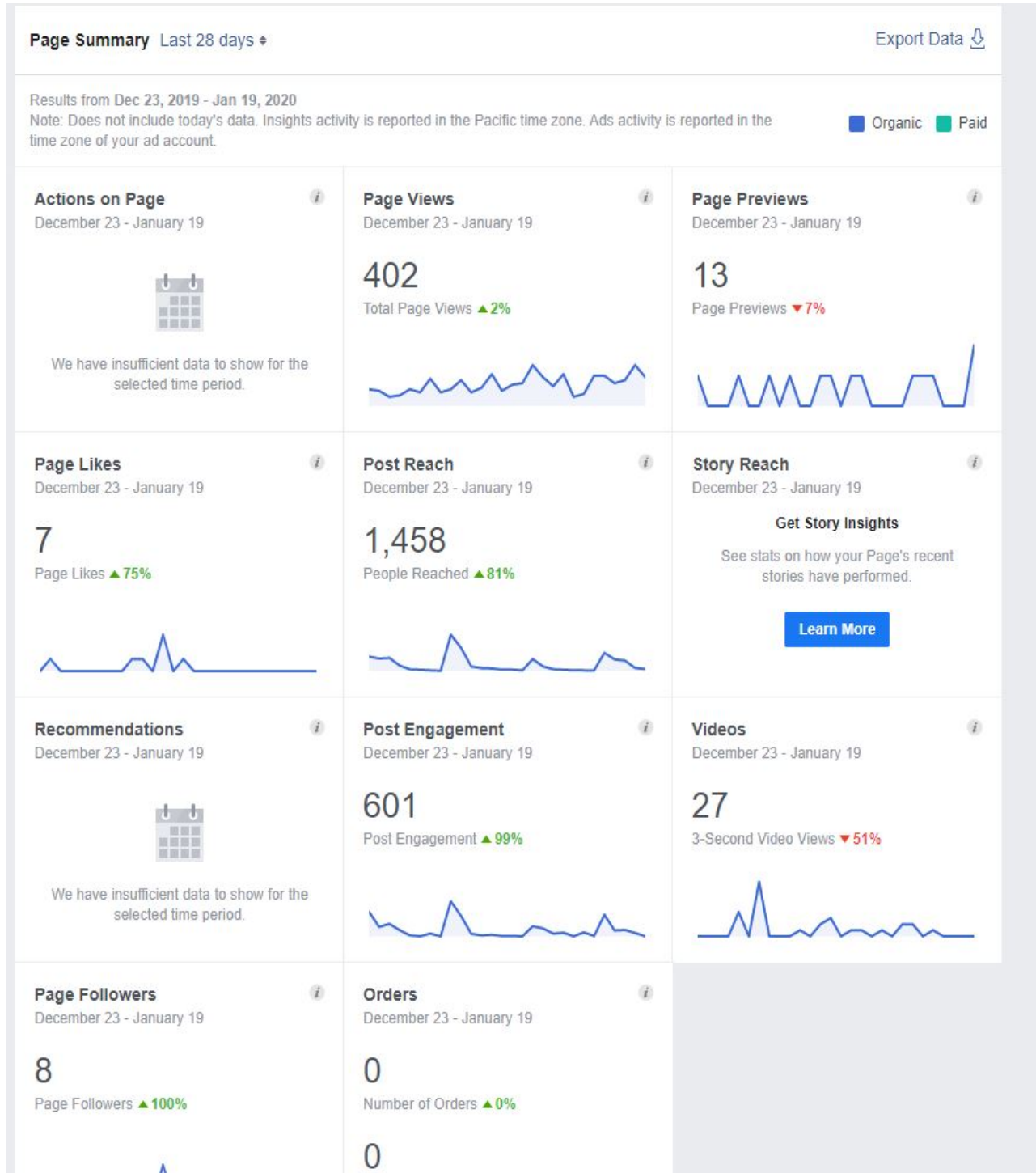
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Outreach Report December 2019 - January 2020

Date	Event	Attendees
12/2/19	Saddleback College Tour	27
12/3/19	CSULB Nursing Tour	14
12/4/19	Kermira Tour	10
12/5/19	Santa Ana College Tour	25
12/6/19	CSUF Engineering Tour	20
12/9/19	CSULB Science Tour	18
12/20/19	BV Guests Tour	8
1/3/20	University HS Tour	15
1/10/20	Dana Hills HS Tours	42
1/15/20	Dana Hills HS Tours	46
1/16/20	Girl Scout Troop tour	10
1/21/20	SA Vallley HS Tours	52
1/22/20	UC Riverside Professor Tour	2
1/22/20	UC Riverside Professor Tour	2
1/23/20	OCC Tour	10
1/23/20	OCC Tour	10
1/28/20	New Employee/Open Tour	20
1/30/20	International Exec. Council Tour	40

Facebook Posts

Dec 2019 and Jan 2020




■ Reach: Organic / Paid
 ■ Post Clicks
 ■ Reactions, Comments &

Published	Post	Type	Targeting	Reach	Engagement
01/20/2020 9:00 AM	 The Orange County Sanitation District honors the life and legacy of			59 	1 4 
01/17/2020 9:26 AM	 Construction, construction, and more construction. Get the latest			135 	11 5 
01/16/2020 5:00 PM	 Tonight the rain is expected to come! Heavy rains = higher levels of			223 	2 10 
01/15/2020 10:31 AM	 We know that water is an invaluable resource and that each one of us			228 	11 19 
01/15/2020 9:34 AM	 We are so sorry to hear of the loss of long time District Engineer Rob			331 	40 23 
01/08/2020 12:00 PM	 It's #WastewaterWordWednesday! Today we're telling you about the			305 	34 28 
01/01/2020 9:00 AM	 Happy New Year from the Orange County Sanitation District! We hope			217 	6 11 
12/31/2019 12:00 PM	 Just a reminder that our Administrative offices will be closed			188 	5 8 
12/31/2019 9:00 AM	 Flushable wipes may flush down your toilet but this is what happens			959 	115 45 
12/25/2019 9:00 AM	 Merry Christmas from the Orange County Sanitation District! Hope you			223 	15 17 
12/24/2019 12:00 PM	 Heavy rains = higher levels of water at the treatment plants. Help us			300 	9 12 
12/23/2019 12:00 PM	 This holiday season, OCSD employees donated roughly 300			366 	70 37 
12/21/2019 9:00 AM	 Happy First Day of Winter!!! We love the cooler weather we've been			153 	5 4 
12/20/2019 12:00 PM	 Did you know that OCSD was granted a patent by the U.S. Patent			303 	28 37 
12/20/2019 9:00 AM	 Just a reminder that our Administrative Offices will be closed			142 	3 6 
12/18/2019 12:00 PM	 Have a hand for solving technology issues? Well, our IT team is on the			356 	34 29 
12/18/2019 9:00 AM	 #DidYouKnow □ The first recorded use of underground clay pipes for			247 	13 18 
12/17/2019 12:54 PM	 Tomorrow night our Steering Committee and Board meeting will			154 	4 5 

12/17/2019 12:54 PM	 Tomorrow night our Steering Committee and Board meeting will			154		4 5	
12/12/2019 12:00 PM	 Happy Thursday! Today's #throwbackthursday photo is from			229		16 9	
12/11/2019 11:34 AM	 Tonight OCSD's Administration Committee is meeting at 5 p.m. at			150		4 3	
12/08/2019 9:00 AM	 On Monday, December 9th the Legislative and Public Affairs			143		3 3	
12/05/2019 7:59 AM	 Continuing with the sewer work at State College and Orangewood in			216		5 2	
12/04/2019 10:13 AM	 Join us for OCSD's Operations Committee meeting tonight at 5 p.m.			157		6 2	
12/03/2019 9:00 AM	 Today is #GivingTuesday! What are you doing today to help those			99		2 0	


Twitter Posts Dec 2019 and Jan 2020



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OC Sewers @OCSEwers


Page updated daily

28 day summary with change over previous period


Tweets 6 ↓ 53.8%	Tweet impressions 7,981 ↓ 72.0%	Profile visits 62 ↓ 70.3%	Mentions 2 ↓ 71.4%	Followers 1,628 ↓ -5	
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Jan 2020 • 19 days so far...

TWEET HIGHLIGHTS

Top Tweet earned 279 impressions
We know that water is an invaluable resource and that each one of us needs to protect it. That's why at #OCSD we started monitoring the ocean's water quality in 1960. #WaybackWednesday #ItsWhatWeDo pic.twitter.com/tn2jDwZY03


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Top media Tweet earned 158 impressions
Have a hand for solving technology issues? Well, our IT team is on the lookout for you! Find out all the details at ocsd.com/about-us/jobs/... pic.twitter.com/Ynpgjet4K


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JAN 2020 SUMMARY

Tweets 4	Tweet impressions 4,689
Profile visits 35	New followers -2

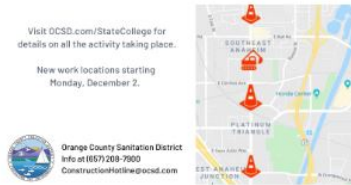
Top Follower followed by 2,065 people


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TWEET HIGHLIGHTS

Top Tweet earned 8,935 impressions

Construction continues in @City_of_Anahaim New locations starting next week. Check out ocsd.com/statecollege for details. #OCSDStateCollege #FixingTheSewers pic.twitter.com/FdyzmTd7rU



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Top Follower followed by 1,686 people



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Fort Worth Water 🌊/🔥 emergencies: 817-392-4477 H2OMG! Podcast: https://t.co/eiH6i9DUAs | https://t.co/vpOFFckHg Spanish: @FWAgua YouTube: https://t.co/NBpuwQHgq

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Top mention earned 19 engagements

CA Clean Water Pros @CWEA Dec 23

Don't forget to raise a glass to the wastewater heroes in your community and into the new decade as they work around the clock to keep California's water clean! Cheers! ☐ (Pictured @CentralSan @CityofRoseville @LACity @CWEASanDiego @CityOfRiverside @OCWDWaterNews @OCSEwers) pic.twitter.com/FC9hIKvQYC



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Top media Tweet earned 1,036 impressions

Did you know that OCSD was granted a patent by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office? Our odor control efforts were proven to be so awesome that we got a patent for our process. Yay Us! Read all about it at ocsd.com. #OCSDproud pic.twitter.com/TRkPGUX1ix

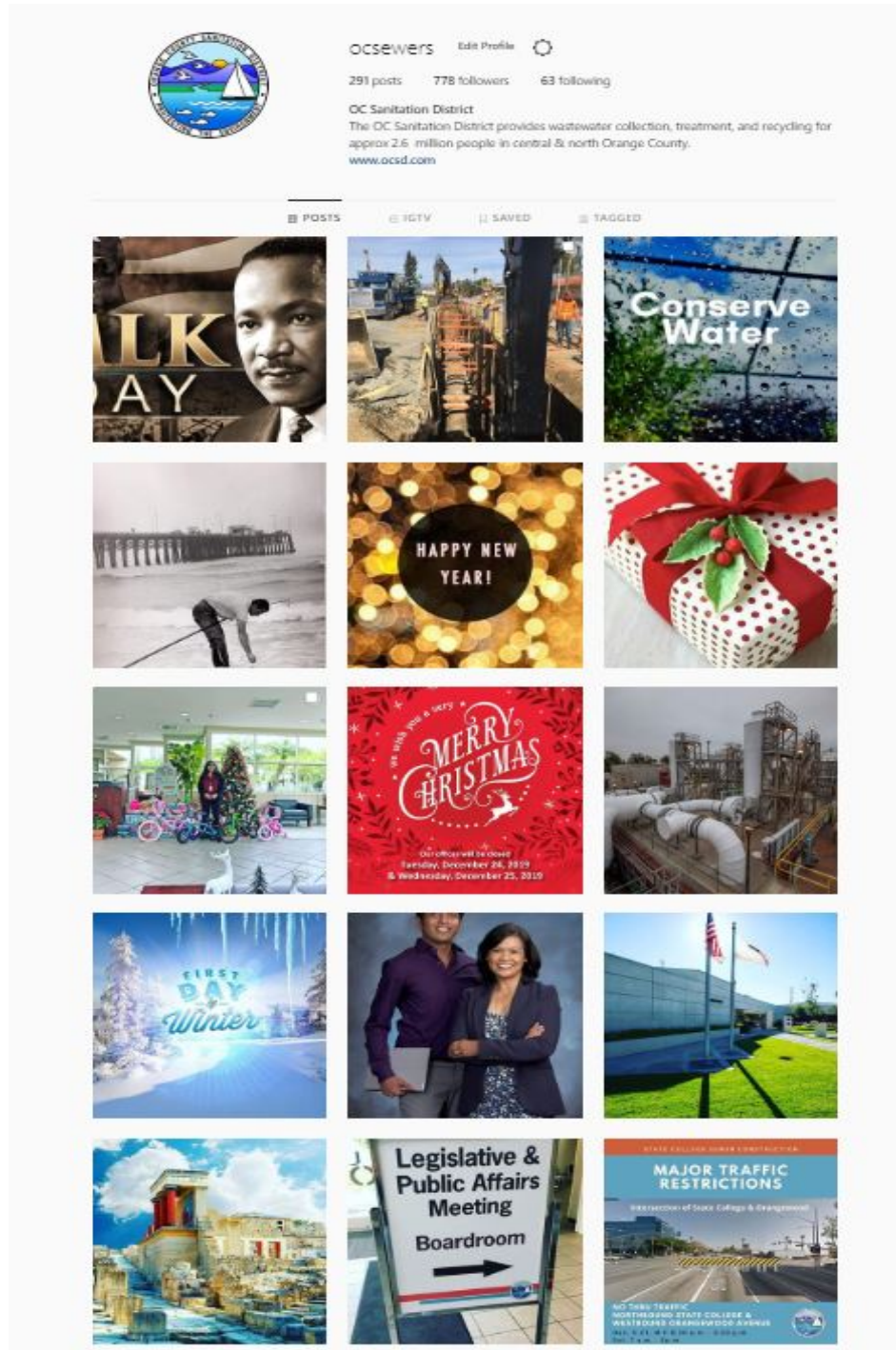


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DEC 2019 SUMMARY

Tweets	11	Tweet impressions	25.8K
Profile visits	203	Mentions	5
New followers	3		

Instagram Posts Dec 2019 and Jan 2020



Article	Date	Source	Link
Wastewater authority receives report on Laguna Beach Thanksgiving sewage spill	Jan. 9, 2020	Daily Pilot	https://www.latimes.com/socal/daily-pilot/news/story/2020-01-09/wastewater-authority-receives-report-on-laguna-beach-thanksgiving-sewage-spill
No one injured in blast at water treatment plant in Corona	Jan. 10, 2020	LA Times	https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-01-10/no-one-injured-in-blast-at-water-treatment-plant-in-corona
Desalinomics: How Taxpayers Created the Desalination Industry	Jan. 13, 2020	Surf City Voice	https://www.surfcityvoice.com/2020/01/13/desalinomics-how-taxpayers-created-the-desalination-industry/
11,000-gallon sewage spill closes Long Beach waters to swimmers	Jan. 13, 2020	OC Register	https://www.ocregister.com/2020/01/13/11000-gallon-sewage-spill-closes-long-beach-waters-to-swimmers/
Garden Grove Mayor Steve Jones Selected as New OCTA Chairman	Jan. 13, 2020	OCTA Press Release	http://www.publicnow.com/view/124ADAE19C9A4CE71F54A5D24F1512186964CDAE?2020-01-13-23:30:21+00:00-xxx7066
Garden Grove Mayor Steve Jones selected as new OCTA chairman	Jan. 14, 2020	OC Breeze	http://www.oc-breeze.com/2020/01/14/150906_garden-grove-mayor-steve-jones-selected-as-new-octa-chairman/
‘Forever chemicals’ in Orange County drinking water to force widespread well closures.Treatment plans are underway, but more costly imported water will be used in the interim	Jan. 17, 2020	OC Register	https://www.ocregister.com/2020/01/17/forever-chemicals-in-orange-county-drinking-water-to-force-widespread-well-closures/



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LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Agenda Report

File #: 2020-886

Agenda Date: 2/10/2020

Agenda Item No: 3.

FROM: James D. Herberg, General Manager

SUBJECT:

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS UPDATE FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2020

GENERAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend to the Board of Directors to:

Receive and file the Legislative Affairs Update for the month of January 2020.

BACKGROUND

The Orange County Sanitation District's (Sanitation District) legislative affairs program includes advocating the Sanitation District's legislative interests; sponsoring legislation (where appropriate); and seeking Local, State, and Federal funding for projects and programs. Staff will provide an update on recent legislative and grant activities.

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 that the Sanitation District is more than a wastewater treatment plant - treating and sending water to the ocean.

The Sanitation District is an environmentally engaged organization which recycles more than 50 percent of its wastewater. Additionally, to help meet the goal of 100 percent recycling, the Sanitation District uses the byproducts from the wastewater treatment process to produce biosolids to fertilize crops and energy used to help power the two plants in Fountain Valley and Huntington Beach.

PROPOSED SOLUTION

Continue to work with Local, State, and Federal officials to advocate the Sanitation District's legislative interests. Help to create/monitor legislation and grants that would benefit the Sanitation

District, the wastewater industry, and the community as a whole. To assist in our relationship building activities, we will continue to reach out to our elected officials providing facility tours, one-on-one meetings, and trips to D.C. and Sacramento.

TIMING CONCERNS

N/A

RAMIFICATIONS OF NOT TAKING ACTION

If we do not work with Local, State, and Federal elected officials, legislation could be passed that negatively affects the Sanitation District and the wastewater industry as a whole. Additionally, this could affect our chances of receiving grant funding.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

To assist our committee and staff with key legislative message points, staff has created a 2020 Legislative Priorities Key Message Card. The card, which is the size of a business card, will be distributed to the Legislative and Public Affairs Committee at the February 10 meeting. The card is meant to have short, key messages that will provide a highlight of our State and Federal priorities to be used when talking to member agencies, city representatives, and legislative officials.

The Sanitation District signed onto a joint coalition letter with the Bioenergy Association of California and the California Association of Sanitation Agencies, along with other agencies, to request funding from Senator Ben Allen, Chairman of the Senate Environmental Quality Committee. The funding request is for organic waste diversion and recycling in the pending climate resilience bond legislation.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

N/A

ATTACHMENT

The following attachment(s) are included in hard copy and may also be viewed on-line at the OCSD website (www.ocsd.com) with the complete agenda package:

- Federal Update - ENS Resources
- Federal Legislative Matrix - ENS Resources
- State Update - Townsend Public Affairs
- State Legislative Matrix - Townsend Public Affairs
- Coalition Letter for Bond Funding
- Grant Matrix



MEMORANDUM

TO: Rebecca Long

FROM: Eric Sapirstein

DATE: January 17, 2020

SUBJECT: Washington Update

Congress returned to work January 7, kicking off the second session of the 116th Congress. Given the fact that the session will be influenced by the Senate impeachment trial, much of the legislative activity will center on the House over the next several weeks. The legislative agenda will pick-up from last year's unfinished business. This includes how to protect public health through regulation of the Perfluorooctanoic acid and perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFAS/PFOA) family of chemicals, as well as who should be responsible for the clean-up of contaminated soils and groundwaters. The renewal of a Water Resources Development Act, adoption of FY 2021 spending bills, and passage of water infrastructure and drought legislation are expected to capture Congress's attention. The following summarizes the status of these and other matters as Congress prepares to resume legislative work, leading up to the November elections.

Fiscal Year 2020 Spending Decisions Establish Baseline for 2021 Spending Bills

The congressional agreement to finalize the spending priorities for the remaining months of FY 2020 was important for more than putting in place spending for the remaining nine months of the year. It is also notable because even if a stop gap continuing resolution is required during the election cycle for FY 2021, which begins on October 1, 2020, spending will be set at levels that will provide meaningful spending levels for programs of interest to OCSD.

As enacted into law, the funding agreement supports the State Revolving Fund (SRF), Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA), WaterSmart and alternative water supply project funding assistance related to water recycling and desalination. Overall, funding levels included \$1.3 billion for the Clean Water SRF program, as well as \$28 million to support for the new stormwater/Combined Sewer Overflow grants assistance program for publicly owned treatment works (POTWs).

Congress defeated efforts to impose policy riders to require regulation of clean water agencies related to PFAS chemicals. It did, however, include several millions of dollars in PFAS-related funding of research to help set monitoring standards and a national drinking water standard (MCL) under the Safe Drinking Water Act.

PFAS Compromise Limits Impact to Public Agencies Under NDAA, But House Moves Separate Legislation as First Order of Business in New Session

The House and Senate Committees on Armed Services finalized a National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA, S. 1790) agreement that was signed into law with a handful of PFAS-related provisions. The long-delayed agreement includes a scaled-back series of provisions to address groundwater contamination from PFAS chemicals. The agreement means that public agencies and ratepayers would not be unduly burdened with costly mandates to address PFAS contamination that were created by industry. The agreement means the potential for Superfund liability for cleanup costs is temporarily on hold. The Senate defeated proposals to rely on Superfund's liability framework that held the potential for cleanup directives issued to agencies simply because an agency received contaminated waters in the course of providing a public service. However, the agreement did impose a series of new mandates that may impact public agencies. Among the provisions are: a new priority for the monitoring for emerging contaminants of concern, monitoring surveys into the presence of PFAS chemicals in waterways, and requirements to issue monitoring and treatment standards. One notable provision will directly impact clean water agencies. It involves a directive that United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) issue "interim" guidance on how to treat and dispose of biosolids, spent water filters and leachates that contain PFAS chemicals. It is unclear how USEPA would develop such guidance. It has one year from enactment of the measure to issue the guidance.

While designation of PFAS/PFOA chemicals as hazardous substances under Superfund were left out of the NDAA package, the debate over the issue resurfaced in January when the House approved the PFAS Action Act (H.R. 535). The bill moved on a bipartisan vote with two dozen Republican votes in favor. H.R. 535 is a collection of PFAS regulation and cleanup mandates that failed to be included in the NDAA compromise. Under the House-passed measure, PFAS family of chemicals would be designated as a hazardous substance under Superfund. If enacted, this provision could expose clean water agencies to potential Superfund liability for treating and disposing of PFAS contaminated materials, including biosolids. The White House issued a forceful veto threat on H.R. 535. Adding to the tough legislative climb for H.R. 535 is a statement from Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works Chairman John Barrasso (R-WY), upon House passage, who effectively highlighted the fact that H.R. 535 is dead on arrival in the Senate.

White House to Transmit 2021 Federal Budget in February

The FY 2021 budget request will be formally transmitted by the White House to Congress on February 10. The action could improve the odds that Congress will have adequate time to develop spending bills by October 1, 2020 and avoid the need for a stopgap spending bill to cover the months when Congress will be on recess in the run-up to the November elections. An optimistic outlook is only possible because Congress and the White House last year reached a two-year budget agreement that established total spending. This means that Congress could speed consideration of individual agency spending bills later this spring and summer.

WOTUS Rewrite Imminent

After three years of effort to repeal the Obama Administration's rulemaking that defined and governed waters subject to regulation under the Clean Water Act. The White House and USEPA are readying the publication of a final rule known as the Waters of the U.S. Under the soon-to-be publication in the Federal Register, the rulemaking is expected to limit waterways subject to regulation and preserve the existing regulatory exemptions for wastewater discharges that are regulated through the NPDES program.

NEPA Rewrite Underway

The Administration is readying a second major environmental rule revision, following its Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rewrite. After months of reviews, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) will be revamped by a formal rulemaking. Under the revision, the White House is working to streamline project reviews to allow for speedier approvals and construction of projects. The proposal would impact projects ranging from water to road projects. Under the fifty-year old law, which has never been updated, project approvals have in some instances required a decade to be reviewed and approved. Under the rule revision, project reviews would be subjected to specific timetables and one federal agency would be designated as a lead agency to reduce multiple project reviews that can often be duplicative. Environmental organizations are expected to litigate the rule.

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BILL	AUTHOR	SUMMARY	LATEST ACTION	OCSD POSITION	OTHER POSITIONS
Federal Legislation 2019 - 2020					
Priority					
H.R. 1162	Rep. Grace Napolitano (D-CA)	Water Recycling Investment and Improvement Act. Establishes a grant program for the funding of water recycling and reuse projects, and for other purposes.	House - 6/13/19 Subcommittees Hearings held	Watch	CASA SUPPORTS
H.R. 1497	Rep. Peter DeFazio (D-OR)	Water Quality Protection and Job Creation Act of 2019. Provides nearly \$23.5 billion in direct infrastructure investment over the next five years to address wastewater infrastructure and local water quality challenges. This bill allocates \$20 billion in grants for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund.	House - 10/29/19 Ordered to be Reported Out as amended by voice vote	Watch	CASA SUPPORTS
H.R. 535	Rep. Debbie Dingell (D-MI)	PFAS Action Act of 2019. To require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to shall designate per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances as hazardous substances under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980.	House - 1/13/20 Passed House and reported to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works	Watch	NYC
H.R. 876	Rep. Peter DeFazio (D-OR)	Pacific Northwest Earthquake Preparedness Act of 2019. Requires the FEMA to develop a plan for the purchase and installation of an earthquake early warning system for the Cascadia Subduction Zone. The term "Cascadia Subduction Zone".	House - 2/6/19 Passed House by voice vote, received in Senate and referred to Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs	Watch	NYC
H.R. 667	Rep. Jaime Herrera Beutler (R-WA)	Regulatory Certainty for Navigable Waters Act. Repeals the Waters of the United States rule and amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act definition of navigable waters, and for other purposes.	House - 2/7/19 Referred to Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment	Watch	NYC

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S. 403	Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI)	IMAGINE Act. A bill to encourage the research and use of innovative materials and associated techniques in the construction and preservation of the domestic transportation and water infrastructure system, and for other purposes.	Senate - 2/7/19 Referred to Committee on Environment and Public Works	Watch	NYC
H.R. 977	Rep. Brian Mast (R-FL)	Toxic Health Threat Warning Act of 2019. To require the Corps of Engineers to notify affected communities before releasing water contaminated with cyanobacteria from flood risk management projects, and for other purposes.	House - 2/7/19 Referred to Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment	Watch	NYC
H.R. 892	Rep. Duncan Hunter (R-CA)	To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to limit attorney fees and penalties in citizen suits, and for other purposes.	House - 2/7/19 Referred to Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment	Watch	NYC
H.R. 358	Rep. Juan Vargas (D-CA)	California New River Restoration Act of 2019. Requires the USEPA to establish a California New River restoration program for the New River. USEPA must (1) implement projects, plans, and initiatives for the New River supported by the California-Mexico Border Relations Council; and (2) provide grants and technical assistance for coordinating restoration and protection activities.	House - 2/7/19 Referred to Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment	Watch	NYC
S. 376	Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY)	Defense Environment and Property Act of 2019. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to clarify the definition of navigable waters, and for other purposes.	Senate - 2/7/19 Referred to Committee on Environment and Public Works	Watch	NYC

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H.R. 658	Rep. Rosa DeLauro	National Infrastructure Development Bank Act. Facilitates efficient investments and financing of infrastructure projects and new job creation through the establishment of a National Infrastructure Development Bank, and for other purposes.	House - 2/7/19 Referred to Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management	Watch	NYC
H.R. 1137	Rep. John Garamendi (D-CA)	To amend the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 to repeal the authority relating to reprogramming during national emergencies.	House - 2/12/19 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment	Watch	NYC
H.R. 1317	Rep. Harley Rouda (D-CA)	Coastal Communities Adaption Act. Improves the resilience of the built and natural environment to natural disasters and climate change using, among other measures, natural and nature-based features, and for other purposes.	House - 3/6/19 Referred to Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment	Watch	NYC
S. 638	Sen. Tom Carper (D-DE)	PFAS Action Act. A bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to designate per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances as hazardous substances under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, Liability Act of 1980, and for other purposes.	Senate - 2/28/19 Referred to Committee on Environment and Public Works	Watch	NYC
S. 611	Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-VT)	Water Affordability, Transparency, Equity, and Reliability Act of 2019. A bill to provide adequate funding for water and sewer infrastructure, and for other purposes.	Senate - 2/28/19 Referred to Committee on Environment and Public Works	Watch	NYC
H.R. 1331	Rep. Angie Craig (D-MN)	Local Water Protection Act. To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize certain programs relating to nonpoint source management, and for other purposes.	House - 4/9/19 Passed House 329-56. Received in Senate, referred to Committee on Environment and Public Works	Watch	NYC

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H.R. 1764	Rep. John Garamendi (D-CA)	To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act with respect to permitting terms, and for other purposes.	House - 3/15/19 Referred to Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment	Watch	CASA, NACWA, ACWA - SUPPORTS
S. 950	Sen. Debbie Stabenow (D-MI)	PFAS Detection Act of 2019. Requires the Director of the United States Geological Survey to perform a nationwide survey of perfluorinated compounds, and for other purposes.	Senate - 3/28/19 Referred to Committee on Environment and Public Works	Watch	NYC
S. 933	Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI)	BLUE GLOBE Act. Improves data collection and monitoring of the Great Lakes, oceans, bays, estuaries, and coasts, and for other purposes.	Senate - 3/28/19 Referred to Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation	Watch	NYC
S. 914	Sen. Roger Wicker (R-MS)	Coordinated Ocean Observations and Research Act of 2019. Reauthorizes the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act of 2009, to clarify the authority of the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration with respect to post-storm assessments, and to require the establishment of a National Water Center, and for other purposes.	Senate - 12/5/19 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar	Watch	NYC
H.R. 2019	Rep. Jerry McNerney (D-CA)	Smart Energy and Water Efficiency Act of 2019. Provides for a smart water resource management pilot program.	House - 4/9/19 Referred to Committee on Science, Space, and Technology	Watch	NYC
H.R. 1904	Rep. Raul Grijalva (D-CA)	Indian Water Rights Settlement Extension Act. Amends the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to make the Reclamation Water Settlements Fund permanent.	House - 4/4/19 Committee on Natural Resources Hearings Held	Watch	NYC
H.R. 2205	Rep. David McKinley (R-WV)	Water Quality Certification Improvement Act of 2019. Amends the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to make changes with respect to water quality certification, and for other purposes.	House - 4/11/19 Referred to Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment	Watch	NYC

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H.R. 2189	Rep. Dutch Ruppersberger (D-MD)	Digital Coast Act. Requires the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to establish a constituent-driven program to provide a digital information platform capable of efficiently integrating coastal data with decision-support tools, training, and best practices and to support collection of priority coastal geospatial data to inform and improve local, State, regional, and Federal capacities to manage the coastal region, and for other purposes.	House -11/26/19 Placed on Union Calendar	Watch	NYC
S. 1069	Sen. Tammy Baldwin (D-WI)	Digital Coast Act. A bill to require the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to establish a constituent-driven program to provide a digital information platform capable of efficiently integrating coastal data with decision-support tools, training, and best practices and to support collection of priority coastal geospatial data to inform and improve local, State, regional, and Federal capacities to manage the coastal region, and for other purposes.	Senate - 11/13/19 Ordered to be Reported out of Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation favorably	Watch	NYC
S. 1087	Sen. John Barrasso (R-WY)	Water Quality Certification Improvement Act of 2019. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to make changes with respect to water quality certification, and for other purposes.	Senate - 11/19/19 Committee on Environment and Public Works hearings held	Watch	NYC
H.R. 2473	Rep. Josh Harder (D-CA)	S.A.V.E. Water Resources Act. Promotes water supply reliability and improved water management for rural communities, the State of California, and the Nation, and for other purposes.	House - 6/13/19 Subcommittees Hearings held	Watch	NYC
S. 1251	Sen. Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH)	Safe Drinking Water Assistance Act of 2019. Improves and coordinate interagency Federal actions and provide assistance to States for responding to public health challenges posed by emerging contaminants, and for other purposes.	Senate - 4/30/19 Referred to Committee on Environment and Public Works	Watch	NYC

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H.R. 2458	Rep. Debbie Mucarsel-Powell (D-FL)	WISE Act. Amends the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to require a certain percentage of funds appropriated for revolving fund capitalization grants be used for green projects, and for other purposes.	House - 5/2/19 Referred to Subcommittee of Water Resources and Environment	Watch	NYC
H.R. 2377	Rep. Brendan Boyle (D-PA)	Protect Drinking Water from PFAS Act of 2019. Requires the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to address the level of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in drinking water. Specifically, the EPA must publish a maximum contaminant level goal and promulgate a national primary drinking water regulation for total PFAS. PFAS are man-made chemicals that may lead to adverse human health effects.	House - 9/26/19 Forwarded to Full Committee by voice vote	Watch	NYC
H.R. 2533	Rep. Frank Pallone (D-NJ)	Providing Financial Assistance for Safe Drinking Water Act. To assist community water systems affected by PFAS contamination, and for other purposes.	House - 9/26/19 Forwarded to Full Committee by voice vote	Watch	NYC
H.R. 2566	Rep. Darren Soto (D-FL)	To require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to revise the Safer Choice Standard to provide for a Safer Choice label for pots, pans, and cooking utensils that do not contain PFAS, and for other purposes.	House - 9/26/19 Forwarded to Full Committee by voice vote	Watch	NYC
H.R. 2577	Rep. Antonio Delgado (D-NY)	PFAS Right-To-Know Act. Amends the Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act of 1986 to include per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances on the Toxics Release Inventory, and for other purposes.	House - 9/26/19 Forwarded to Full Committee by voice vote	Watch	NYC
S. 1372	Sen. Debbie Stabenow (D-MI)	PFAS Accountability Act of 2019. A bill to encourage Federal agencies to expeditiously enter into or amend cooperative agreements with States for removal and remedial actions to address PFAS contamination in drinking, surface, and ground water and land surface and subsurface strata, and for other purposes.	Senate - 5/8/19 Referred to Committee on Environment and Public Works	Watch	NYC

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H.R. 2705	Rep. Earl Blumenauer (D-OR)	Water Infrastructure Trust Fund Act of 2019. To establish a Water Infrastructure Trust Fund, and for other purposes.	House - 5/15/19 Referred to Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment	Watch	NYC
H.R. 2755	Rep. Brendan Boyle (D-PA)	Buy America 2.0 Act. To standardize and extend certain Buy America Provisions.	House - 5/16/19 Referred to Subcommittee on Aviation	Watch	NYC
S. 1473	Sen. Kristen Gillibrand (D-NY)	Protect Drinking Water from PFAS Act of 2019. A bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to set maximum contaminant levels for certain chemicals, and for other purposes.	House - 5/15/19 Referred to Committee on Environment and Public Works	Watch	NYC
S. 1535	Sen. Mark Warner (D-VA)	Reinventing Economic Partnerships and Infrastructure Redevelopment Act. A bill to facilitate efficient investments and financing of infrastructure projects and new, long-term job creation through the establishment of an Infrastructure Financing Authority, and for other purposes.	Senate - 5/16/19 Referred to Committee on Finance	Watch	NYC
H.R. 2776	Rep. Lori Trahan (D-MA)	Stop Sewage Overflow Act. To make certain municipalities eligible for grants under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, and for other purposes.	House - 5/16/19 Referred to Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment	Watch	NYC
H.R. 2800	Rep. Elissa Slotkin (D-MI)	PFAS Monitoring Act of 2019. To amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to require continued and expanded monitoring of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances in drinking water, and for other purposes.	House - 5/16/19 Referred to Committee on Energy and Commerce	Watch	NYC

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S. 1507	Sen. Shelley Moore Capito (D-WV)	A bill to include certain perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances in the toxics release inventory, and for other purposes.	Senate - 6/27/19 Passed as an amendment to National Defense Authorization Act (S. 1790)	Watch	NYC
S. 1613	Sen. Ed Markey (D-MA)	Contaminant and Lead Electronic Accounting and Reporting Requirements for (CLEARR) Drinking Water Act of 2019. Amends the Safe Drinking Water Act to update and modernize the reporting requirements for contaminants, including lead, in drinking water, and for other purposes.	Senate - 5/22/19 Referred to Committee on Environment and Public Works	Watch	NYC
S. 1570	Sen. James Risch (R-ID)	Aquifer Recharge Flexibility Act. Provides flexibility to allow greater aquifer recharge, and for other purposes.	Senate - 10/29/19 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar	Watch	NYC
H.R. 2871	Rep. Russ Fulcher (R-ID)	Aquifer Recharge Flexibility Act. Provides flexibility to allow greater aquifer recharge, and for other purposes.	House - 6/10/19 Referred to Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment	Watch	NYC
S. 1604	Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-MN)	Local Water Protection Act. Amends the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize certain programs relating to nonpoint source management, and for other purposes.	Senate - 5/22/19 Referred to Committee on Environment and Public Works	Watch	NYC
S. 1730	Sen. Kamala Harris (D-CA)	Living Shorelines Act of 2019. Directs the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to make grants to State and local governments and nongovernmental organizations for purposes of carrying out climate-resilient living shoreline projects that protect coastal communities by supporting ecosystem functions and habitats with the use of natural materials and systems, and for other purposes.	Senate - 6/5/19 Referred to Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation	Watch	NYC

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S. 1837	Sen. Kristen Gillibrand (D-NY)	PIPE Act. A bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a discretionary grant program for drinking water and wastewater infrastructure projects, and for other purposes.	Senate - 6/13/19 Referred to Committee on Environment and Public Works	Watch	NYC
H.R. 3254	Rep. Antonio Delgado (D-NY)	PIPE Act. To require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a discretionary grant program for drinking water and wastewater infrastructure projects, and for other purposes.	House - 6/14/19 Referred to Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment	Watch	NYC
H.R. 3521	Rep. Greg Stanton (D-AZ)	Wastewater Infrastructure Workforce Investment Act. To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act with respect to wastewater infrastructure workforce development, and for other purposes.	House - 6/27/19 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment	Watch	NYC
H.R. 3541	Rep. Salud Carbajal (D-CA)	Coastal State Climate Preparedness Act of 2019. To amend the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 to require the Secretary of Commerce to establish a coastal climate change adaptation preparedness and response program, and for other purposes.	House - 11/15/19 Placed on Union Calendar	Watch	NYC
S. 2086	Sen. Tammy Duckworth (D-IL)	National Opportunity for Lead Exposure Accountability and Deterrence Act of 2019. To amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to improve transparency under the national primary drinking water regulations for lead and copper, and for other purposes.	Senate - 7/11/19 Referred to Committee on Environment and Public Works	Watch	NYC
S. 1932	Sen. Cory Gardner (R-CO)	Drought Resiliency and Water Supply Infrastructure Act. To support water infrastructure in Reclamation States, and for other purposes.	Senate - 7/18/19 Subcommittee Hearings Held	Watch	CASA, NACWA, NWRA, ACWA - SUPPORTS
H.R. 3115	Rep. Frank Pallone (D-NJ)	Living Shorelines Act of 2019. To direct the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to make grants to State and local governments and nongovernmental organizations for purposes of carrying out climate-resilient living shoreline projects that protect coastal communities by supporting ecosystem functions and habitats with the use of natural materials and systems, and for other purposes.	House - 11/26/19 Placed on the Union Calendar	Watch	NYC

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H.R. 3510	Rep. Josh Harder (D-CA)	Water Resources Research Amendments Act. To amend the Water Resources Research Act of 1984 to reauthorize grants for and require applied water supply research regarding the water resources research and technology institutes established under that Act.	House - 7/25/19 Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife held	Watch	NYC
H.R. 3723	Rep. Mike Levin (D-CA)	Desalination Development Act. To promote desalination project development and drought resilience, and for other purposes.	House - 7/25/19 Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife hearing held	Watch	NYC
H.R. 3677	Rep. Dan Kildee (D-MI)	National Opportunity for Lead Exposure Accountability and Deterrence Act of 2017. To amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to improve transparency under the national primary drinking water regulations for lead and copper, and for other purposes.	House - 7/10/19 Referred to Committee on Energy and Commerce	Watch	NYC
H.R. 3919	Rep. Seth Moulton (D-MA)	Creating Opportunity And Sustainability Through Science Act. To require research in coastal sustainability and resilience, to ensure that the Federal Government continues to implement and advance coastal resiliency efforts, and for other purposes.	House - 8/7/19 Referred to Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife	Watch	NYC
S. 2236	Sen. Cory Booker (D-NJ)	Environmental Justice Act of 2019. To require Federal agencies to address environmental justice, to require consideration of cumulative impacts in certain permitting decisions, and for other purposes.	Senate - 7/23/19 Referred to Committee and Public Works	Watch	NYC
H.R. 4033	Rep. Dan Kildee (D-MI)	Water Justice Act. To provide supplemental appropriations for safe and secure water, and for other purposes.	House - 9/4/19 Referred to Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit	Watch	NYC

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H.R. 3944	Rep. Kevin Hern (R-OK)	To amend the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014 to modify the procedure for communicating certain emergency risks, and for other purposes.	House - 7/25/19 Referred to Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment	Watch	NYC
H.R. 3923	Rep. Raul Ruiz (D-CA)	Environmental Justice Act of 2019. To require Federal agencies to address environmental justice, to require consideration of cumulative impacts in certain permitting decisions, and for other purposes.	House - 8/15/19 Referred to Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties	Watch	NYC
S. 2456	Sen. Tom Udall (D-NM)	Clean Water Through Green Infrastructure Act. To establish centers of excellence for innovative stormwater control infrastructure, and for other purposes.	Senate - 9/10/19 Referred to Committee on Environment and Public Works	Watch	NYC
H.R. 4266	Rep. Denny Heck (D-WA)	Clean Water Through Green Infrastructure Act. To establish centers of excellence for innovative stormwater control infrastructure, and for other purposes.	House - 9/11/19 Referred to Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment	Watch	NYC
S. 2466	Sen. Kamala Harris (D-CA)	Water Justice Act. To provide supplemental appropriations for safe and secure water, and for other purposes.	Senate - 9/11/19 Referred to Committee on Environment and Public Works	Watch	NYC
H.R. 4378	Rep. Nita Lowey (D-NY)	Continuing Appropriations Act, 2020, and Health Extenders Act of 2019	House - 9/27/19 Became law	Watch	NYC
H.R. 4347	Rep. Matt Cartwright (D-PA)	PREPARE Act of 2019. To enhance the Federal Government's planning and preparation for extreme weather and the Federal Government's dissemination of best practices to respond to extreme weather, thereby increasing resilience, improving regional coordination, and mitigating the financial risk to the Federal Government from such extreme weather, and for other purposes.	House - 9/19/19 Ordered to be reported out of Committee by Voice Vote	Watch	NYC

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S. 2596	Sen. Tammy Duckworth (D-IL)	Voluntary Water Partnership for Distressed Communities Act of 2019. To amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to authorize certain community water systems to enter into partnerships to improve the water systems, and for other purposes.	Senate - 10/15/19 Referred to Committee on Environment and Public Works	Watch	NYC
S. 2636	Sen. Ben Cardin (D-MD)	Clean Water Infrastructure Resilience and Sustainability Act. To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to establish a program to make grants to eligible entities to increase the resilience of publicly owned treatment works to natural hazards, and for other purposes.	Senate - 10/17/19 Referred to Committee on Environment and Public Works	Watch	NYC
H.R. 4687	Rep. Harley Rouda (D-CA)	SMART Infrastructure Act. To waive certain procurement provisions for a project that receives funds from certain Federal agencies.	House - 10/17/19 Referred to Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, Science, Space, and Technology, Agriculture, and Energy and Commerce	Watch	NYC
H.R. 4780	Rep. Salud Carbajal (D-CA)	National Infrastructure Investment Corporation Act of 2019. To establish a Government corporation to provide loans and loan guarantees for infrastructure projects, and for other purposes.	House - 10/23/19 Referred to Subcommittee on Highways and Transit	Watch	NYC
S. 2687	Sen. Ben Cardin (D-MD)	Low-Income Water Customer Assistance Programs Act of 2019. To amend the Safe Drinking Water Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to establish pilot programs to assist low-income households in maintaining access to sanitation services and drinking water, and for other purposes.	Senate - 10/23/19 Referred to Committee on Environment and Public Works	Watch	NYC
S. 2674	Sen. Shelley Moore Capito (D-WV)	Assuring Quality Water Infrastructure Act. To amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to establish a grant program for improving infrastructure asset management by small public water systems, and for other purposes.	Senate - 10/23/19 Referred to Committee on Environment and Public Works	Watch	NYC

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S. 2767	Sen. Doug Jones (D-AL)	A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to establish a pilot competitive grant program for improving the sharing of water quality data, and for other purposes.	Senate - 10/31/19 Referred to Committee on Environment and Public Works	Watch	NYC
H.R. 5347	Rep. TJ Cox (D-CA)	Disadvantaged Community Drinking Water Assistance Act. To require the Secretary of the Interior to establish a grant program to close gaps in access to safe drinking water in disadvantaged communities, and for other purposes.	House - 12/6/19 Referred to Committees on Natural Resources and Energy and Commerce	Watch	NYC
H.R. 5341	Rep. Tom Rice (R-SC)	Discouraging Frivolous Lawsuits Act. To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act with respect to citizen suits and the specification of disposal sites, and for other purposes.	House - 12/9/19 Referred to Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment	Watch	NYC
S. 3160	Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-MA)	Affordable Safe Drinking Water Act of 2020. To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act to modify the payment periods of loans from State revolving funds under those Acts, and for other purposes.	Senate - 1/8/20 Referred to Committee on Environment and Public Works	Watch	NYC

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S. 3171	Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI)	A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the National Estuary Program, and for other purposes.	Senate - 1/9/20 Referred to Committee on Environment and Public Works	Watch	NYC
H.R. 5589	Rep. Suzzane Bonamici (D-OR)	Blue Carbon for Our Planet Act. To establish an Interagency Working Group on Coastal Blue Carbon, and for other purposes.	House - 1/13/20 Referred to Committee on Natural Resources	Watch	NYC
H. Res. 797	Rep. Debbie Dingell (D-MI)	Encouraging the Environmental Protection Agency to maintain and strengthen requirements under the Clean Water Act and reverse ongoing administrative actions to weaken this landmark law and protections for United States waters.	House - 1/14/20 Referred to Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment	Watch	NYC
Legend: ACC-OC- Association of California Cities, Orange County LOCC- League of California Cities NYC- Not Yet Considered CASA- California Association of Sanitation Agencies NACWA - National Association of Clean Water Agencies ACWA- Association of California Water Agencies CSDA- California Special Districts Association					

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State Political Update

The Legislature returned from Interim Recess on January 6, 2020 to start the second year of the current two-year session. They face quick deadlines in January 2020 to pass all legislation from last year that did not make it out of its house of origin. The second year of a two-year session is slightly condensed, resulting in quicker policy and appropriations deadlines for bills.

Furthermore, the deadline for new bill introductions is on February 21, 2020. Once bills are introduced, they must sit for 30 days before they can be heard in any committee. In late February we will have the full list and perspective of all bills that will be considered in 2020.

Housing and homelessness are expected to once again dominate the Legislature's time, however other topics are anticipated to be hotly debated including a natural resources/climate change bond for the November 2020 ballot, development impact fees, and legislation relating to 2020 Ballot Initiatives.

Below is a list of key upcoming deadlines in the Legislature:

January 31 – Last day for two-year bills to pass their house of origin

February 21 – Last day for new bills to be introduced

Governor Newsom's January Budget Proposal

On January 10, Governor Newsom released his January Budget Proposal for the FY 2020-21 State Budget. The release of the January Budget Proposal marks the official beginning of the state budget process, which will culminate with the Legislature's approval of a state budget by June 15, 2020.

The Governor's January Budget Proposal contains \$222 billion in proposed expenditures, \$153.1 billion of which would be from the State's General Fund. These proposed expenditures represent a 2.2 percent increase in spending over the current adopted budget. The January Budget Proposal also includes a \$5.3 billion surplus for FY 2020-21, which is over \$1 billion lower than was projected by the Legislative Analyst's Office in November 2019.

The Proposal focuses largely on one-time spending items, in addition to investing in the State's Rainy-Day fund and other budget reserves. The Proposal would increase the State's Rainy-Day fund to \$18 billion by the end of FY 2020-21 and would reach the constitutional 10 percent reserve cap in FY 2021-22.

During his press conference, the Governor touched on nearly all of the major items within his budget proposal; however, the main focuses of his budget include education, housing and homelessness, and climate resiliency.

Education: The Governor's January budget proposes \$84 billion in Proposition 98 funding for K-12 and community college districts, up approximately \$3.8 billion from the current fiscal year. The bulk of this increase focuses on continued efforts to strengthen underperforming schools, close achievement gaps, and improve student services in K-12 districts. Governor Newsom specifically highlighted efforts to improve funding for teacher recruitment and retention, which total \$900.1 million. An additional \$100 million will be allocated to provide stipends for individuals who elect to teach at some of the state's most needy districts. Expansion of school meal programs, increased focus on STEM, and additional funding for school facilities are also among the increases outlined in the proposal.

Community Colleges: The Governor's January budget offers only minor increases to programs and called on the system to continue gathering data on the implementation of the new Student-Centered Funding Formula. Approximately \$83.2 million has been allocated to improve apprenticeship opportunities and \$15.8 million has been allocated for Dreamers and other resources for immigrant students.

Housing and Homeless: The Governor's January budget proposal builds on investments over the past two budgets in the areas of housing and homelessness. Most notably, the budget contains \$750 million in one-time funding to establish the California Access to Housing and Services Fund, which would be administered by the Department of Social Services. This funding would be used to reduce homelessness by moving individuals and families to permanent housing and to increase the number of units available to those that are at risk of becoming homeless. The budget proposes to disperse the funding through regional administrators that can provide short- and long-term rental subsidies, make contributions to the development of units, and stabilize community facilities through capital projects and operating subsidies. These efforts are in addition to the funding that was released via Executive Order earlier in January to secure temporary trailers and tents for emergency shelters for homeless individuals.

Natural Resources/Climate Change Resiliency: In addition to the investments in education and housing/homelessness, the Governor's January budget proposal contains significant resources for climate resiliency in response, and preparation, for extreme wildfires, flooding, heat, and mudslides due to climate change. The cornerstone of the Governor's proposal is a new \$4.75 billion climate resiliency bond that the Governor proposes to be placed on the November 2020 ballot.

The bond measure would provide funding to five major areas: Drinking Water, Flood, Drought (\$2.9B), Wildfire (\$750M), Sea Level Rise (\$500M), Extreme Heat (\$325M), and Community Resilience (\$250M). In addition to the new bond measure, the Governor's budget proposes \$1.7 billion in climate related investments in FY 2020-21 and \$12.4 billion in investments (including the bond) over the next five years. These additional funds would be spread over a large number of programs that focus on responding to the climate problem, including: transportation emission reductions, smart agriculture and forestry, water resiliency, and emergency response and preparedness.

The January budget proposal also includes a draft \$965 million Cap and Trade expenditure plan which furthers the Administration's climate change goals. Included in the draft expenditure plan is \$35 million in strategic investments for reducing or eliminating short-lived climate pollutants such as methane. This funding level has been standard for several years now, despite a concerted effort from the sanitation and municipal government industries for a significant increase. It is expected that the money will be distributed through existing grant programs offered by CalRecycle.

Next Steps: The next step in the budget process is for the Legislature to begin to consider the Governor's budget. In the coming weeks, the Senate and Assembly Budget Committee, and the various Budget Subcommittees, will conduct hearings to receive more detail about the various items within the Governor's budget proposal. Additionally, the committees will begin the process of determining legislative priorities for inclusion in the budget. These hearings will continue for several months until the Governor releases his May Revise of the budget, which will contain updated revenue and expenditure figures, revised policy proposals, and incorporate certain legislative items. Once the May Revise is released, the Legislature will move swiftly to make final changes to the FY 2020-21 budget, which they will need to approve by June 15.

Governor's Draft Climate Resiliency Portfolio

In April 2019, Governor Newsom signed an executive order directing three major State agencies including the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA), the California Department of Food and Agriculture, and the California Natural Resources Agency to create a forward thinking approach toward implementing a new water system in California that is climate resilient. With a significant amount of emphasis from the Administration with regards to climate change awareness and activity, this proposed Water Resilience Portfolio will be the blueprint for a sustainable water future in California.

On January 3, 2020, the Newsom Administration released a draft Water Resilience Portfolio for public comment and review. The Portfolio recognizes that no single solution will solve California's water problems or prepare its water system for the future and for climate resiliency. As a result, it lists several goals and actions for the State to implement to prepare for the future. Written feedback is due by February 7, and the final Water Resilience Portfolio is expected to be released in Spring 2020.

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BILL	AUTHOR	SUMMARY	LATEST ACTION	OCSD POSITION	LEGISLATIVE PLAN	OTHER POSITIONS
Proposed Legislation 2019-2020						
High Priority						
AB 11	Chiu [D]	Community Redevelopment Law of 2019 Current law dissolved redevelopment agencies as of February 1, 2012, and designates successor agencies to act as successor entities to the dissolved redevelopment agencies. This bill, the Community Redevelopment Law of 2019, would authorize a city or county, or two or more cities acting jointly, to propose the formation of an affordable housing and infrastructure agency by adoption of a resolution of intention that meets specified requirements, including that the resolution of intention include a passthrough provision and an override passthrough provision, as defined.	Two Year Bill	Watch	State Priorities: Continue to monitor the state budget process and actively protect the allocation of local property taxes to special districts.	ACCOC - NYC LOCC - Watch CASA - NYC ACWA - NYC CSDA - Oppose unless amended
AB 68	Ting [D]	Land use: accessory dwelling units. The Planning and Zoning Law authorizes a local agency to provide, by ordinance, for the creation of accessory dwelling units in single-family and multifamily residential zones and sets forth required ordinance standards, including, among others, lot coverage. This bill would delete the provision authorizing the imposition of standards on lot coverage and would prohibit an ordinance from imposing requirements on minimum lot size.	Signed into law	Watch	Legislative and Regulatory Policies: Special Districts - Oppose further state regulations that adversely impact special district financing, operations, and administration.	ACCOC - NYC LOCC - Watch CASA - NYC ACWA - NYC CSDA - Watch
AB 69	Ting [D]	Land use: accessory dwelling units. Current law requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to propose building standards to the California Building Standards Commission, and to adopt, amend, or repeal rules and regulations governing, among other things, apartment houses and dwellings, as specified. This bill would require the department to propose small home building standards governing accessory dwelling units smaller than 800 square feet, junior accessory dwelling units, and detached dwelling units smaller than 800 square feet, as specified, and to submit the small home building standards to the California Building Standards Commission for adoption on or before January 1, 2021.	Two Year Bill	Watch	Legislative and Regulatory Policies: Special Districts - Oppose further state regulations that adversely impact special district financing, operations, and administration.	ACCOC - NYC LOCC - Watch CASA - NYC ACWA - NYC CSDA - Watch
AB 134	Bloom [D]	Safe Drinking Water Restoration Would require the State Water Resources Control Board to report to the Legislature by July 1, 2025, on its progress in restoring safe drinking water to all California communities and to create an internet website that provides data transparency for all of the board's activities described in this measure. The bill would require the board to develop metrics to measure the efficacy of the fund in ensuring safe and affordable drinking water for all Californians.	Two Year Bill	Watch	State Priorities: Support legislation or regulations that restrict the use of microplastics in any product that is disposed of through the sewer system.	ACCOC - NYC LOCC - Watch CASA - NYC ACWA - NYC CSDA - Watch

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BILL	AUTHOR	SUMMARY	LATEST ACTION	OCSD POSITION	LEGISLATIVE PLAN	OTHER POSITIONS
AB 223	Stone [D]	California Safe Drinking Water Act: microplastics The California Safe Drinking Water Act requires the State Water Resources Control Board to administer provisions relating to the regulation of drinking water to protect public health. Current law requires the state board, on or before July 1, 2020, to adopt a definition of microplastics in drinking water and, on or before July 1, 2021, to adopt a standard methodology to be used in the testing of drinking water for microplastics and requirements for 4 years of testing and reporting of microplastics in drinking water, including public disclosure of those results. This bill would require the state board, to the extent possible, and where feasible and cost effective, to work with the State Department of Public Health in complying with those requirements.	Two Year Bill	Watch	State Priorities: Support legislation or regulations that restrict the use of microplastics in any product that is disposed of through the sewer system.	ACCOC - NYC LOCC - Watch CASA - NYC ACWA - NYC CSDA - Watch
AB 231	Mathis [R]	California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: recycled water. Would exempt from CEQA a project to construct or expand a recycled water pipeline for the purpose of mitigating drought conditions for which a state of emergency was proclaimed by the Governor if the project meets specified criteria. Because a lead agency would be required to determine if a project qualifies for this exemption, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. The bill would also exempt from CEQA the development and approval of building standards by state agencies for recycled water systems.	Two Year Bill	Watch	State Priorities: Support efforts to reform the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to streamline current procedures and regulations for projects to refurbish or replace existing infrastructure facilities.	ACCOC - NYC LOCC - Watch CASA - NYC ACWA - NYC CSDA - Support
AB 291	Chu	Emergency preparedness Would establish a Local Emergency Preparedness and Hazard Mitigation Fund to support staffing, planning, and other emergency mitigation priorities to help local governments meet emergency management, preparedness, readiness, and resilience goals. The bill would, upon appropriation by the Legislature, require the Controller to transfer \$500,000,000 to the fund. The bill would require the Office of Emergency Services to establish the Local Emergency Preparedness and Hazard Mitigation Fund Committee under the Standardized Emergency Management System Advisory Board.	Two Year Bill	Watch	State Priorities: Secure funding through grants and legislation for infrastructure, collection improvements and alternative renewable energy at the Fountain Valley, Plant No. 1 and Huntington Beach, Plant No. 2.	ACCOC - NYC LOCC - Watch CASA - NYC ACWA - NYC CSDA - Watch
AB 292	Quirk [D]	Recycled water: raw water and groundwater augmentation Current law requires the State Water Resources Control Board, on or before December 31, 2023, to adopt uniform water recycling criteria for direct potable reuse through raw water augmentation, as specified. This bill would eliminate the definition of “direct potable reuse” and instead would substitute the term “groundwater augmentation” for “indirect potable reuse for groundwater recharge” in these definitions. The bill would require, on or before December 31, 2023, the state board to adopt uniform water recycling criteria for raw water augmentation.	Two Year Bill	Watch	Legislative and Regulatory Policies: Water Quality and Supply - Support measures that promote and provide for the use of reclaimed water	ACCOC - NYC LOCC - Watch CASA - NYC ACWA - NYC CSDA - Support

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BILL	AUTHOR	SUMMARY	LATEST ACTION	OCSD POSITION	LEGISLATIVE PLAN	OTHER POSITIONS
AB 352	E. Garcia [D]	Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020. Would enact the Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$3,920,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance a wildlife prevention, safe drinking water, drought preparation, and flood protection program. The bill would provide for the submission of these provisions to the voters at the November 3, 2020, statewide general election.	Two Year Bill	Watch	Legislative and Regulatory Policies: Grant Funding - Support legislation, bonds, programs and projects that provide funding for: infrastructure construction and rehabilitation, special studies and research or projects relating to security, environmental education, water quality, wastewater processing, urban runoff, wastewater recycling, biosolids and organics management, water quality improvement, resource recovery, or alternative energy.	
AB 405	Rubio [D]	Sales and use taxes: exemption: water treatment. Would exempt from Sales and Use Tax the gross receipts from the sale in this state of, and the storage, use, or other consumption in this state of, chemicals used to treat water, recycled water, or wastewater regardless of whether those chemicals or other agents become a component part thereof and regardless of whether the treatment takes place before or after the delivery to consumers.	Two Year Bill	Watch	Guiding Principles: Seek funds for OCSD projects through grants, appropriations, or other means; □	ACCOC - NYC LOCC - Watch CASA - Support ACWA - NYC CSDA - Support
AB 510	Cooley [D]	Local government records: destruction of records. Current law authorizes the head of a department of a county or city, or the head of a special district to destroy recordings of telephone and radio communications maintained by that county, city, or special district after 100 days if that person receives approval from the legislative body and the written consent of the agency attorney. This bill would exempt the head of a department of a county or city, or the head of a special district from these recording retention requirements if the county, city, or special district adopts a records retention policy governing recordings of routine video monitoring and recordings of telephone and radio communications.	Two Year Bill	Support	Legislative and Regulatory Policies: Security - Support legislation that would create efficiencies around the retention policy of surveillance video for innocuous recordings.	ACCOC - NYC LOCC - Watch CASA - NYC ACWA - NYC CSDA - Sponsor

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BILL	AUTHOR	SUMMARY	LATEST ACTION	OCSD POSITION	LEGISLATIVE PLAN	OTHER POSITIONS
AB 587	Friedman [D]	Accessory dwelling units: sale or separate conveyance Current property tax law establishes a welfare exemption under which property is exempt from taxation if the property is owned and operated by a nonprofit corporation that is organized and operated for the purpose of building and rehabilitating single-family or multifamily residences for sale, as provided, at cost to low-income families. This bill would authorize a local agency to allow, by ordinance, an accessory dwelling unit that was created pursuant to the process described above to be sold or conveyed separately from the primary residence to a qualified buyer if certain conditions are met.	Signed into law	Watch	Legislative and Regulatory Policies: Special Districts - Oppose further state regulations that adversely impact special district financing, operations, and administration.	ACCOC - NYC LOCC - Watch CASA - Work w/ author ACWA - NYC CSDA - Watch
AB 756	Garcia [D]	Public water systems: perfluoroalkyl substances and polyfluoroalkyl substances Would authorize the State Water Resources Control Board to order a public water system to monitor for perfluoroalkyl substances and polyfluoroalkyl substances. The bill would require a community water system or a nontransient noncommunity water system, upon a detection of these substances, to report that detection, as specified. The bill would require a community water system or a nontransient noncommunity water system where a detected level of these substances exceeds the response level to take a water source where the detected levels exceed the response level out of use or provide a prescribed public notification.	Signed into law	Watch	Legislative and Regulatory Policies: Source Control - Support legislation and funding mechanisms that reduce the amount of trash, waste, chemicals, and harmful organic material that enter the sewer system.	ACCOC - NYC LOCC - Watch CASA - Watch ACWA - Watch CSDA - Watch
AB 841	Ting [D]	Drinking water: contaminants: perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances. Would require the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment to adopt and complete a work plan within prescribed timeframes to assess which substances in the class of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances should be identified as a potential risk to human health, as provided. The bill would require the office, as part of those assessments, to determine which of the substances are appropriate candidates for notification levels to be adopted by the state board. The bill would require the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, by January 1, 2022, to provide to the Legislature an update on the assessment.	Two Year Bill	Watch	Legislative and Regulatory Policies: Source Control - Support legislation and funding mechanisms that reduce the amount of trash, waste, chemicals, and harmful organic material that enter the sewer system.	ACCOC - NYC LOCC - Watch CASA - Watch ACWA - Watch CSDA - Watch
AB 992	Mullin [D]	Open meetings: local agencies: social media Would provide that the Ralph M. Brown Act does not apply to the posting, commenting, liking, interaction with, or participation in, internet-based social media platforms that are ephemeral, live, or static, by a majority of the members of a legislative body, provided that a majority of the members do not discuss among themselves business of a specific nature that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body of the local agency.	Two Year Bill	Watch	Legislative and Regulatory Policies: Special Districts - Oppose further state regulations that adversely impact special district financing, operations, and administration.	ACCOC - NYC LOCC - Watch CASA - Approve ACWA - NYC CSDA - Support

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BILL	AUTHOR	SUMMARY	LATEST ACTION	OCSD POSITION	LEGISLATIVE PLAN	OTHER POSITIONS
AB 1080	Gonzalez [D]	California Circular Economy and Plastic Pollution Reduction Act Would establish the California Circular Economy and Plastic Pollution Reduction Act, which would require the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, in consultation with the State Water Resources Control Board and the Ocean Protection Council, to adopt, on or before January 1, 2023, regulations to achieve, by 2030, a 75% reduction by manufacturers and retailers of the waste generated from single-use packaging and products offered for sale or sold in the state through source reduction, recycling, or composting.	Two Year Bill	Watch	State Priorities: Support legislation or regulations that restrict the use of microplastics in any product that is disposed of through the sewer system. □	ACCOC - NYC LOCC - Support CASA - NYC ACWA - NYC CSDA - NYC
AB 1180	Friedman [D]	Water: recycled water The California Safe Drinking Water Act requires the State Water Resources Control Board to administer provisions relating to the regulation of drinking water to protect public health. Current law requires, on or before January 1, 2020, the state board to adopt standards for backflow protection and cross-connection control through the adoption of a policy handbook, as specified. This bill would require that handbook to include provisions for the use of a swivel or changeover device to supply potable water to a dual-plumbed system during an interruption in recycled water service.	Signed into law	Watch	Legislative and Regulatory Policies: Recycled Water - support measures that promote and provide for the use of reclaimed water.	ACCOC - NYC LOCC - Watch CASA - Support ACWA - NYC CSDA - Support
AB 1184	Gloria [D]	Public records: writing transmitted by electronic mail: retention Would, unless a longer retention period is required by statute or regulation, require a public agency for purposes of the California Public Records Act to retain and preserve for at least 2 years every writing containing information relating to the conduct of the public's business prepared, owned, or used by any public agency that is transmitted by electronic mail.	Vetoed	Watch	Legislative and Regulatory Policies: Special Districts - Oppose further state regulations that adversely impact special district financing, operations, and administration.	ACCOC - NYC LOCC - Oppose CASA - Watch ACWA - NYC CSDA - Oppose
AB 1588	Gloria [D]	Drinking water and wastewater operator certification programs Current law requires a person who operates a nonexempt wastewater treatment plant to possess a valid, unexpired wastewater certificate or water treatment operator certificate of the appropriate grade. This bill, when applying for certification by the board as a water treatment operator, distribution system operator, or wastewater operator, would require operators of complex industrial facilities, including members of the military and military service veterans, to receive appropriate equivalent experience credit and education credit for work and tasks performed that are directly related to the operation of water or wastewater facilities, as specified.	Signed into law	Watch	Legislative and Regulatory Policies: Special Districts - Oppose further state regulations that adversely impact special district financing, operations, and administration.	ACCOC - NYC LOCC - Watch CASA - Support ACWA - NYC CSDA - Support

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BILL	AUTHOR	SUMMARY	LATEST ACTION	OCSD POSITION	LEGISLATIVE PLAN	OTHER POSITIONS
AB 1672	Bloom [D]	Solid waste: flushable products The California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989, administered by the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, generally regulates the disposal, management, and recycling of solid waste. This bill would, among other things, on or after January 1, 2021, prohibit a covered entity, as defined, from labeling a covered product as safe to flush, safe for sewer systems, or safe for septic systems, unless the product is a flushable wipe that meets certain performance standards. The bill would require nonflushable products to be labeled clearly and conspicuously to communicate that they should not be flushed, as specified.	Two Year Bill	Support	Legislative and Regulatory Policies: Source Control - Support legislation that regulates the disposal of flushable wipes.	ACCOC - NYC LOCC - Watch CASA - Sponsor ACWA - Support CSDA - Support
ACA 1	Aguiar-Curry [D]	Local government financing: affordable housing and public infrastructure: voter approval. The California Constitution prohibits the ad valorem tax rate on real property from exceeding 1% of the full cash value of the property, subject to certain exceptions. This measure would create an additional exception to the 1% limit that would authorize a city, county, city and county, or special district to levy an ad valorem tax to service bonded indebtedness incurred to fund the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of public infrastructure, affordable housing, or permanent supportive housing, or the acquisition or lease of real property for those purposes, if the proposition proposing that tax is approved by 55% of the voters of the city, county, or city and county, as applicable, and the proposition includes specified accountability requirements.	Currently on the Assembly Floor	Watch	Guiding Principles: Seek funds for OCSD projects through grants, appropriations, or other means;	ACCOC - NYC LOCC - Support CASA - Support ACWA - NYC CSDA - Support
SB 1	Atkins [D]	California Environmental, Public Health, and Workers Defense Act of 2019. This bill seeks to freeze federal Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, Safe Drinking Water Act, Endangered Species Act, Fair Labor Standards Act, Occupational Safety and Health Act and Coal Mine Health and Safety Act requirements to those in place as of January 19, 2017. SB 1 refers to federal requirements existing as of this date, as “baseline federal standards.” SB 1 is intended to “ensure continued protections for the environment, natural resources, and public health and safety” in California, even if the noted federal laws are “undermined, amended or repealed” by making the baseline environmental standards the new floor for environmental and worker protections in California	Vetoed	Watch	Legislative and Regulatory Policies: Public Health: Protection of public health is OCSD’s core mission. OCSD will work cooperatively with county and state health officers to assure local health protection.	ACCOC - NYC LOCC - Watch CASA - NYC ACWA - Oppose CSDA - NYC

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BILL	AUTHOR	SUMMARY	LATEST ACTION	OCSD POSITION	LEGISLATIVE PLAN	OTHER POSITIONS
SB 5	Beall [D]	Local-State Sustainable Investment Incentive Program Would establish in state government the Affordable Housing and Community Development Investment Program, which would be administered by the Affordable Housing and Community Development Investment Committee. The bill would authorize a city, county, city and county, joint powers agency, enhanced infrastructure financing district, affordable housing authority, community revitalization and investment authority, transit village development district, or a combination of those entities, to apply to the Affordable Housing and Community Development Investment Committee to participate in the program and would authorize the committee to approve or deny plans for projects meeting specific criteria.	Vetoed	Watch	State Priorities: Continue to monitor the state budget process and actively protect the allocation of local property taxes to special districts.	ACCOC - NYC LOCC - Support CASA - Watch ACWA - NYC CSDA - Watch
SB 13	Weickowski [D]	Accessory dwelling units Would authorize the creation of accessory dwelling units in areas zoned to allow single-family or multifamily dwelling use. The bill would also revise the requirements for an accessory dwelling unit by providing that the accessory dwelling unit may be attached to, or located within, an attached garage, storage area, or other structure, and that it does not exceed a specified amount of total floor area. Bill was amended to remove the cap on capacity and connection fees that agencies can charge new ADUs.	Signed into law	Watch	Legislative and Regulatory Policies: Special Districts - Oppose further state regulations that adversely impact special district financing, operations, and administration.	ACCOC - NYC LOCC - Oppose unless amended CASA - Work w/ author ACWA - NYC CSDA - Oppose
SB 33	Skinner	Solid waste: reduction and recycling. The California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989, administered by the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, generally regulates the disposal, management, and recycling of solid waste. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would address the collapse of foreign recycling markets by reducing solid waste generation, encouraging transition to compostable or recyclable materials, and fostering domestic recycling markets.	Two Year Bill	Watch	Legislative and Regulatory Policies: Biosolids and Biogas - Limit redundant reporting requirements on organics, recyclable material, and solid waste as mandated by AB 901.	ACCOC - NYC LOCC - Watch CASA - NYC ACWA - NYC CSDA - Watch

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BILL	AUTHOR	SUMMARY	LATEST ACTION	OCSD POSITION	LEGISLATIVE PLAN	OTHER POSITIONS
SB 134	Hertzberg [D]	Water conservation: water loss performance standards: enforcement. Current law requires the State Water Resources Control Board, no earlier than January 1, 2019, and no later than July 1, 2020, to adopt rules requiring urban retail water suppliers to meet performance standards for the volume of water losses. This bill would prohibit the board from issuing an information order, written notice, or conservation order to an urban retail water supplier that does not meet its urban water use objective if the board determines the urban retail water supplier is not meeting its urban water use objective solely because the volume of water loss exceeds the urban retail water supplier's standard for water loss and the board is taking enforcement action against the urban retail water supplier for not meeting the performance standards for the volume of water losses.	Signed into law	Watch	Legislative and Regulatory Policies: Water Supply - Support legislation and regulation that necessitate the responsible use of water in residential, commercial, and industrial areas	ACCOC - NYC LOCC - Watch CASA - NYC ACWA - NYC CSDA - Support
SB 200		Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund. Would establish the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund in the State Treasury to help water systems provide an adequate and affordable supply of safe drinking water in both the near and the long term. The bill would authorize the board to provide for the deposit into the fund of federal contributions, voluntary contributions, gifts, grants, and bequests and would provide that moneys in the fund are available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the board to fund grants, loans, contracts, or services to assist eligible recipients.	Signed into law	Watch	State Tactics: Support tax reform that protects public agencies	ACCOC - NYC LOCC - Watch CASA - NYC ACWA - NYC CSDA - Watch
SB 210	Leyva [D]	Heavy-Duty Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program. Current law requires the State Air Resources Board, in consultation with the Bureau of Automotive Repair and a specified review committee, to adopt regulations requiring owners or operators of heavy-duty diesel motor vehicles to perform regular inspections of their vehicles for excessive emissions of smoke. Current law requires the state board, in consultation with the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission, to adopt regulations requiring heavy-duty diesel motor vehicles to use emission control equipment and alternative fuels. This bill would require the state board, in consultation with the bureau and other specified entities, to implement a pilot program that develops and demonstrates technologies that show potential for readily bringing heavy-duty vehicles into an inspection and maintenance program.	Signed into law	Recommend Oppose	Legislative and Regulatory Policies: Air Quality - Support measures that maintain and enhance local decision-making authority, where appropriate, in the development and implementation of air quality attainment strategies	ACCOC - NYC LOCC - Watch CASA - Watch ACWA - Watch CSDA - Watch

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BILL	AUTHOR	SUMMARY	LATEST ACTION	OCSD POSITION	LEGISLATIVE PLAN	OTHER POSITIONS
SB 332	Hertzberg [D]	Wastewater treatment: recycled water. Would declare, except in compliance with the bill's provisions, that the discharge of treated wastewater from ocean outfalls is a waste and unreasonable use of water. The bill would require each wastewater treatment facility that discharges through an ocean outfall and affiliated water suppliers to reduce the facility's annual flow as compared to the average annual wastewater discharge baseline volume, as prescribed, by at least 50% on or before January 1, 2030, and by at least 95% on or before January 1, 2040. The bill would subject the owner or operator of a wastewater treatment facility, as well as the affiliated water suppliers, to a civil penalty of \$2,000 per acre-foot of water above the required reduction in overall volume discharge for the failure to meet these deadlines.	Two Year Bill	Watch	State Legislation: Work with legislators who introduced legislation such as SB 163 (Hertzberg, 2015) in order to ensure that no unrealistic regulations are placed on wastewater treatment facilities, including OCSD	ACCOC - NYC LOCC - Oppose CASA - Oppose ACWA - NYC CSDA - Oppose
SB 457	Hueso [D]	Biomethane: gas corporations Under existing law, the Public Utilities Commission has regulatory authority over public utilities, including gas corporations. Existing law authorizes the commission to fix the rates and charges for every public utility and requires that those rates and charges be just and reasonable. Existing law requires the commission to adopt policies and programs that promote the in-state production and distribution of biomethane, as defined, and that facilitate the development of a variety of sources of in-state biomethane. This bill would require the Public Utilities Commission to extend the program until December 31, 2026. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.	Signed into law	Watch	Legislative and Regulatory Policies: Biosolids and Biogas - Support streamlined legislation, regulations and policies that encourage the procurement of biogas, biosolids, and compost.	ACCOC - NYC LOCC - Watch CASA - Refer to Committee ACWA - NYC CSDA - NYC
SB 667	Hueso [D]	Greenhouse gases: recycling infrastructure and facilities. Would require the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery to develop, on or before January 1, 2021, and would authorize the department to amend, a 5-year investment strategy to drive innovation and support technological development and infrastructure, in order to meet specified organic waste reduction and recycling targets, as provided. The bill would require, on or before June 1, 2021, the department, in coordination with the Treasurer, to develop financial incentive mechanisms, including, but not limited to, loans and incentive payments, to fund organic waste diversion and recycling infrastructure.	Two Year Bill	Watch	Legislative and Regulatory Policies: Biosolids and Biogas - Support the promotion and funding of local pilot programs, studies, and research for the beneficial use of biosolids.	ACCOC - NYC LOCC - Support CASA - Support ACWA - NYC CSDA - NYC

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BILL	AUTHOR	SUMMARY	LATEST ACTION	OCSD POSITION	LEGISLATIVE PLAN	OTHER POSITIONS
SB 732	Allen [D]	Transactions and use tax. Current law establishes the South Coast Air Quality Management District vested with the authority to regulate air emissions from stationary sources located in the South Coast Air Basin and establishes a district board to govern the district. This bill would authorize the south coast district board to impose a transactions and use tax within the boundaries of the south coast district, as specified, with the moneys generated from the transactions and use tax to be used to supplement existing revenues being used for south coast district purposes, as specified.	Two Year Bill	Watch	Legislative and Regulatory Polciies: Air Quality - Support air quality legislations, regulations, rules, and policies that emphasize the use of advanced technologies and promote greater flexibility and financial incentives to reduce air emission.	ACCOC - NYC LOCC - Watch CASA - NYC ACWA - NYC CSDA - No position

Legend:

ACC-OC - Association of California Cities, Orange County

LOCC - League of California Cities

NYC - Not Yet Considered

CASA - California Association of Sanitation Agencies

ACWA - Association of California Water Agencies

CSDA - California Special Districts Association

Updated November 2019



January 21, 2020

The Honorable Ben Allen, Chair
Senate Environmental Quality Committee
California State Legislature
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Need to Include Diverted Organic Waste Funding in Bond Legislation

Dear Senator Allen:

We are writing to urge you to include significant funding for organic waste diversion and recycling in your pending climate resilience bond legislation. Organic waste diversion is a critical requirement of the state's climate policies and one of the most cost-effective ways to reduce climate-forcing/global warming. Organic waste that is not recycled emits methane, which has far more immediate and powerful warming impacts than carbon dioxide (methane emissions are 74 times more damaging than carbon dioxide). As a result, reducing methane emissions from organic waste helps the climate immediately.

Beyond these emissions impacts, converting local organic waste into local energy supplies will also increase Community Resilience and energy security. Unfortunately, the Governor's proposed budget and climate bond only include \$15 million for organic waste diversion projects. We urge the Legislature, therefore, to include \$500 million for diverted organic waste projects in bond legislation this year.

California's climate policies require that we do a better job of recycling our organic waste, but don't provide sufficient funding to support implementation. Senate Bill 1383 (Lara, 2016) requires that, by 2025, California divert 75 percent of organic landfill waste – 15 million tons per year - and puts that waste to beneficial use. The highest and best use of most organic waste is to convert it to energy and use the byproducts – compost, biosolids, or biochar – to produce fertilizer and other products that return carbon and other nutrients to the soil (which also contributes to soil health and sequesters carbon). According to the Legislative Analyst's Office, organic waste diversion is the single most cost-effective investment the state can make to reduce carbon emissions, less than one-tenth the average cost of carbon reductions funded by the state's Cap and Trade program.¹

Converting organic waste to energy also builds Community Resilience because every community generates organic waste that can be used to produce local low carbon (or even carbon-negative) energy supplies. Diverted organic waste can be used to produce biogas for electricity generation, backup generators, transportation fuels, energy storage, grid reliability, and renewable hydrogen for fuel cells. Bioenergy can also provide dispatchable power needed when solar or wind power are not available. Bioenergy also increases the reliability of microgrids because it can be stored, provide power around the clock, and provide a source of renewable hydrogen for fuel cells.

To meet the requirements of SB 1383, CalRecycle estimates that California will need to build 100 or more new facilities that can convert organic waste into energy and compost or biochar. Additionally, there are existing facilities such as anaerobic digesters at wastewater treatment plants, that can be modified or expanded to accommodate the acceptance and processing of organic waste which provide the same benefits.

Meeting California's 2025 deadline will require significant funding – estimated at \$2-3 billion -- to jumpstart development of these facilities. With all of the public benefits that will result and the rapidly approaching deadline, organic waste diversion infrastructure should be included in the bond measure.

¹ LAO Report on Cap & Trade revenues, presented to Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 3 on April 20, 2016.

For all these reasons, we urge you to include \$500 million for diverted organic waste in bond legislation. This funding will provide the most cost-effective carbon reductions, reduce one of the most damaging climate pollutants, and build Community Resilience and energy security.

Sincerely,

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OCSD's Grant and Loan Funding Tracker 2019- 2020

Name of Grant/Loan	Synopsis of Grant/Loan	Amount of Grant/Loan	Amount Applying for	Applying Y/N	Project/Program	Reason	Match	Deadline	Category	Rcvd Grant/ Financing Y/N
STATE										
Organics Grant Program	The Organics Grant Program is part of California Climate Investments, a statewide program that puts billions of cap-and-trade dollars to work reducing greenhouse gas emissions, strengthening the economy, and improving public health and the environment - particularly in disadvantaged and/or low-income communities. The Cap-and-Trade program also creates a financial incentive for industries to invest in clean technologies and develop innovative ways to reduce pollution. California Climate Investments projects include affordable housing, renewable energy, public transportation, zero-emission vehicles, environmental restoration, more sustainable agriculture, recycling, and much more. At least 35 percent of these investments are made in disadvantaged and low-income communities.	\$16,112,753 (\$13,312,753 is available for fiscal year (FY) 2018–19, and \$3 million is available for fiscal year (FY) 2019–20)	\$ 3 million	Yes	Food-Waste Co-Digestion facility at Plant No.2 in Huntington Beach to accept up to 150 wet tons per day (wtpd) of pre-processed source separated organics.	We will review the possible funding opportunity to determine if it is a fit for the Sanitation District.	TBD	11/21/2019	Energy/Recycling	TBD
Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Grant Program	The Proposition 1 IRWM Grant Program, administered by DWR, provides funding for projects that help meet the long term water needs of the state, including: Assisting water infrastructure systems adapt to climate change; Providing incentives throughout each watershed to collaborate in managing the region's water resources and setting regional priorities for water infrastructure	\$3,000,000.00 per grant award	NA	TBD (Round 2)	NA	TPA and OCSD are monitoring the grant program development from the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA). The solicitation for bids was announced by SAWPA and staff determined that an application for funding was not warranted due to a lack of eligible and competitive projects.	50%	NA. Will return in 2021 for Round 2	Water	No
FEDERAL										
The Water Infrastructure Improvements Act (WIIN)	The Title XVI Water Reclamation and Reuse Projects funding opportunity allows for sponsors of water reclamation and reuse projects that are congressionally authorized or are eligible under section 4009(c) of the WIIN Act to request cost-shared funding for planning, design and/or construction of those Projects. Water reclamation and reuse projects provide improved efficiency, flexibility during water shortages and diversifies the water supply.	Reclamation is making up to \$20 million available for those projects authorized under the WIIN Act.	\$3 million	Yes	Final Expansion of GWRS Headworks (P2-122)	The Sanitation District applied for Headworks Segregation project that will help to bring more water to the GWRS.	\$20mm or 25% of project costs whichever is less.	6/28/2019	Water/ Infrastructure	TBD
Stormwater and CSO Grant Program	USEPA is authorized to provide grants assistance of public agencies to control stormwater flows and CSO's. Funding through state awards.	Funding cost-share is not identified in the law	TBD	TBD. We will monitor for possible funding opportunities/A	TBD	FY 2020 - \$28 million	Yes	Anticipate by July 2020	Water/ Infrastructure	TBD
The Department of Energy (DOE), USBR and USEPA	The DOE's Office of Energy Efficiency is likely to continue to be funded by Congress to support such efforts as biogas, biosolids and green energy.	Through the WaterSmart program, USBR will issue solicitations for innovative approaches to managing water and water treatment through technology and processes for FY 2020 - \$60 million	TBD	TBD. We will monitor for possible funding opportunities	Project Funding Opportunity: Energy production to reduce costs of recycled water through innovative technologies. Innovative water monitoring technology that can produce efficient real time monitoring and data analysis, Biogas Management and Use Improvements.	We will review the possible funding opportunity to determine if it is a fit for the Sanitation District.	N/A	TBD	Energy/Water/Infrastructure	TBD

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Other										
Community Partnering Program Grant	Metropolitan Water District	The primary focus of the Community Partnering Program (CPP) is sponsorship of water conservation and water-use efficiency programs and activities. Applications must be submitted 30 days prior to the start date of the event or program. Requests for a maximum \$2,000 award will be reviewed year-round and funds are awarded throughout the year. Funds are limited, however, and may be depleted prior to the ending of this fiscal year (June 30).	\$2,000	Yes	For Plant No. 1 Signage	Applied	Match	ongoing	Education	Yes
Mass Timber Competition	CalGovOps	The California Government Operations Agency (GovOps) will award \$500,000 in grants as part of the statewide California Mass Timber Building Competition. Grants will be awarded to selected proponent teams presenting viable and repeatable mass timber solutions for commercial and multi-family projects in California. The competition is being hosted by GovOps and administered by WoodWorks – Wood Products Council.	\$40,000	Yes	Headquarters Building	Applied	No	03/18/19	Environment	Yes

ORANGE COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT

COMMON ACRONYMS

ACWA	Association of California Water Agencies	LAFCO	Local Agency Formation Commission	RWQCB	Regional Water Quality Control Board
APWA	American Public Works Association	LOS	Level Of Service	SARFPA	Santa Ana River Flood Protection Agency
AQMD	Air Quality Management District	MGD	Million Gallons Per Day	SARI	Santa Ana River Interceptor
ASCE	American Society of Civil Engineers	MOU	Memorandum of Understanding	SARWQCB	Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board
BOD	Biochemical Oxygen Demand	NACWA	National Association of Clean Water Agencies	SAWPA	Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority
CARB	California Air Resources Board	NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act	SCADA	Supervisory Control And Data Acquisition
CASA	California Association of Sanitation Agencies	NGOs	Non-Governmental Organizations	SCAP	Southern California Alliance of Publicly Owned Treatment Works
CCTV	Closed Circuit Television	NPDES	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System	SCAQMD	South Coast Air Quality Management District
CEQA	California Environmental Quality Act	NWRI	National Water Research Institute	SOCWA	South Orange County Wastewater Authority
CIP	Capital Improvement Program	O & M	Operations & Maintenance	SRF	Clean Water State Revolving Fund
CRWQCB	California Regional Water Quality Control Board	OCCOG	Orange County Council of Governments	SSMP	Sewer System Management Plan
CWA	Clean Water Act	OCHCA	Orange County Health Care Agency	SSO	Sanitary Sewer Overflow
CWEA	California Water Environment Association	OCSD	Orange County Sanitation District	SWRCB	State Water Resources Control Board
EIR	Environmental Impact Report	OCWD	Orange County Water District	TDS	Total Dissolved Solids
EMT	Executive Management Team	OOBS	Ocean Outfall Booster Station	TMDL	Total Maximum Daily Load
EPA	US Environmental Protection Agency	OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration	TSS	Total Suspended Solids
FOG	Fats, Oils, and Grease	PCSA	Professional Consultant/Construction Services Agreement	WDR	Waste Discharge Requirements
gpd	gallons per day	PDSA	Professional Design Services Agreement	WEF	Water Environment Federation
GWRS	Groundwater Replenishment System	POTW	Publicly Owned Treatment Works	WERF	Water Environment & Reuse Foundation
ICS	Incident Command System	ppm	parts per million	WIFIA	Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act
IERP	Integrated Emergency Response Plan	PSA	Professional Services Agreement	WIIN	Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act
JPA	Joint Powers Authority	RFP	Request For Proposal	WRDA	Water Resources Development Act

ORANGE COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT GLOSSARY OF TERMS

ACTIVATED SLUDGE PROCESS – A secondary biological wastewater treatment process where bacteria reproduce at a high rate with the introduction of excess air or oxygen and consume dissolved nutrients in the wastewater.

BENTHOS – The community of organisms, such as sea stars, worms, and shrimp, which live on, in, or near the seabed, also known as the benthic zone.

BIOCHEMICAL OXYGEN DEMAND (BOD) – The amount of oxygen used when organic matter undergoes decomposition by microorganisms. Testing for BOD is done to assess the amount of organic matter in water.

BIOGAS – A gas that is produced by the action of anaerobic bacteria on organic waste matter in a digester tank that can be used as a fuel.

BIOSOLIDS – Biosolids are nutrient rich organic and highly treated solid materials produced by the wastewater treatment process. This high-quality product can be recycled as a soil amendment on farmland or further processed as an earth-like product for commercial and home gardens to improve and maintain fertile soil and stimulate plant growth.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) – Projects for repair, rehabilitation, and replacement of assets. Also includes treatment improvements, additional capacity, and projects for the support facilities.

COLIFORM BACTERIA – A group of bacteria found in the intestines of humans and other animals, but also occasionally found elsewhere, used as indicators of sewage pollution. E. coli are the most common bacteria in wastewater.

COLLECTIONS SYSTEM – In wastewater, it is the system of typically underground pipes that receive and convey sanitary wastewater or storm water.

CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION (COP) – A type of financing where an investor purchases a share of the lease revenues of a program rather than the bond being secured by those revenues.

CONTAMINANTS OF POTENTIAL CONCERN (CPC) – Pharmaceuticals, hormones, and other organic wastewater contaminants.

DILUTION TO THRESHOLD (D/T) – The dilution at which the majority of people detect the odor becomes the D/T for that air sample.

GREENHOUSE GASES (GHG) – In the order of relative abundance water vapor, carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, and ozone gases that are considered the cause of global warming ("greenhouse effect").

GROUNDWATER REPLENISHMENT SYSTEM (GWRS) – A joint water reclamation project that proactively responds to Southern California's current and future water needs. This joint project between the Orange County Water District and the Orange County Sanitation District provides 70 million gallons per day of drinking quality water to replenish the local groundwater supply.

LEVEL OF SERVICE (LOS) – Goals to support environmental and public expectations for performance.

N-NITROSODIMETHYLAMINE (NDMA) – A N-nitrosamine suspected cancer-causing agent. It has been found in the Groundwater Replenishment System process and is eliminated using hydrogen peroxide with extra ultra-violet treatment.

NATIONAL BIOSOLIDS PARTNERSHIP (NBP) – An alliance of the National Association of Clean Water Agencies and Water Environment Federation, with advisory support from the US Environmental Protection Agency. NBP is committed to developing and advancing environmentally sound and sustainable biosolids management practices that go beyond regulatory compliance and promote public participation to enhance the credibility of local agency biosolids programs and improved communications that lead to public acceptance.

PLUME – A visible or measurable concentration of discharge from a stationary source or fixed facility.

PUBLICLY OWNED TREATMENT WORKS (POTW) – A municipal wastewater treatment plant.

SANTA ANA RIVER INTERCEPTOR (SARI) LINE – A regional brine line designed to convey 30 million gallons per day of non-reclaimable wastewater from the upper Santa Ana River basin to the ocean for disposal, after treatment.

SANITARY SEWER – Separate sewer systems specifically for the carrying of domestic and industrial wastewater. Combined sewers carry both wastewater and urban runoff.

SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT (SCAQMD) – Regional regulatory agency that develops plans and regulations designed to achieve public health standards by reducing emissions from business and industry.

SECONDARY TREATMENT – Biological wastewater treatment, particularly the activated sludge process, where bacteria and other microorganisms consume dissolved nutrients in wastewater.

SLUDGE – Untreated solid material created by the treatment of wastewater.

TOTAL SUSPENDED SOLIDS (TSS) – The amount of solids floating and in suspension in wastewater.

TRICKLING FILTER – A biological secondary treatment process in which bacteria and other microorganisms, growing as slime on the surface of rocks or plastic media, consume nutrients in wastewater as it trickles over them.

URBAN RUNOFF – Water from city streets and domestic properties that carry pollutants into the storm drains, rivers, lakes, and oceans.

WASTEWATER – Any water that enters the sanitary sewer.

WATERSHED – A land area from which water drains to a particular water body. The Orange County Sanitation District's service area is in the Santa Ana River Watershed.