



ORANGE COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT **SPECIAL NOTICE REGARDING CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)** **AND ATTENDANCE AT PUBLIC MEETINGS**

On March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency in California as a result of the threat of COVID-19. On March 12, 2020 and March 18, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-25-20 and Executive Order N-29-20, which temporarily suspend portions of the Brown Act which addresses the conduct of public meetings.

The General Manager and the Chairman of the Board of Directors have determined that due to the size of the Orange County Sanitation District's Board of Directors (25), and the health and safety of the members, the Board of Directors will be participating in meetings of the Board telephonically and via Internet accessibility.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Your participation is always welcome. The Legislative and Public Affairs Committee meeting will be available to the public online at:

<https://ocsd.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

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All public comments will be provided to the Committee and may be read into the record or compiled as part of the record.

Thank you.

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Orange County Sanitation District

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September 8, 2020

NOTICE OF MEETING

LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE ORANGE COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT

Monday, September 14, 2020 – 12:00 p.m.

ACCESSIBILITY FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC

Due to the spread of COVID-19, the Orange County Sanitation District will be holding all upcoming Board and Committee meetings by teleconferencing and Internet accessibility. This meeting will be available to the public online at:

<https://ocsd.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

A regular meeting of the Legislative and Public Affairs Committee of the Orange County Sanitation District will be held in the manner indicated herein on Monday, September 14, 2020 at 12:00 p.m.

***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 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
Monday 02/08/21 12:00 p.m.	02/24/21
Monday 03/08/21 12:00 p.m.	03/24/21
Monday 04/12/21 3:30 p.m.	04/28/21
Monday 05/10/21 12:00 p.m.	05/26/21
<i>JUNE – DARK</i>	06/23/21
Monday 07/12/21 3:30 p.m.	07/28/21
<i>AUGUST – DARK</i>	08/25/21

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

ROLL CALL

LEGISLATIVE & PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Meeting Date: September 14, 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	

ORANGE COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Complete Roster

Effective 06/16/2020

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	Steve Nagel	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	Nelida Mendoza	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	Donald P. Wagner
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Orange County Sanitation District
LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
Regular Meeting Agenda
Monday, September 14, 2020 - 12:00 PM
Board Room
Administration Building
10844 Ellis Avenue
Fountain Valley, CA 92708
(714) 593-7433

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.

MEETING AUDIO: An audio recording of this meeting is available within 24 hours after adjournment of the meeting. Please contact the Clerk of the Board's office at (714) 593-7433 to request the audio file.

NOTICE TO DIRECTORS: To place items on the agenda for a Committee or Board Meeting, the item must be submitted in writing to the Clerk of the Board: Kelly A. Lore, MMC, (714) 593-7433 / klore@ocsd.com at least 14 days before the meeting.

FOR ANY QUESTIONS ON THE AGENDA, BOARD MEMBERS MAY CONTACT STAFF AT:

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Asst. General Manager: Rob Thompson, rthompson@ocsd.com / (714) 593-7310
Director of Human Resources: Celia Chandler, cchandler@ocsd.com / (714) 593-7202
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

ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM:

Clerk of the Board

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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Thank you.

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

[2020-1214](#)

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Legislative and Public Affairs Committee held July 13, 2020.

Originator: Kelly Lore

Attachments: [Agenda Report](#)
[07-13-2020 Legislative Committee Minutes](#)

NON-CONSENT:

2. PUBLIC AFFAIRS UPDATE FOR THE MONTHS OF JULY THROUGH AUGUST 2020 [2020-1200](#)

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend to the Board of Directors to:

Receive and file the Public Affairs Update for the months of July through August 2020.

Originator: Jim Herberg

Attachments: [Agenda Report](#)
[Outreach and Media Summary Report July-August 2020](#)
[Presentation - Public Affairs Update](#)

3. ORANGE COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT BRANDING [2020-1201](#)

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend to the Board of Directors to:

Approve the new Orange County Sanitation District Logo.

Originator: Jim Herberg

Attachments: [Agenda Report](#)
[Proposed Logo](#)
[Presentation - OCSD Branding](#)

4. LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS UPDATE FOR THE MONTHS OF JULY THROUGH AUGUST 2020 [2020-1202](#)

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend to the Board of Directors to:

Receive and file the Legislative Affairs Update for the months of July through August 2020.

Originator: Jim Herberg

Attachments: [Agenda Report](#)
[Federal Update - ENS Resources](#)
[Representative Rouda Correspondence](#)
[US EPA Letter](#)
[Federal Legislative Matrix - ENS Resources](#)
[State Update Townsend Public Affairs](#)
[2020-08-18 Assemblymember Reyes - Letter of Opposition](#)
[AB 685](#)
[State Legislative Matrix Townsend](#)
[Grant Matrix](#)
[ENS Presentation](#)
[TPA Presentation](#)

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

CLOSED SESSION:

None.

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, November 9, 2020 at 12:00 p.m.



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LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Agenda Report

File #: 2020-1214

Agenda Date: 9/14/2020

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 July 13, 2020.

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) may 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 July 13, 2020

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



Monday, July 13, 2020
3:30 PM
Board Room
Administration Building
10844 Ellis Avenue
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CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Legislative and Public Affairs Committee was called to order by Committee Chair Peter Kim on Monday, July 13, 2020 at 3:31 p.m. in the Administration Building of the Orange County Sanitation District. Chair Kim stated that the meeting was being held telephonically and via audio/video teleconferencing in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order No. N-29-20, due to the Coronavirus Pandemic (COVID-19). Chair Kim led the Flag Salute.

The Clerk of the Board announced the teleconference meeting guidelines and stated that votes will be taken by roll call.

ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM:

Roll call was taken and 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

Herberg, General Manager; Kelly Lore, Clerk of the Board; and Tyler Ramirez were present in the Board Room. 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; Jennifer Cabral; Tanya Chong; Daisy Covarrubias; Brian Engeln; Lisa Frigo; Mark Kawamoto; Tina Knapp; Rebecca Long; Laura Maravilla; Joshua Martinez; Kelly Newell; and Tyler Ramirez were in attendance telephonically.

OTHERS PRESENT: Brad Hugin, General Counsel was present in the Board Room. Eric Sapirstein, ENS Resources; Eric O'Donnell, Townsend Public Affairs (TPA); and Cori Takkinen, TPA were in attendance telephonically.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

REPORTS:

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

CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[2020-984](#)

Originator: Kelly Lore

MOVED, SECONDED, AND DULY CARRIED TO:

Approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Legislative and Public Affairs Committee held March 9, 2020.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Allan Bernstein

ABSTENTIONS: None

Director Bernstein arrived at the meeting at 3:37 p.m.

NON-CONSENT:

2. PUBLIC AFFAIRS UPDATE FOR THE MONTHS OF MARCH THROUGH JUNE 2020

[2020-1134](#)

Originator: Jim Herberg

Administration Manager Jennifer Cabral provided the Public Affairs Update and Senior Public Affairs Specialist Rebecca Long provided a demonstration of OCSD's Virtual Tour that will take place on July 16 and 21.

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

Receive and file the Public Affairs Update for the months of March through June 2020.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

3. PUBLIC AFFAIRS STRATEGIC PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS 2020-2022

[2020-1146](#)

Originator: Jim Herberg

Principal Public Affairs Specialist Daisy Covarrubias provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Public Affairs Strategic Plan FY 2020-2022 which included: an introduction to Public Affairs staff and roles, a two-year review of recent

accomplishments, an overview of the current program, and a detailed plan for the next two years.

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

Approve the Public Affairs Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2020 - 2022.

4. **LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS UPDATE FOR THE MONTHS OF MARCH THROUGH JUNE 2020** [2020-1147](#)

Originator: Jim Herberg

Ms. Long introduced Eric Sapirstein, ENS Resources, who provided a PowerPoint presentation on the following key federal legislative activities: COVID-19 Relief (HEROES Act), Infrastructure Assistance, and Fiscal Year 2021 Appropriations.

Eric O'Donnell, TPA, provided a PowerPoint presentation which included: an updated legislative schedule; FY 2020-2021 State budget; CARES Act Money; State COVID-19 response and re-opening; legislative update and priority legislation including AB 1672 (Bloom), AB2560 (Quirk), SB 931 (Wieckowski), SB 996 (Portantino), SB 1056 (Portantino), AB 2762, and AB 3163 (Salas).

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

Receive and file the Legislative Affairs Update for the months of March through June 2020.

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:

Committee Chair Kim declared the meeting adjourned at 4:43 p.m. to the next Legislative and Public Affairs Committee meeting, Monday, September 14, 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 #: 2020-1200

Agenda Date: 9/14/2020

Agenda Item No: 2.

FROM: James D. Herberg, General Manager

SUBJECT:

PUBLIC AFFAIRS UPDATE FOR THE MONTHS OF JULY THROUGH AUGUST 2020

GENERAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend to the Board of Directors to:

Receive and file the Public Affairs Update for the months of July through August 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**Current activities for the months of July and August:****Outreach Report**

Staff has created a new outreach report that includes tours, website postings, social media postings, construction notifications, speaker engagements, and more. This report is included as an attachment to this Agenda Report.

Virtual Tours

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our Plant tours were discontinued. To continue engaging with the community and our stakeholders, staff created a virtual tour of the Plant that has allowed participants an opportunity to remotely visit the Plant and learn how we protect public health and the environment. Thus far, three virtual tours have taken place with a fourth scheduled for later this month.

First Joint Virtual Tours with the Orange County Water District

The Sanitation District and the Orange County Water District (OCWD) have partnered to present a live virtual tour of the two agency's treatment facilities. The tours took place on Friday, July 31 and Wednesday, August 19. OCWD General Manager Mike Markus and Sanitation District General Manager Jim Herberg served as the tour guides and presenters. The tour had 150 virtual attendees.

Staff Participates in GWRs Webinar

In August, Sanitation District employee Cindy Murra participated in a webinar hosted by OCWD titled *How'd They Do That? An Insider's Look at Expanding the World's Largest Potable Reuse Facility*; the Groundwater Replenishment System which is a joint project between the Sanitation District and OCWD.

Plant No 2. Newsletter

To keep the community surrounding Plant No. 2 informed of our activities, a neighborhood newsletter is distributed quarterly to portions of Huntington Beach, Newport Beach, and Costa Mesa. The summer issue of the *Neighborhood Connection* was recently distributed to 1,400 of our neighbors to let them know about upcoming and current construction projects.

Meeting the Moment Video

To showcase the importance of sanitary agencies during the COVID-19 pandemic, the California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA) created a video called *Meeting the Moment* featuring employees from across the state highlighting their role and effort in the everyday process of protecting public health. Two of our employees were featured in the video, April Frost, Operations Supervisor, and Absalon Diaz, Environmental Specialist. The video is currently posted on our website.

CASA 2020 Virtual Conference

On, Wednesday, August 12 Lan Wiborg, Director of Environmental Services and Rebecca Long, Senior Public Affairs Specialist presented at the California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA) Virtual Annual Conference. Lan facilitated a roundtable on COVID-19 and Wastewater Based Epidemiology and Rebecca facilitated a roundtable on how to develop a virtual tour.

NACWA Peak Performance Award

The Sanitation District was recently recognized as a recipient of the Platinum Peak Performance Award for our Reclamations Plant No. 1 and Treatment Plant No. 2. Receiving the Platinum Peak Performance Award means the Sanitation District was 100 percent compliant over a five-year period. This is the 7th year receiving this recognition.

Ocean Monitoring Vessel Logo Update

The *Nerissa*, the Sanitation District's Ocean Monitoring vessel, is used as part of the Ocean Monitoring Program. *Nerissa* makes trips along the Orange County coastline, therefore having a current and visual brand displayed is important. The vessel will be updated with a larger sign of our name and will add the Sanitation District's social media information. The branding updates will take place next month.

OC Polling

As a follow-up to the poll conducted in March 2020 to determine the service area's awareness of the Sanitation District, a new poll is taking place to identify any changes or improvements in the awareness level. The polling is taking place using social media and direct phone calls and will be reported back to this Committee once concluded.

CEQA

N/A

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

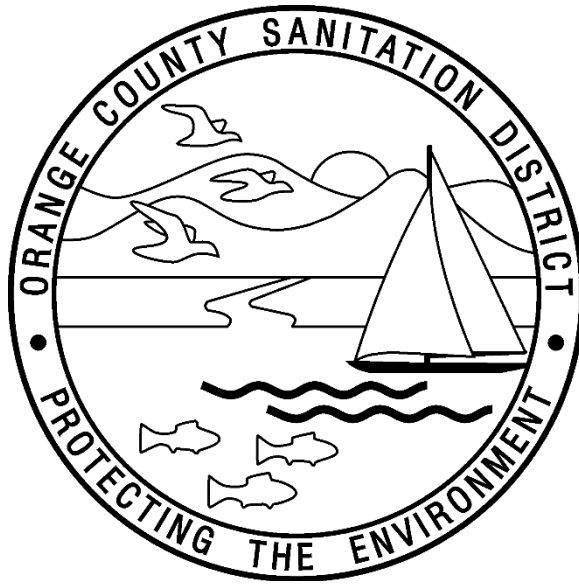
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ATTACHMENTS

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- Outreach and Media Summary Report July-August 2020
- Presentation

Outreach and Media Summary



July - August 2020

OCSD Public Affairs Office

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Outreach Report July-August 2020

Date	Tours	Attendees	Tour Guide
7/16/2020	OCSD Virtual Tour	79	Rob Thompson
7/21/2020	OCSD Virtual Tour	80	Rob Thompson
7/31/2020	OCSD / OCWD Virtual Tour	80	Jim Herberg and Mike Markus
8/14/2020	OCSD Virtual Tour	27	Sam Choi
8/19/2020	OCSD / OCWD Virtual Tour	69	Jim Herberg and Mike Markus
Date	Speaking Engagements	Attendees	Presenter
7/7/2020	ACC-OC Speaking Engagement	75	Jim Herberg
7/22/2020	CASA/CWEA Speaking Engagement	364	Jim Herberg and Rob Thompson
8/14/2020	CASA Conf. Speaking Engagement	50	Lan Wiborg and Rebecca Long
8/26/2020	GWRS Speaking Engagement	130	Cindy Murra
	Construction Outreach Notifications		
Project Area	Number of Notices	# of People Reached	Website Posts and Text Alerts
State College Sewer-Anaheim	3 Notifications	3500	3 Website Posts/ 3 Text Alerts
Westminster Blvd. Sewer-Seal Beach	1 Notification	100	3 Website Posts/ 3 Text Alerts
Plant No. 2-Huntington Beach, Newport Beach, Costa Mesa	1 Notification	1400	1 Website post
East Lido Force Main Warranty Inspection-Newport Beach	1 Notification	25	

External Communications	Distribution	# of People Reached	
5 Minutes Per Month	Two	626	
Board Member Talking Points	Two	50	
Member Outreach Toolkit	One	25	
Website Posts	7 posts	175 views	
Facebook	36 posts	17k people	
Twitter	35 tweets	19k people	
Instagram	35 posts	2k people	

Facebook Posts July-August 2020

Page Summary Last 28 days ↕

Export Data 

Results from Jul 13, 2020 - Aug 9, 2020

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Actions on Page

July 13 - August 9

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Total Actions on Page  100%



Page Views

July 13 - August 9

256

Total Page Views  15%



Page Previews

July 13 - August 9

7

Page Previews  0%



Page Likes

July 13 - August 9

7

Page Likes  75%



Post Reach

July 13 - August 9

1,677

People Reached  45%



Story Reach

July 13 - August 9

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Recommendations

July 13 - August 9



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Post Engagement

July 13 - August 9

580

Post Engagement  42%



Videos

July 13 - August 9

829

3-Second Video Views  81%



Results from Jul 24, 2020 - Aug 20, 2020

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Actions on Page

July 24 - August 20



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Page Views

July 24 - August 20

273

Total Page Views ▼ 1%



Page Previews

July 24 - August 20

7

Page Previews ▼ 13%



Page Likes

July 24 - August 20

4

Page Likes ▼ 43%



Post Reach

July 24 - August 20

1,236

People Reached ▼ 9%



Story Reach

July 24 - August 20

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Recommendations

July 24 - August 20



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Post Engagement

July 24 - August 20

448

Post Engagement ▼ 9%



Videos

July 24 - August 20

531

3-Second Video Views ▼ 32%



All Posts Published

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 ■ Reactions, Comments & Shares

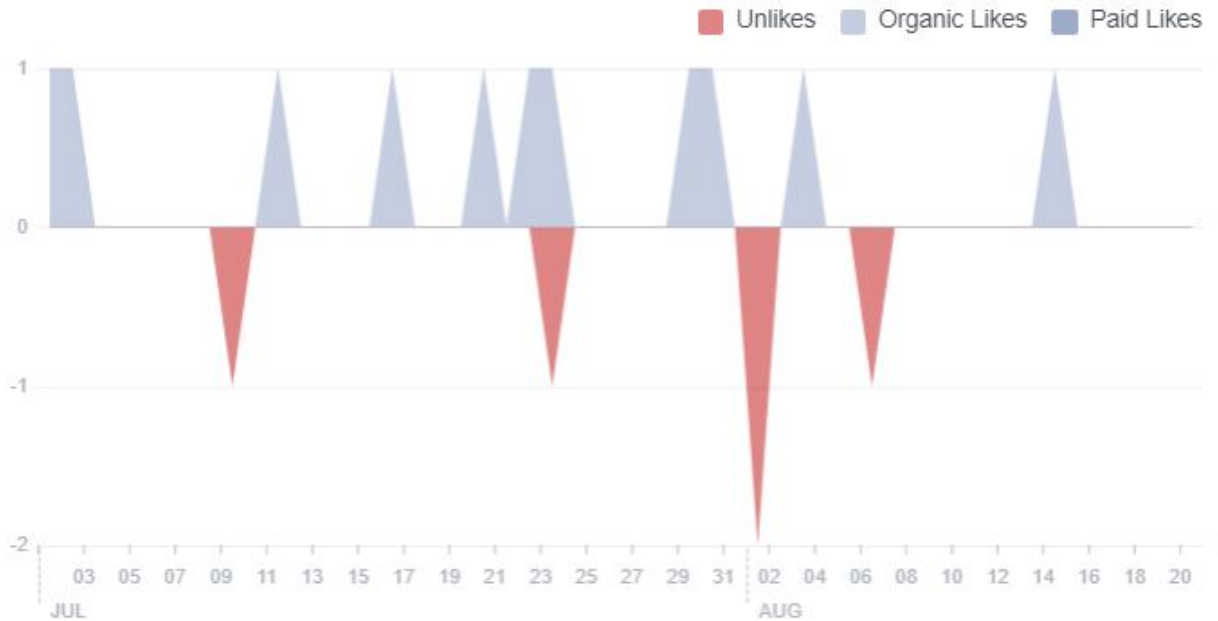
Published	Post	Type	Targeting	Reach	Engagement
08/20/2020 1:09 PM	 Remember to stay HYDRATED during this heat. If we could, we			77 	1 1 
08/20/2020 9:45 AM	 Join us on Wednesday, August 26 for the Steering Committee			65 	2 1 
08/18/2020 9:33 AM	 TOMORROW IS THE DAY! There is still time to sign up for the OCSD			62 	6 1 
08/17/2020 4:53 PM	 Did you Know? The name "Fountain Valley" originated from			177 	39 16 
08/13/2020 10:40 AM	 Virtually speaking, virtually teaching, but in the plant always			116 	8 2 
08/11/2020 4:51 PM	 We have so many dedicated and hardworking staff at OCSD. How			96 	10 7 
08/08/2020 10:07 AM	 Trying to stay busy during your quarantine weekends? Well, OCSD			147 	10 6 
08/06/2020 12:24 PM	 At OCSD we are dedicated to protecting the environment and			216 	11 12 
08/04/2020 2:27 PM	 Can't Stop, Won't Stop! We are back again with 2 Virtual Tours, this			243 	11 22 
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Graphs of Page Likes, Post Reach and Total Views for July-Aug 2020

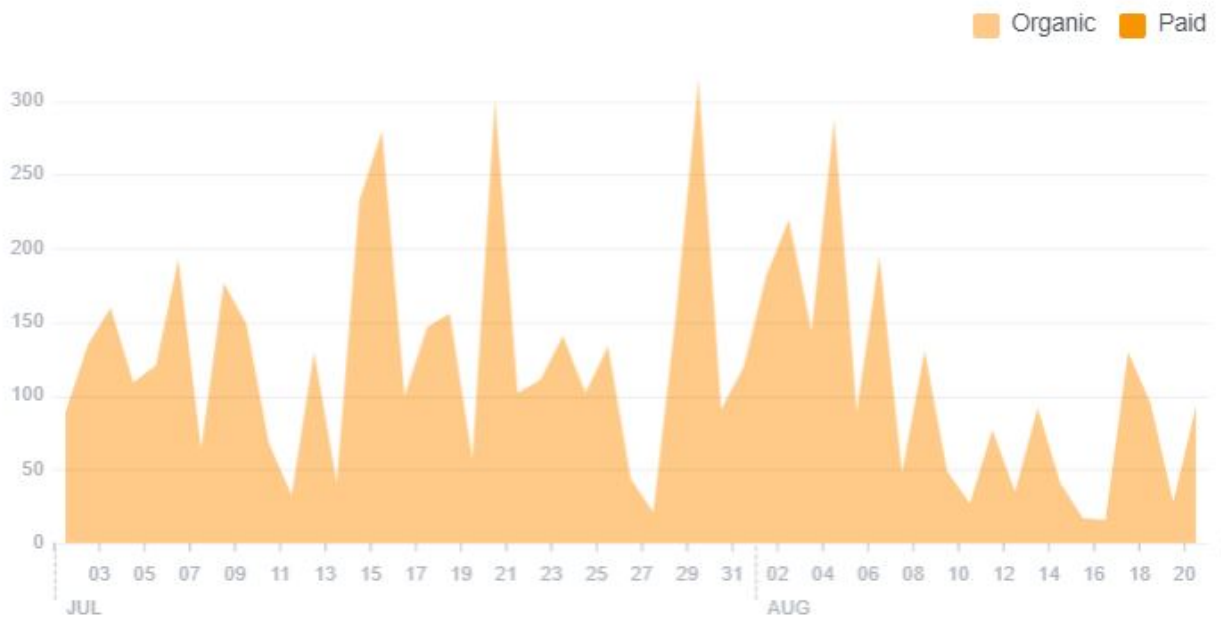
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The number of organic Page likes, paid Page likes and unlikes.



Post Reach

The number of people who saw any of your posts at least once. This metric is estimated.

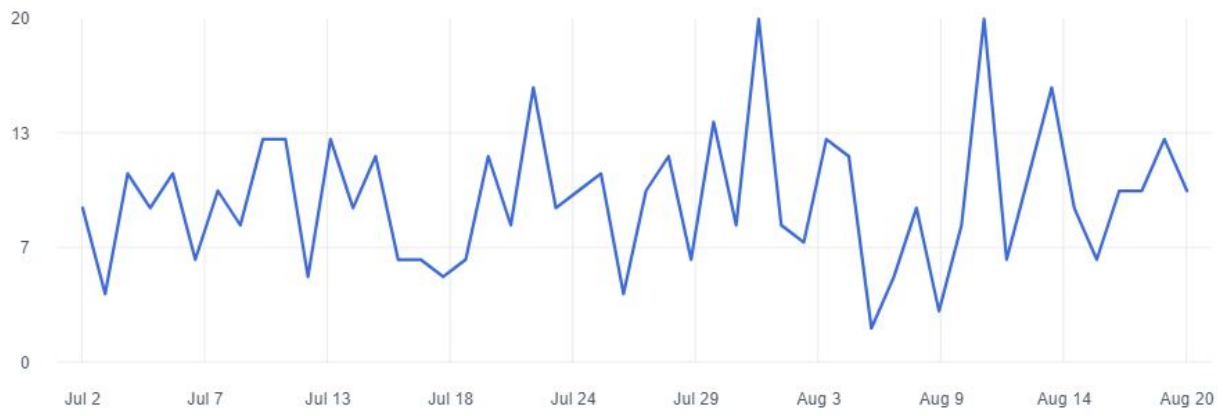


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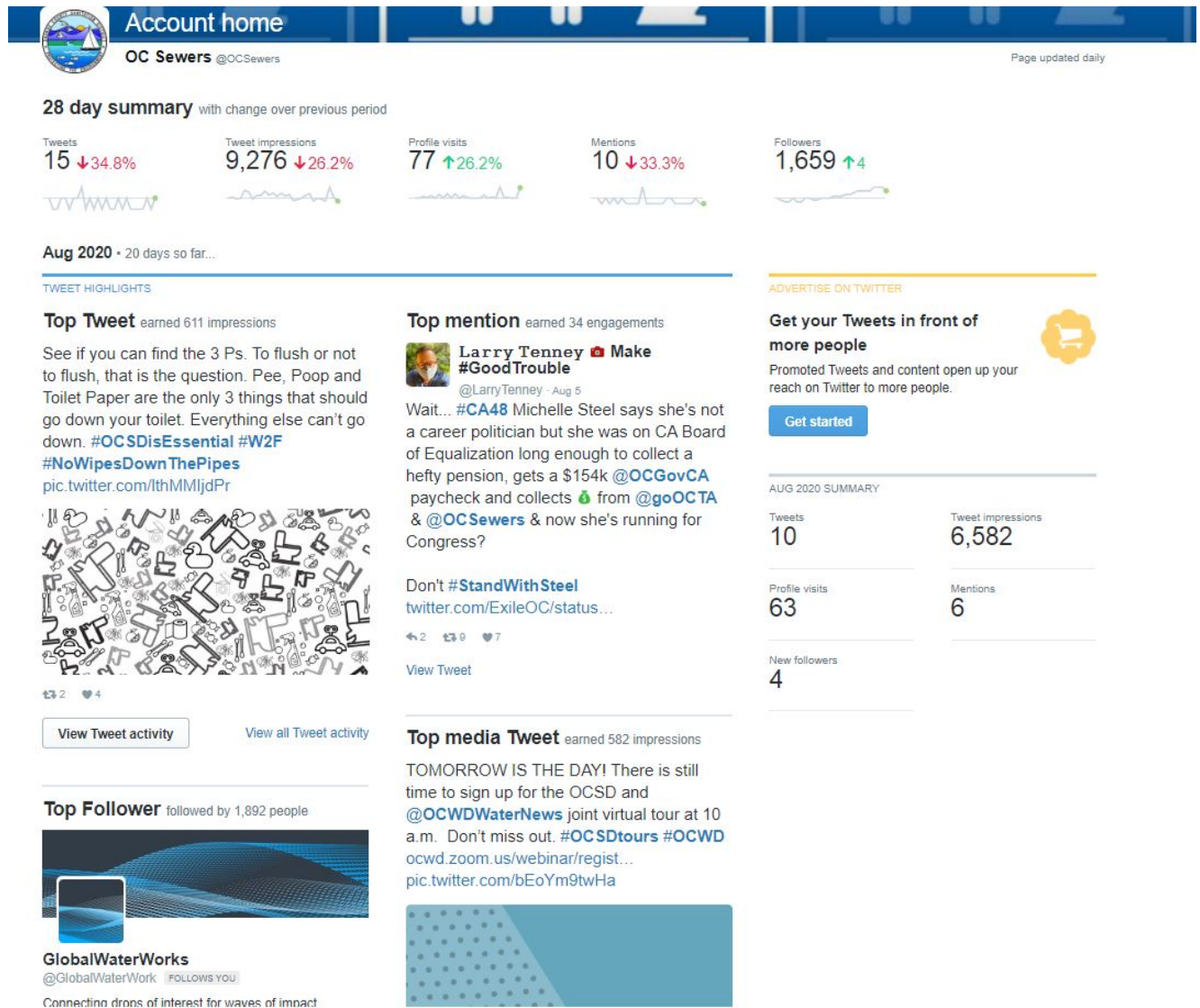
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Twitter Posts July-August 2020



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TWEET HIGHLIGHTS

Top Tweet earned 3,389 impressions

Check out the vitality of our virtual-ity. Virtual tour that is. Sign up for our next virtual tour on July 16 at 10 a.m. at [OCSD.com/tours](https://ocsd.com/tours).
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Orange County Water District

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JUL 2020 SUMMARY

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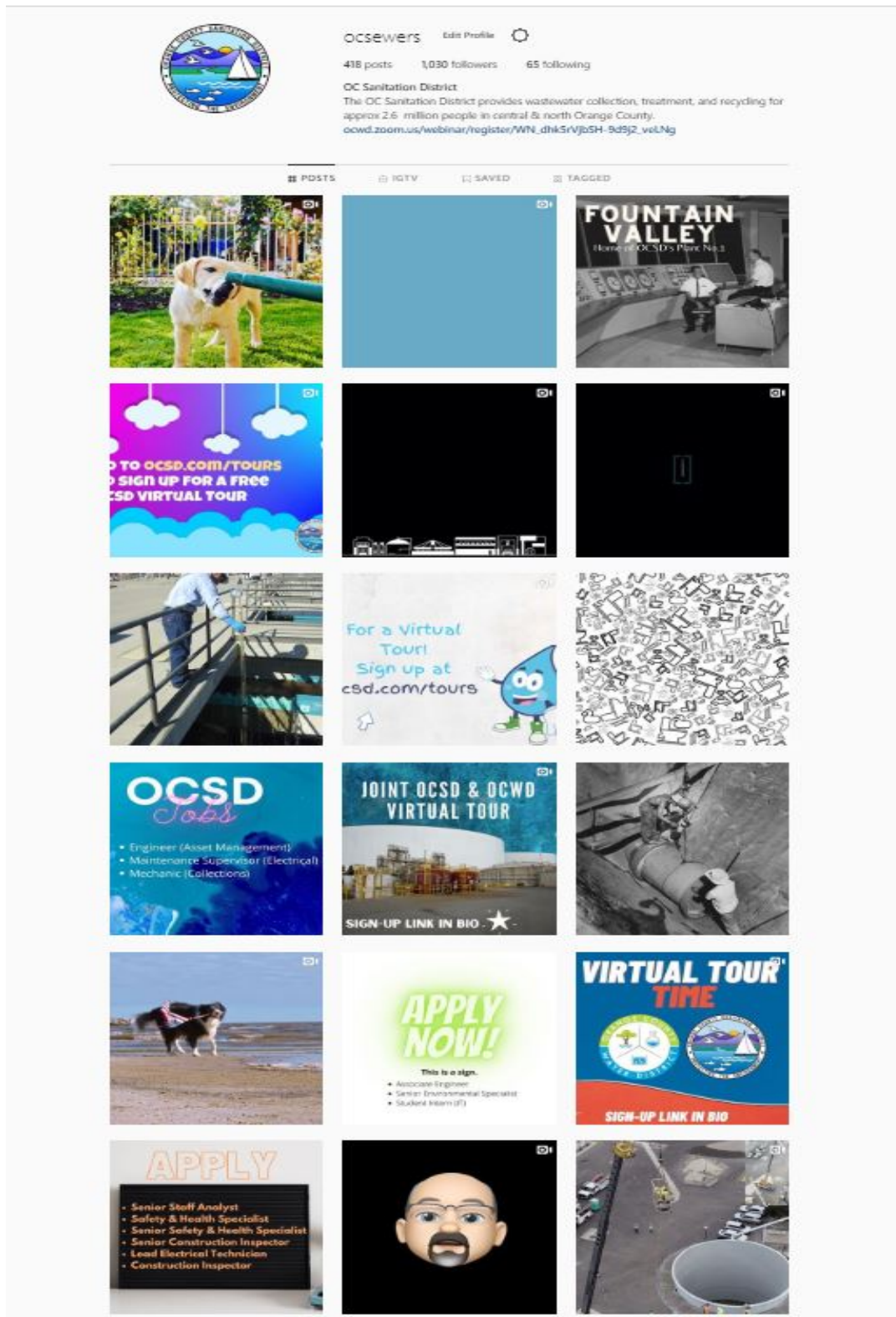
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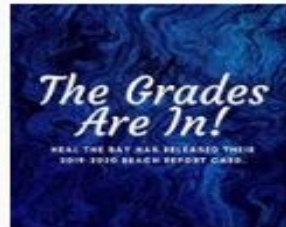
Profile visits
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Mentions
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New followers
5

Instagram Posts July-August 2020





Article	Date	Resource	Link
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Polls show support for 2 desalination proposals	7/21/2020	OC Register	https://ocregister-ca.newsmemory.com/?utm_email=1453C5A314E3C46FE52415F421
August is water quality month in Orange County	30-Jul-20	Newsenterprise	https://event-newsenterprise.com/17100-2/
Pouring water on the Poseidon desalinization project	6-Aug-20	Daily Pilot	https://www.latimes.com/socal/daily-pilot/opinion/story/2020-08-06/mailbag-pouring-water-on-the-proposed-poseidon-desalinization-project
Poseidon's Problems	6-Aug-20	Sierra Club LA	https://angeles.sierraclub.org/news/blog/2020/08/poseidons_problems

Public Affairs Update

Daisy Covarrubias, Principal Public Affairs Specialist

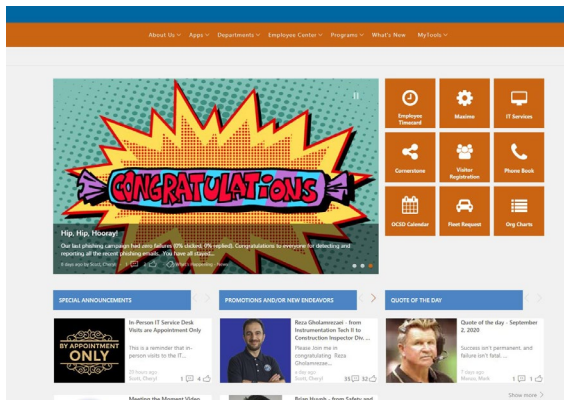
Legislative and Public Affairs Committee

September 14, 2020



What We Did

- Hosted three OCSD virtual tours and two combined virtual tours with OCWD
- New branding for the OCSD's Ocean Monitoring Vessel
- Working with IT launched a new MyOCSD site
- Distributed Summer issue of Neighborhood Connection Newsletter to Plant No. 2 community
- Distributed second Member Agency Outreach Toolkit
- Participated in CASA's Meeting the Moment video



Tours

5 tours / 335 guests
4 speaking engagements

Social Media



Twitter:

35 tweets
19.9k impressions

Facebook:

36 posts
17k reach

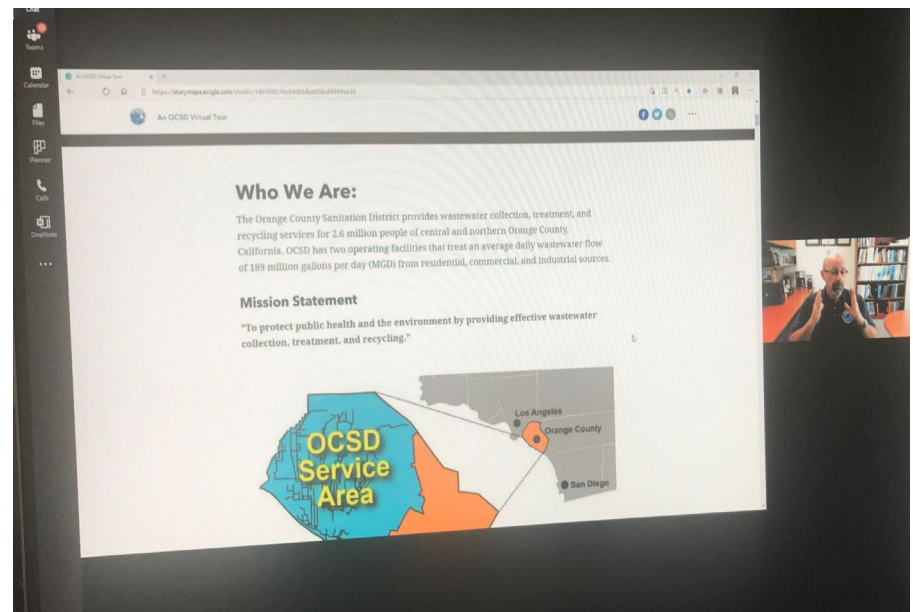
Instagram:

35 posts
2,047 impressions

What We Are Doing



- Virtual Tours
- Virtual VIP Celebration
- Virtual OCSD State of the District
- Roll out of new OCSD Logo



Awards



- **American Inhouse Design Award from Graphic Design USA**
 - 65 Years of Impressions Annual Report
 - 65th Anniversary Logo Window Design
- **National Association of Clean Water Agencies**
 - Platinum Peak Performance Award
 - Utility of the Future Today Recognition





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LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Agenda Report

File #: 2020-1201

Agenda Date: 9/14/2020

Agenda Item No: 3.

FROM: James D. Herberg, General Manager

SUBJECT:

ORANGE COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT BRANDING

GENERAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend to the Board of Directors to:

Approve the new Orange County Sanitation District Logo.

BACKGROUND

The Orange County Sanitation District's (Sanitation District) logo was last updated in 1989. This was the first time it had changed since the agency was formed in 1954. In 1998, when the agency underwent a name change, the existing logo was left unchanged, however the name was updated. For the last 21 years, the Sanitation District has had the same logo resulting in a dated and inaccurate representation or reflection of who we are and the work that we do today.

The Sanitation District is not a standard wastewater treatment plant. The Sanitation District is a resource recovery agency using all elements of the wastewater treatment process from recycling water, solids, and producing energy. The Sanitation District is a sustainable organization. A new logo that reflects the essence of who the Sanitation District is today is what is proposed.

RELEVANT STANDARDS

- Build brand, trust, and support with policy makers and community leaders
- Maintain collaborative and cooperative relationships with regulators, stakeholders, and neighboring communities
- Make it easy for people to understand OCSD's roles and value to the community.

PROBLEM

The current Sanitation District logo has not been refreshed in more than 30 years, making our agency's image appear out of date and not modern.

In addition, the Sanitation District is often confused with other agencies such as the Orange County Sheriff's Department and with trash disposal service companies. Providing clarity to the public helps us further spread our message.

PROPOSED SOLUTION

To help improve the image and branding of the agency, a logo redesign is proposed. The new proposed logo will provide the Sanitation District with a refreshed look that is more visually appealing. Rebranding the agency to “OC San” allows us to create an updated identity to reflect our forward thinking and innovative approach.

TIMING CONCERNS

A logo roll-out will be required to communicate with staff and the public on the reason for the change and to generate interest. The roll-out will need to be scheduled and timed to allow time for adoption and changes to be made.

The timing of this effort also took into consideration the new Sanitation District Headquarters building currently in design.

RAMIFICATIONS OF NOT TAKING ACTION

Confusion may persist amongst our community about our function and purpose. The acronym similarity between the Orange County Sheriff's Department and our agency will also remain.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The logo was designed in-house using existing resources. The Sanitation District's Graphic Designer designed five logo options that were submitted to staff for a vote. Staff was also asked to submit their own design options to be entered for consideration. The second vote consisted of 11 logo options. The top four options were presented to management for a final vote and was the determining factor for the recommendation before the Committee.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The new logo will be rolled out over a two-year process to allow for the supplies that have our current branding to be utilized. As new material is needed, the new logo will be incorporated. Staff does not anticipate that additional funds will be needed to implement and promote the logo beyond currently planned expenditures. Existing outreach efforts which are already approved and budgeted will be used to advertise and market the change.

All items included in the Public Affairs Strategic Plan FY 2020-2022 are budgeted in the FY 2020-2022 Budget.

ATTACHMENT

The following attachment(s) may be viewed on-line at the OCSD website (www.ocsd.com) with the complete agenda package:

- Proposed Logo
- Presentation

Orange County Sanitation District's Proposed New Logo

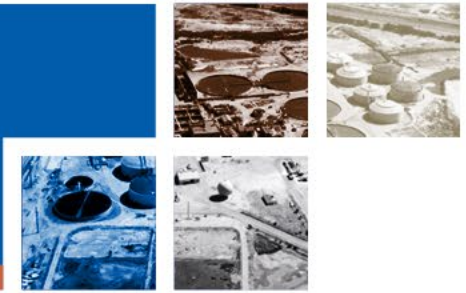


OCSD Branding

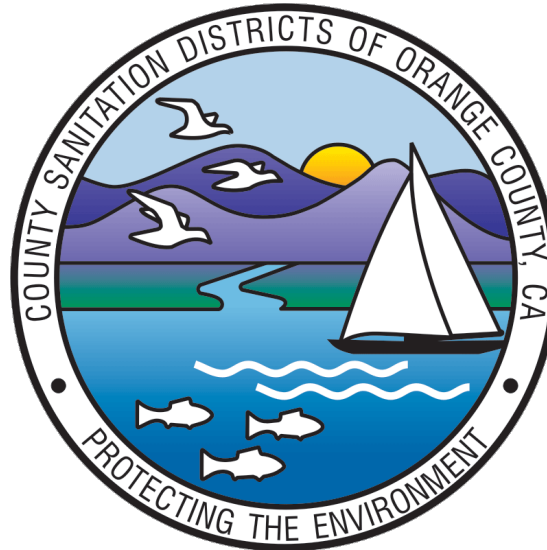
**Jennifer Cabral, Administration Manager
LaPA Committee
September 14, 2020**



OCSD Branding



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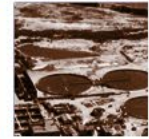
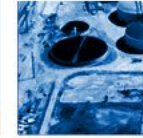


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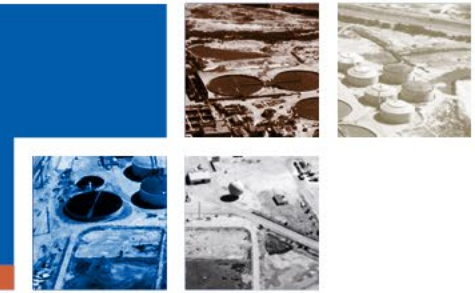


- Outdated.
- Unclear.
- Difficult and costly to print.

Rebranding Efforts



Input Received

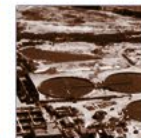
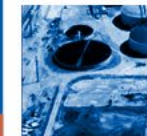


- Simplify. Current one is too complex and needs a narrative.
- Incorporate water into the design for quick recognition water vs. trash.
- Water drop and leaf to incorporate water and biosolids.
- Suggestion:

OC San with Orange County Sanitation District Logo
and Theme

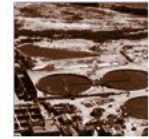
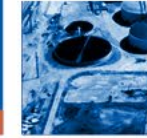
*keep OCSD logo as official seal.

Design Process



- Five designs created by OCSD's Graphic Designer and submitted for staff's input.
- Staff proposed additional designs and 11 options submitted for consideration.
- Top four designs considered by board leadership, industry contacts, and management.
- Staff's recommendation....

New Proposed Logo





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LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Agenda Report

File #: 2020-1202

Agenda Date: 9/14/2020

Agenda Item No: 4.

FROM: James D. Herberg, General Manager

SUBJECT:

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS UPDATE FOR THE MONTHS OF JULY THROUGH AUGUST 2020

GENERAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend to the Board of Directors to:

Receive and file the Legislative Affairs Update for the months of July through August 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 of the Sanitation District's mission, programs, and projects and how they could be impacted by proposed legislation.

PROPOSED SOLUTION

Continue to work with Local, State, and Federal officials to advocate 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, a lack of engagement may result in missed funding opportunities.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Save the Date: The Sanitation District's State of the District will be held on Friday, October 30 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. The event will be held virtually and host Local, State, and Federal dignitaries and provide an update on the Sanitation District, our accomplishments, and the future direction of the agency. Save the Dates will be sent next month.

On August 14, the Sanitation District sent a letter of opposition to Assembly Bill (AB) 685 (Reyes) - Occupational safety: COVID-19 exposure: notification.

This bill would require a public or private employer to provide specified notifications to its employees, the Division of Occupational Safety and Health, and the State Department of Public Health, relating to the exposure of its employees to COVID-19 in the workplace, when the employer has been notified of the exposure. AB 685 would provide for a specified civil penalty for an employer that violates the notification requirements of these provisions.

Unfortunately, AB 685 passed the Legislature and is now headed to the Governor's desk for his signature. Staff along with Townsend Public Affairs will be sending a veto request to the Governor.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

N/A

ATTACHMENT

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- Federal Update - ENS Resources
- Representative Rouda Correspondence
- United States Environmental Protection Agency Letter
- Federal Legislative Matrix - ENS Resources
- State Update - Townsend Public Affairs
- Assembly Bill AB 685 (Reyes)
- State Legislative Matrix - Townsend Public Affairs
- Grant Matrix
- Presentations



TO: Rebecca Long

FROM: Eric Sapirstein

DATE: August 21, 2020

SUBJECT: Washington Update

During August, Congress recessed for the summer, subject to recall by the congressional leadership after negotiations failed to develop a COVID-19 relief package in early August. Despite the lack of consensus, progress on other fronts occurred.

The following summarizes the outlook for legislative efforts when Congress returns to work after Labor Day:

Senate Unveils Revised Coronavirus Relief Package

The House and Senate failed to agree to a compromise health and economic relief assistance package when Senate Republicans rejected a House offer that would have scaled back the HEROES Act from \$3.5 trillion to \$2.5 trillion and urged passage of its HEALS Act with a cost of \$1 trillion. As a follow-up to this, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY), released the “skinny” version of the HEALS Act, now titled Delivering Immediate Relief to America’s Families, Schools and Small Businesses Act. Unlike the House’s HEROES Act, the measure would limit assistance to extended unemployment insurance payments to 70 percent of a person’s prior wages through December, provide liability waivers to employers whose employees return to work and contract COVID 19, small business assistance, and increased funding for virus testing and personal protective equipment (PPE) needs. The absence of key priorities contained within the HEROES Act prompted an instantaneous rejection by House and Senate Democrats. Despite the appearance of gridlock, congressional staff believe that within the coming weeks the House and Senate will return to the table to develop a compromise. Among the speculation is the potential that an agreement might be wrapped into a Continuing Resolution that must be approved before September 30 to ensure governmental operations continue beyond October 1. If this occurs, it is highly likely that support for ratepayer assistance, tax credits for mandatory paid leave, and economic assistance for local governments will play a central part in negotiations.

Given the almost changing nature of the debate, the key elements of any effort to pass an agreement appear to target the following differences:

- House has agreed to reduce HEROES Act to \$2.5 trillion in assistance, but the Senate and White House continue to insist on \$1 trillion.
- House remains committed to \$1.5 billion in water service ratepayer assistance. The Senate is silent on the value of such assistance.
- House proposes to extend tax credits for mandatory family leave associated with COVID-19 impacts to public agencies as previously provided to the private sector. The Senate does not provide for such assistance. Instead, it has offered to appropriate \$10 billion to support childcare businesses in order return workers to their place of employment.
- The Senate proposes a federal cause of action (waiver of liability) for employers that require workers to return to work and subsequently contract the virus at work. The House vehemently opposes the provision.
- The House maintains current unemployment benefits (\$600 additional payments). The Senate provides for reduced unemployment benefits with a maximum of \$300 and a target of 70 percent of a worker's lost wages.
- The House provides almost \$900 billion to provide financial assistance to state and local governments (excluding special districts unless Governor directs assistance). The Senate has resisted this approach suggesting that previously appropriated funding under the prior three relief laws be repurposed to help offset revenue losses.
- Both bills provide extension of provisions to allow for borrowing pensions and delay mandatory withdrawals.

WRDA Reauthorization Enters Final Stretch with Potential for Water Infrastructure Assistance

The House Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure and Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works staff have begun efforts to “pre-negotiate” a compromise Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) that Members could review and expedite a final bill in September. However, differences between the pending bills (Water Resources Development Act of 2020 (H.R. 7575), Drinking Water Infrastructure Act (S. 3590) and America's Water Infrastructure Act (S. 3591) coupled with the potential to expand negotiations to address broader water infrastructure needs, along with western water policy issues, could complicate reaching a final agreement until after the elections. As of this writing, provisions increasing assistance to disadvantaged communities, regulation of Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) cleanups, increasing state revolving loan funding (SRF) levels, renewing and expanding water recycling assistance programs, supporting assistance for wastewater monitoring and surveillance of COVID-19, and enhancing the adoption of smart water technologies to reduce wastewater treatment costs could become part of an expanded WRDA rewrite.

Fiscal Year 2021 Appropriations Move Through the House

The House has passed the key water and wastewater fiscal year (FY) 2021 spending bills and referred the bills to the Senate. The Senate Committee on Appropriations' Republicans and Democrat membership has been unable to find common ground to develop Senate spending bills. As a result, a Continuing Resolution, based on current year program spending levels must be enacted before October 1 to avoid a governmental shutdown. Because FY 2020 spending levels provided adequate assistance to core water infrastructure programs, including Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA), SRF and water recycling, continued program operations should not be disrupted in the coming months, before a final spending agreement is reached.

Based upon the House-passed spending priorities, it appears promising that water program spending in FY 2021 could be robust. Among the highlights of the House priorities are:

- Mandate that U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) maintain research into PFAS with goal of listing at least two chemicals chains as hazardous substances under Superfund;
- Mandate for USEPA to issue PFAS effluent limits for industrial discharges;
- Mandate to provide grants assistance to local agencies implement pretreatment programs;
- SRF for drinking water provided \$900 million with an additional \$3 billion in emergency spending;
- SRF for clean water provided \$1.4 billion with an additional \$7 billion in emergency spending;
- \$300 million for WaterSmart;
- \$50 million for Title XVI; and
- \$77 million for California water supply storage projects (Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act)

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July 28, 2020

The Honorable Harley Rouda
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Rouda:

I write to thank you again for your leadership in providing effective federal policies to protect our water quality and specifically our coastal resources. Your success in securing a new grants assistance program to modernize clean water infrastructure as part of the Moving Forward Act (H.R. 2) will allow agencies like the Orange County Sanitation District (OCSD) to improve the efficient delivery of wastewater treatment services to the more than two million citizens of Orange County.

OCSD is committed to leading the way to demonstrate the value that water technology solutions can provide to deliver safe, reliable and affordable water supplies. Your amendment will serve as a catalyst to adopt innovations that can improve water quality while driving down the costs of such treatment. We believe smart water technologies will help to modernize our water treatment facilities.

We also want to acknowledge Ms. Beth Hammon of your staff. She is an outstanding individual who provided us with invaluable insights on the effort to address water technology adoption. In the coming months as Congress considers finalizing an infrastructure legislative package, we would be pleased to provide any information or assistance.

Please do not hesitate to contact Jennifer Cabral, OCSD's Administration Manager at (714) 593-7581 or via email at jcabral@ocsd.com should you have any questions. Thank you for your continued support of the Orange County Sanitation District.

Sincerely,



David John Shawver
Board Chairman



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



August 12, 2020

As former leaders of the Environmental Protection Agency serving both Democratic and Republican administrations, we take great pride in the agency's many successes improving the quality of the air we breathe, safeguarding the water we drink, and protecting the environment that sustains us and our economy.

As EPA approaches its 50th anniversary this December, we believe the time has come to reset the future course for EPA in a new, forward-looking direction to address the environmental challenges we face today and those that lie ahead.

The nature of the environmental and health challenges our nation faces have changed. Fifty years ago, pollution was visible and unrelenting throughout our country. Today, less visible but equally dangerous environmental hazards threaten communities in ways that differ place to place, person to person.

Climate change is having far-reaching impacts on air quality, infectious diseases, and water quantity and quality, as well as intensifying destructive climate events such as floods, storms, wildfires, and droughts. Environmental injustices are putting lower-wealth communities, communities of color, and indigenous communities at disproportionately high levels of exposure, risk, and vulnerability to toxic pollution, not to mention the pandemic we are now facing. Speedier, more effective assessments and responses will be needed to face this and future pandemics, new toxic hazards, and other emerging or unmitigated health risks.

The Environmental Protection Network (EPN) and its over 500 EPA alumni have developed detailed recommendations for setting new directions at EPA. We invite everyone to take a look at this important report, available at www.environmentalprotectionnetwork.org/reset. Not everyone will agree with every recommendation, for there is no single roadmap for the way forward. We agree with EPN that the following overarching recommendations for EPA are essential to meet the environmental challenges of the 21st century and improve people's lives and our economy.

1. EPA must reaffirm its commitment to fully protect public health and the environment.
2. EPA must conduct its scientific and economic analysis free from political interference.
3. EPA must incorporate environmental justice in every aspect of its work in order to address and resolve inequitable environmental conditions.
4. EPA must focus on the most significant and pervasive public health and environmental risks, prioritizing actions that provide the greatest health benefit for the greatest number of people, including vulnerable populations.
5. EPA must innovate and collaborate with states, tribes, local governments, and federal agencies as co-regulators, as well as with stakeholders, including the private and non-profit sectors and community groups, to build an effective and resilient system of public health and environmental protections.
6. EPA must earn and maintain broad public trust by demonstrating the best ethical behavior, transparently considering all stakeholder viewpoints, and providing objective environmental information.

To do the job well, EPA will need additional resources. As new threats to the health and environmental needs of a growing population have multiplied, EPA's budget has declined. In inflation-adjusted dollars, EPA's budget was more than 50% higher under President Ronald Reagan than it is today. The steady deterioration of resources has undermined EPA's readiness for the challenges ahead and the agency's ability to adapt and respond to emerging needs.

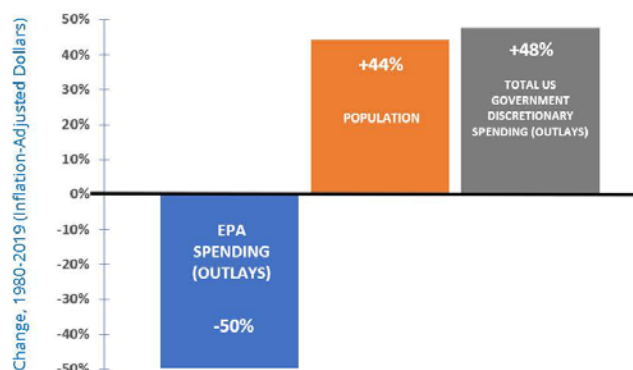
While we are concerned about the current state of affairs at EPA, we are hopeful for the agency's future. EPA has a strong foundation on which to build. Capable and talented staff are ready to answer the call. They have labored in good faith across administrations of both parties to fulfill EPA's mission by following the law, applying the best available science, and displaying openness and transparency with the public.

America's bedrock environmental laws have delivered enormous health and economic benefits to the American public, as documented by Republican and Democratic administrations alike.¹ The public values clean air, clean water, and a healthy natural environment, notwithstanding differences in priorities and approaches.

The years ahead will bring new and often far-reaching environmental and health risks. They also hold great potential for new approaches, new opportunities, and new technologies to confront environmental problems. Growing ranks of companies are showing internal leadership on sustainability without waiting for regulations. New technologies and data tools can pinpoint and help solve environmental threats. State and local governments, farmers and other landowners, community-based groups, universities, and others have pioneered new approaches to getting results.

We have successfully risen as a nation to confront past threats to our health and environment. We are at an environmental crossroads, and we are hopeful that America will again muster the resolve, the will, and the action needed to protect public health, the environment, and our economy.

In Real Dollars, EPA Spending Has Been Cut in Half Since 1980



Sources: Environmental Protection Network, "Resetting the Course of EPA," August 2020. OMB, [Historical Tables](#), "Table 4.1—Outlays by Agency: 1962–2025" (adjusted to real dollars using U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis' [implicit price deflator](#)); "Table 8.8 – Outlays for Discretionary Programs."

¹ For example, a [2019 Office of Management and Budget study](#) concluded that rules from EPA had the "highest estimated benefits" across the Federal government. OMB estimated the annual benefits of 39 EPA regulations to America's people over a decade at between \$194 and \$687 billion, far outweighing costs to polluters of less than \$55 billion. In 2011, EPA studied 30 years of air quality improvements under the Clean Air Act and found benefits of more than \$2 trillion, more than 30 times greater than costs of \$65 billion.

Sincerely,

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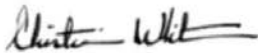
Hon. Lee Thomas
EPA Administrator, 1985-1989

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Hon. William Reilly
EPA Administrator, 1989-1993

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Hon. Carol Browner
EPA Administrator, 1993-2001

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Hon. Christine Todd Whitman
EPA Administrator, 2001-2003

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Hon. Lisa Jackson
EPA Administrator, 2009-2013

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Hon. Gina McCarthy
EPA Administrator, 2013-2017

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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 - 3/11/20 Ordered to be Reported (Amended) out of Committee on Natural Resources by 19-12	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. 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
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

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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
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

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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
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

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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 - 6/18/20 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 481	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 - 3/11/20 Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by 19-12	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
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

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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
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

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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 - 5/17/20 Referred to Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change	Watch	NYC
S. 1507	Sen. Shelley Moore Capito (D-WV)	PFAS Release Disclosure and Protection Act of 2019. 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 (CLEAR) 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

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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
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

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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
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 - 7/25/20 Subcommittee hearings 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 - 3/11/20 Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by 13-10	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 - 7/11/19 Referred to Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change	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. 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
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

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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 - 2/12/20 Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by voice vote	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
S. 3171	Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI)	Protect and Restore America's Estuaries Act. 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. Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR)	Blue Carbon for Our Planet Act. To establish an Interagency Working Group on Coastal Blue Carbon, and for other purposes.	House - 1/17/20 Referred to Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife	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
S. 3227	Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-VT)	Prevent Future American Sickness Act of 2020. To require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to designate per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances as hazardous substances under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, and for other purposes.	Senate - 1/28/20 Referred to Committee on Environment and Public Works	Watch	NYC

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H.R. 5694	Rep. Tom McClintock (R-CA)	Endangered Species Transparency and Reasonableness Act of 2020. To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require publication on the internet of the basis for determinations that species are endangered species or threatened species, and for other purposes.	House - 1/31/20 Referred to Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife	Watch	NYC
S. 3306	Sen. Jeff Merkley (D-MA)	MICRO Plastics Act of 2020. A bill to establish a microplastics pilot program, and for other purposes.	Senate - 2/13/20 Referred to Committee on Environment and Public Works	Watch	NYC
H.R. 5902	Rep. Brian Mast (R-FL)	MICRO Plastics Act of 2020. A bill to establish a microplastics pilot program, and for other purposes.	House - 2/14/20 Referred to Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment	Watch	NYC
H.R. 5845	Rep. Alan Lowenthal (D-CA)	Break Free From Plastic Pollution Act of 2020. To amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to reduce the production and use of certain single-use plastic products and packaging, to improve the responsibility of producers in the design, collection, reuse, recycling, and disposal of their consumer products and packaging, to prevent pollution from consumer products and packaging from entering into animal and human food chains and waterways, and for other purposes.	House - 2/12/20 Referred to Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment	Watch	CASA supports
S. 3944	Sen. Tom Udall (D-NM)	Break Free From Plastic Pollution Act of 2020. To amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to reduce the production and use of certain single-use plastic products and packaging, to improve the responsibility of producers in the design, collection, reuse, recycling, and disposal of their consumer products and packaging, to prevent pollution from consumer products and packaging from entering into animal and human food chains and waterways, and for other purposes.	Senate - 6/17/20 Full Committee hearings held	Watch	CASA supports

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H.R. 5856	Rep. Terri Sewell (D-AL)	To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to establish a decentralized wastewater grant program, and for other purposes.	House - 2/12/20 Referred to Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment	Watch	NYC
S.3274	Sen. Cory Booker (D-NJ)	A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to establish a decentralized wastewater grant program, and for other purposes.	Senate - 2/11/20 Referred to Environment and Public Works	Watch	NYC
H.R.6395	Rep. Adam Smith (D-WA)	National Defense Authorization Act of 2021. Authorizes appropriations for fiscal year 2021 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.	House - 7/21/20 Passed House 295 - 125	Watch	NYC
H.R. 748	Rep. Joe Courtney (D-CT)	CARES Act. Amends the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage.	House - 3/27/20 Became Public Law No: 116-136	Watch	NYC
H.R. 6552	Rep. Rashida Tlaib (D-MI)	Emergency Water is a Human Right Act. Prohibits water shutoffs during the COVID-19 emergency period, provide drinking and waste water assistance to households, and for other purposes.	House - 4/20/20 Referred to Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment	Watch	NYC
S. 3591	Sen. John Barrasso (R-WY)	America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2020. Provides for improvements to the rivers and harbors of the United States, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to provide for water pollution control activities, and for other purposes.	Senate - 5/11/20 Reported out of Committee on Environment and Public Works	Watch	NYC
S. 3590	Sen. John Barrasso (R-WY)	Drinking Water Infrastructure Act of 2020. Amends the Safe Drinking Water Act to reauthorize certain provisions, and for other purposes.	Senate - 5/11/20 Reported out of Committee on Environment and Public Works	Watch	NYC

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H.R. 6800	Rep. Nita Lowey (D-NY)	The HEROES Act. Making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes.	House - 5/15/20 Passed House by 208-199; Referred to Senate	Watch	NYC
S. 3811	Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA)	Restoration of Essential Conveyance Act. A bill to provide financial assistance for projects to address certain subsidence impacts in the State of California, and for other purposes.	Senate - 7/22/20 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power. Hearings held	Watch	NYC
H.R. 7073	Rep. John Garamendi (D-CA)	To amend the Social Security Act to include special districts in the coronavirus relief fund, to direct the Secretary to include special districts as an eligible issuer under the Municipal Liquidity Facility, and for other purposes	House - 6/1/20 Referred to Committee on Oversight and Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Financial Services,	Watch	CSDA SUPPORTS
S. 3944	Sen. Tom Udall (D-NM)	Break Free From Plastic Pollution Act of 2020. Amends the Solid Waste Disposal Act to reduce the production and use of certain single-use plastic products and packaging, to improve the responsibility of producers in the design, collection, reuse, recycling, and disposal of their consumer products and packaging, to prevent pollution from consumer products and packaging from entering into animal and human food chains and waterways, and for other purposes.	Senate - 6/11/20 Referred to Committee on Environment and Public Works	Watch	NYC
S. 4049	Sen. James Inhofe (R-OK)	National Defense Authorization Act of 2021. To authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2021 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.	Senate - 7/23/20 Passed Senate by 86-14	Watch	NYC
H.R. 2	Rep. Peter DeFazio (D-OR)	Moving Forward Act. To authorize federal funds to support transportation, energy, water, environment and green infrastructure, resiliency and disaster mitigation, housing, healthcare, and broadband infrastructure activities, and for other purposes.	House - 7/20/20 Passed House by 233-188	Watch	NYC

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H.R. 7575	Rep. Peter DeFazio (D-OR)	Water Resources Development Act of 2020. To provide for improvements to the rivers and harbors of the United States, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, and for other purposes.	House - 7/30/20 Passed by Unanimous Consent	Watch	NYC
S. 4188	Sen. Kamala Harris (D-CA)	Water for Tomorrow Act. To provide for drought preparedness and improved water supply reliability, and for other purposes.	Senate - 7/22/20 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power	Watch	NYC
S. 4308	Sen. Kyrsten Sinema (D-AZ)	Special Districts Provide Essential Services Act. To amend the Social Security Act to include special districts in the coronavirus relief fund, to direct the Secretary to include special districts as an eligible issuer under the Municipal Liquidity Facility, and for other purposes.	Senate - 7/23/20 Referred to the Committee on Finance.	Watch	CSDA SUPPORTS
H.R. 7608	Rep. Nita Lowey (D-NY)	State, Foreign Operations, Agriculture, Rural Development, Interior, Environment, Military Construction, and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2021.	House - 7/24/20 Passed House 224 - 189	Watch	NYC

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H.R. 7617	Rep. Peter Visclosky (D-IN)	Defense, Commerce, Justice, Science, Energy and Water Development, Financial Services and General Government, Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development Appropriations Act, 2021.	House - 7/31/20 Passed House 217 - 197	Watch	NYC
S. 4513	Sen. Kamala Harris (D-CA)	A bill to ensure climate and environmental justice accountability, and for other purposes.	Senate - 8/6/20 Referred to Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs	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					

To: Orange County Sanitation District
From: Townsend Public Affairs, Inc.
Date: August 21, 2020
Subject: Legislative and Public Affairs Agenda Report

State Legislative Update

In August, the Legislature and the Governor continued to focus on policy proposals to address the major concerns of COVID-19, housing, homelessness, and climate resilience. Governor Newsom also took action to reduce indoor operations for certain sectors, announced a major purchase of personal protective equipment (PPE), and outlined a pandemic plan for the 2020-21 school year.

The Legislature is entering the final stretch of the 2020 legislative session. The last day of session is August 31 when members will return to their districts in preparation of the November election. Following adjournment on August 31, Governor Newsom will have 30 day to sign or veto legislation. The Legislature was originally scheduled to return to the Capitol on July 13, however several members and staff tested positive for COVID-19, postponing their return until July 27.

When members returned to the Capitol, there was a flurry of activity regarding the remaining 740 bills that were still active in both houses. Members were told to reduce their bill packages to allow for priority legislation to be considered under the new timeline. On August 20, the Senate and Assembly Appropriations Committees conducted their Suspense File hearings, which determined the fate of several hundred bills in just a few hours. The bills that passed out of the Appropriations Committees are now on the Senate and Assembly Floor for their final votes before August 31.

Assembly and Senate Leaders are also discussing the possibility of a special legislative session with the Administration that would take place after this current session ends on August 31; however, any decisions will likely depend on the growing number of COVID-19 cases throughout the state.

Below are the upcoming deadlines for the Legislature:

August 21 – Last day for fiscal committees to meet and report bills

August 24-31 – Senate floor session

August 26 – Last day to amend bills on the floor (Senate)

August 31 – Last day for each house to pass bills

September 30 – Last day for the Governor to sign or veto legislation

Water Resiliency Portfolio

As a follow-up to Governor Newsom's April 2019 Executive Order that directed State agencies to plan and prepare for statewide water shortages, the Governor announced a finalized Water Resiliency Portfolio that will direct future State water policies. The plan prioritizes safe drinking water, groundwater recharge, healthy waterways, and the Salton Sea.

The plan also outlines nearly 150 state actions to help build a more climate-resilient system as the State responds to the impacts of climate change. The portfolio guides policy regarding the long-term functionality of the State Water Project and other conveyance infrastructure.

In January 2020, the California Natural Resources Agency, Environmental Protection Agency, and Department of Food and Agriculture released a draft version of the portfolio for public feedback. More than 200 individuals responded with comments which resulted in 14 new actions reflected in the portfolio, including addressing upper watershed health and cross-border water issues.

Lastly, the plan recognizes the current State budget and recognizes that the pace of these policy priorities will be dependent on future funding. TPA will continue to provide updates regarding relevant State water policy so the Sanitation District is kept abreast of potential impacts on the changes to State policy

Cap and Trade Auction Summary

In May, the State of California and Quebec, Canada held a joint auction for Greenhouse Gas (GHG) allowances as a part of the Cap and Trade program. Prior to this quarterly auction, all available emissions credits and all future credits had sold out for approximately two years. At the May 2020 auction, only 35 percent of the available and future credits were sold, dealing a decisive blow to Cap and Trade revenues for the quarter. The major change in market behavior is best described as uncertainty for the future due to COVID-19's ongoing economic shutdown. As a reminder, Cap and Trade revenues are used to fund a variety of State grant and discretionary programs, including the Organics Grant Program, various transportation programs, and climate resiliency projects.

On August 18, the next joint auction for GHG allowances took place, however the results are still yet to be determined. If revenues continue to fall short of predictions, there will be less money available for statewide programs to reduce GHG emissions.

Legislature Announces State Economic Stimulus Package

On July 27, key members of the Legislature introduced the outline of a \$100 billion economic stimulus plan. The plan will prioritize economic recovery efforts to build on the Legislature's work on the State Budget. The Assembly and Senate have appointed economic recovery working groups led by Senators Bob Hertzberg (D-Van Nuys) and Steven Bradford (D-Gardena), and Assemblymembers Phil Ting (D-San Francisco) and Jacqui Irwin (D-Thousand Oaks). The stimulus plan aims to raise \$100 billion through a new tax voucher program and the acceleration of existing revenue streams. The plan includes the following relevant provisions:

State Revenues

- Authorize State Treasurer to issue future tax vouchers to generate billions of revenues for general economic stimulus efforts.
- Securitization of current revenue streams, including:
 - Accelerate SB 1 transportation funds to create jobs and improve key roads and highways.
 - Accelerate existing California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) revenue streams that will expand broadband services throughout the state to benefit distance learning and other activities.
 - Accelerate future Cap and Trade funds to backfill lost revenues due to the downturn and ensure critical programs remain funded.
- Accelerate authorized, but unused, general obligation bonds to generate bond funds to infrastructure projects.
- Borrow from the federal government to bolster state unemployment insurance programs.

Small Businesses

- Expand small business tax breaks, such as extending the sales tax loan program.
- Streamline the Work Sharing program administered by EDD.
- Incentivize on-shore manufacturing of PPE, ventilators, swabs and other products critical to the COVID-19 response, including expansion of workforce retraining programs.

Protections for Individuals; Housing and Homelessness Funding

- Fill gaps in Unemployment Insurance, including extending to undocumented workers, shortfalls resulting from if the federal government does not extend the \$600 per week payment
- Increase affordable housing supply by helping homeowners access financing to build ADUs.
- Protect renters from eviction and support struggling homeowners and landlords.
- Augment Budget Act appropriations for local governments to combat homelessness and provide incentives for local governments to build housing on non-traditional sites.

Environment Funding

- Invest in wildfire prevention and vegetation management activities.
- **Improve clean water delivery and recycling infrastructure.**
- Create a dedicated fund to incentivize light and heavy-duty, including passenger clean vehicles, as well as expedite and expand electric vehicle charging infrastructure projects.
- Streamline the CEQA through targeted, and limited, use of the AB 900 process – including for housing – to ensure environmental leadership projects get built.

The Legislature is currently seeking input from the Newsom Administration on the economic plan.



Priority Legislation

AB 685 (Reyes) – Occupational safety: COVID-19 exposure: notification (OCSD Oppose)

Would require a public or private employer to provide specified notifications to its employees, the Division of Occupational Safety and Health, and the State Department of Public Health, relating to the exposure of its employees to COVID-19 in the workplace, when the employer has been notified of the exposure. The bill would provide for a specified civil penalty for an employer that violates the notification requirements of these provisions. **AB 685 is currently on the Senate Floor.**

AB 1672 (Bloom) – Solid waste: nonwoven disposable products (OCSD Supports)

AB 1672 would require, commencing January 1, 2021, certain nonwoven disposal products to be labeled clearly and conspicuously to communicate that they should not be flushed. The bill would prohibit a covered entity, as defined, from making a representation about the flushable attributes, benefits, performance, or efficacy of those nonwoven disposal products. **AB 1672 was held in the Senate Appropriations Committee's Suspense File and is dead for the year.**

AB 2762 (Muratsuchi) – Cosmetics: Safety (OCSD Supports)

AB 2762 would prohibit a person or entity from manufacturing, selling, delivering, holding, or offering for sale, in commerce any cosmetic product that contains any of several specified intentionally added ingredients, including certain strains of PFAS/PFOA. **AB 2762 is currently on the Senate Floor.**

AB 3163 (Salas) – Energy: biomethane: procurement (OCSD Supports)

AB 3163 would define “biomethane” as methane produced from an organic waste feedstock, rather than biogas, that meets specified standards and is either produced from the anaerobic decomposition of organic material or produced from the non-combustion thermal conversion of specified materials. This would allow greater uses for the byproducts produced by OCSD facilities. **AB 3163 is currently on the Senate Floor.**

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August 14, 2020

The Honorable Eloise Reyes
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 2047
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Oppose AB 685 (Reyes) – COVID-19 Exposure Notification

Dear Assemblymember Reyes,

On behalf of the Orange County Sanitation District, I am writing to express opposition to AB 685, which would require both public and private employers to take multiple actions within 24 hours after they are made aware of employees that may have been exposed to COVID-19.

This bill attempts to create a process for notifying employees and the State after an employee has been exposed to COVID-19. However, the bill lacks specificity and clear definitions while creating an unworkable standard for employers. While well-intentioned, this bill would also likely not result in improving workplace safety, disregards the statewide requirements already in place for employers, and fines employers an onerous \$10,000 if they do not comply. The bill would require employers not only to post notices for those who may have been exposed to COVID-19 (both in and out of the workplace), but would require employers to verbally notify all employees, notify the employee's union, the Division of Occupational Safety and Health, and the California Department of Public Health.

This bill has several issues, including the requirement of employers to notify employees and the State without clearly defining a connection to the workplace. Without clearer definitions, employers could be held liable for its employees' actions outside of the workplace. The bill also does not clearly define "exposure" for employees, which may or may not include those who have tested positive or have symptoms of COVID-19. This lack of clarity will create confusion and expose employers to a myriad of lawsuits that could result in additional financial burdens for cities that are providing essential public services, including responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The bill contains language that would require employers to comply with these provisions if the employer "should have known" of the employees' exposure to COVID-19. This language is ambiguous and essentially places employers in the position of having to determine whether an employee has COVID-19. Further, this bill raises privacy concerns that may violate HIPAA if employers are required to publish the worksite, number of employees impacted, and their occupation. That information, particularly the occupation, can be enough to identify the exact individual, even if a name is not provided, violating their rights under privacy.

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This bill would create more issues than solutions, and it is for these reasons that the Orange County Sanitation District opposes AB 685.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David John Shawver". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "D" and "S".

David John Shawver
Board Chairman

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BILL	AUTHOR	SUMMARY	LATEST ACTION	OCSD POSITION	LEGISLATIVE PLAN	OTHER POSITIONS
Proposed Legislation 2020-2021						
High Priority						
AB 69	Ting [D]	Help Homeowners Add New Housing Program: accessory dwelling unit financing. Current law provides for the creation by local ordinance, or by ministerial approval if a local agency has not adopted an ordinance, of accessory dwelling units to allow single-family or multifamily dwelling residential use in accordance with specified standards and conditions. This bill would require the Treasurer, within 6 months of the effective date of these provisions, to develop the Help Homeowners Add New Housing Program with the purpose of assisting homeowners, as defined, in qualifying for loans to construct additional housing units on their property, including accessory dwelling units and junior accessory dwelling units. The bill would, with regard to the development of the program, require the Treasurer to consult with the California Housing	Gut and Amend. Currently on the Senate Floor	Watch	Legislative and Regulatory Policies: Special Districts - Oppose further state regulations that adversely impact special district financing, operations, and administration.	ACCOC - NYC LOCC - NYC CASA - NYC ACWA - NYC CSDA - NYC
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.	Dead	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 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.	Dead	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 - Currently in the Inactive File	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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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.	Inactive	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 685	Quirk [D]	Occupational safety: COVID-19 exposure: notification. Would require a public or private employer to provide specified notifications to its employees, the Division of Occupational Safety and Health, and the State Department of Public Health, relating to the exposure of its employees to COVID-19 in the workplace, when the employer has been notified of the exposure, as specified. The bill would provide for a specified civil penalty for an employer that violates the notification requirements of these provisions.	Currently on the Senate Floor	Watch	Legislative and Regulatory Policies: Human Resources - Support measures to reform current workers compensation formulas that rely on a proportionate exposure formula.	ACCOC - NYC LOCC - Oppose CASA - Oppose ACWA - Oppose 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.	Currently on the Senate Floor	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
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.	Currently on the Senate Floor	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

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AB 1484	Grayson [D]	Mitigation Fee Act: housing developments. This bill would prohibit a local agency from imposing a housing impact requirement adopted by the local agency on a housing development project, as defined, unless specified requirements are satisfied by the local agency, including that the housing impact requirement be roughly proportional in both nature and extent to the impact created by the housing development project.	Currently in the Senate Rules Committee waiting to be assigned to policy committees	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 - Watch ACWA - Watch CSDA - Oppose
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.	Held in the Senate Appropriations Committee	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
AB 1751	Chiu [D]	Water and sewer system corporations: consolidation of service. This bill, the Consolidation for Safe Drinking Water Act of 2019, would authorize a water or sewer system corporation to file an application and obtain approval from the commission through an order authorizing the water or sewer system corporation to consolidate with a public water system or state small water system that has fewer than 3,300 service connections and serves a disadvantaged community, or to implement rates for the subsumed water system.	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 - NYC CASA - NYC ACWA - NYC CSDA - NYC
AB 1924	Grayson [D]	Housing development: fees Would require that a fee levied or imposed on a housing development project by a local agency be proportionate to the square footage of the proposed unit or units.	Dead	Watch	Legislative and Regulatory Policies: Special Districts - Oppose further state regulations that adversely impact special district financing, operations, and administration.	ACCOC - NYC LOCC - NYC CASA - NYC ACWA - NYC CSDA - NYC

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AB 1945	Salas [D]	Emergency services: first responders Would, for purposes of the California Emergency Services Act, define “first responder” as an employee of the state or a local public agency who provides emergency response services, including a peace officer, firefighter, paramedic, emergency medical technician, public safety dispatcher, public safety telecommunicator, emergency response communication employee, rescue service personnel, or emergency manager. Does not explicitly include water or wastewater personnel.	Currently on the Senate Floor	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 - Watch ACWA - Watch CSDA - Watch
AB 2093	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.	Dead	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 2107	Rodriguez [D]	Local government: securitized limited obligation notes Current law, until December 31, 2019, authorizes a special district to issue, as specified, securitized limited obligation notes for the acquisition or improvement of land, facilities, or equipment. This bill would extend that authorization to December 31, 2024.	Currently on the Senate Floor	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 - Support
AB 2182	Rubio [D]	Emergency backup generators: water and wastewater facilities: exemption Would exempt the operation of an alternative power source, as defined, to provide power to a critical facility, as defined, from any local, regional, or state regulation regarding the operation of that source. The bill would authorize providers of essential public services, in lieu of compliance with applicable legal requirements, to comply with the maintenance and testing procedure set forth in the National Fire Protection Association Standard for Emergency and Standby Power System, NFPA 110, for alternative power sources designated by the providers for the support of critical facilities.	Dead	Watch	Guiding Principles: Oppose redundant regulatory and legislative requirements that cause undue constraints on efficient operations	ACCOC - NYC LOCC - Watch CASA - Watch ACWA - Watch CSDA - Support
AB 2364	Rubio [D]	Municipal separate storm sewer systems: financial capability analysis Would require the State Water Resources Control Board, by July 1, 2021, to establish financial capability assessment guidelines for municipal separate storm sewer system permittees that are adequate and consistent when considering the costs to local jurisdictions. The bill would require the state board and the regional boards to continue using available regulatory tools and other approaches to foster collaboration with permittees to implement permit requirements in light of the costs of implementation	Dead	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 - Watch ACWA - Watch CSDA - Watch

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AB 2560		Water quality: notification and response levels: procedures The California Safe Drinking Water Act requires the State Water Resources Control Board to adopt drinking water standards for contaminants in drinking water based upon specified criteria and requires any person who owns a public water system to ensure that the system, among other things, complies with those drinking water standards. The act requires a public water system to provide prescribed notices within 30 days after it is first informed of a confirmed detection of a contaminant found in drinking water delivered by the public water system for human consumption that is in excess of a maximum contaminant level, a notification level, or a response level established by the state board. This bill would require the state board to comply with specified public notice and comment procedures when establishing or revising notification or response levels.	Currently on the Senate Floor	Watch	State Priorities: Monitor state legislation as well as State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) regulatory activity related to PFAS.	ACCOC - NYC LOCC - Watch CASA - Watch ACWA - Watch CSDA - Watch
AB 2612	Maienschein [D]	Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: recycling: appropriation Would, beginning in the 2020–21 fiscal year, would continuously appropriate \$100,000,000 from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund annually to the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery for in-state organic waste recycling projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and achieve certain organic waste disposal goals, as specified. The bill, beginning in the 2020–21 fiscal year, would also continuously appropriate \$100,000,000 from the fund annually to the department for in-state recycling projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and help achieve a specified state policy relating to solid waste, as specified.	Currently in the Assembly Natural Resources Committee	Watch	Guiding Principles: Seek funds for OCSD projects through grants, appropriations, or other means	ACCOC - NYC LOCC - Support CASA - Support ACWA - Watch CSDA - Watch
AB 2762	Muratsuchi [D]	Cosmetics: safety. The Sherman Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Law prohibits the manufacture, sale, delivery, holding, or offer for sale of adulterated cosmetics, and prescribes when a cosmetic is adulterated, including when it bears or contains a poisonous or deleterious substance that may render it injurious to users when used as directed in the cosmetic's labeling or advertising or under customary or usual conditions. Provisions of this law are enforced by the State Department of Public Health. This bill would, commencing January 1, 2025, prohibit a person or entity from manufacturing, selling, delivering, holding, or offering for sale, in commerce any cosmetic product that contains any of several specified intentionally added ingredients, except under specified circumstances.	Currently on the Senate Floor	Support	State Priorities: Monitor state legislation as well as State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) regulatory activity related to PFAS.	ACCOC - NYC LOCC - NYC CASA - Support ACWA - NYC CSDA - NYC
AB 2943	Ting [D]	Surplus property: disposal Current law prescribes requirements for the disposal of surplus land, as defined, by a local agency, as defined. Current law requires land to be declared surplus land or exempt surplus land, as supported by written findings, before a local agency takes any action to dispose of it consistent with the agency's policies or procedures. This bill would provide that the provisions regulating the disposal of surplus land shall not be construed to require a local agency to dispose of land that is determined to be surplus.	Dead	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 - Watch ACWA - Watch CSDA - Watch

**OCSD
State
Bills of Interest**

BILL	AUTHOR	SUMMARY	LATEST ACTION	OCSD POSITION	LEGISLATIVE PLAN	OTHER POSITIONS
AB 3147	Gabriel [D]	Fees for development projects Would require a judicial action or proceeding to be conducted in accordance with other procedures that, among other things, require a protest to be filed within 90 days after the imposition of the fees and an action to attack, review, set aside, void, or annul the imposition of the fees to be filed within 180 days after delivery of a specified notice by the local agency. The bill would require revenues in excess of actual cost to be used to reimburse the payor of the fee or service charge.	Dead	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 - Watch ACWA - Watch CSDA - Oppose
AB 3163	Salas [D]	Energy: biomethane: procurement. Current law requires the Public Utilities Commission, in consultation with the State Air Resources Board, to consider adopting specific biomethane procurement targets or goals for each gas corporation so that each gas corporation procures a proportionate share, as determined by the commission, of biomethane annually, as specified. Current law defines "biomethane" for that purpose as biogas that meets specified standards adopted by the commission for injection into a common carrier pipeline. This bill would instead define "biomethane" for that purpose as methane produced from an organic waste feedstock, rather than biogas, that meets those specified standards and is either produced from the anaerobic decomposition of organic material or produced from the noncombustion thermal conversion of specified materials.	Currently on the Senate Floor	Support	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 - Support ACWA - NYC CSDA - Watch
AB 3256	Garcia [D]	Climate risks: bond measure The California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018, approved by the voters as Proposition 68 at the June 5, 2018, statewide direct primary election, authorizes the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$4,000,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance a drought, water, parks, climate, coastal protection, and outdoor access for all program. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact a bond measure that would address climate risks to the State of California.	Passed the Assembly Appropriations Committee and sent back to the Assembly Rules Committee	Watch	Guiding Principles: Seek funds for OCSD projects through grants, appropriations, or other means	ACCOC - NYC LOCC - Watch CASA - Watch ACWA - Watch CSDA - Watch
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

OCS D
State
Bills of Interest

BILL	AUTHOR	SUMMARY	LATEST ACTION	OCS D POSITION	LEGISLATIVE PLAN	OTHER POSITIONS
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 needs assessment to support innovation and technological and infrastructure development, 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 and the California Pollution Control Financing Authority, to develop financial incentive mechanisms, including, among other mechanisms, loans and incentive payments, to fund and accelerate public and private capital towards organic waste diversion and recycling infrastructure.	Currently on the Assembly Floor	Support	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
SB 931	Wieckowski [D]	Local government meetings: agenda and documents This bill would require, if the local agency has an internet website, a legislative body or its designee to email a copy of, or website link to, the agenda or a copy of all the documents constituting the agenda packet if the person requests that the items be delivered by email. The bill would require, where the local agency determines it is technologically infeasible to send a copy of all documents constituting the agenda packet or a website link containing the documents by electronic mail or by other electronic means, the legislative body or its designee to send by electronic mail a copy of the agenda or a website link to the agenda and mail a copy of all other documents constituting the agenda packet in accordance with the mailing requirements.	Dead	Oppose	Legislative and Regulatory Policies: Special Districts - Oppose further state regulations that adversely impact special district financing, operations, and administration.	ACCOC - NYC LOCC - Oppose CASA - Oppose ACWA - Oppose CSDA - Oppose
SB 996	Portantino [D]	State Water Resources Control Board: Constituents of Emerging Concern Program Would require the State Water Resources Control Board to establish, maintain, and direct an ongoing, dedicated program called the Constituents of Emerging Concern Program to assess the state of information and recommend areas for further study on constituents of emerging concern in drinking water that may pose risks to public health. The bill would require the state board to establish the Stakeholder Advisory Group and, by an unspecified date, the Science Advisory Panel, both as prescribed, to assist in the gathering and development of information for the program, among other functions. The bill would require the program to provide opportunities for public participation, including conducting stakeholder meetings and workshops.	Dead	Watch	State Priorities: Monitor state legislation as well as State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) regulatory activity related to PFAS.	ACCOC - NYC LOCC - Watch CASA - Watch ACWA - Watch CSDA - Watch
SB 1044	Allen [D]	Firefighting equipment and foam: PFAS chemicals. Would, commencing January 1, 2022, require any person, including a manufacturer, as defined, that sells firefighter personal protective equipment to any person or public entity to provide a written notice to the purchaser at the time of sale if the firefighter personal protective equipment contains perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), and would provide that a violation of this requirement is punishable by a specified civil penalty. The bill would require the seller and the purchaser to retain the notice on file for at least 3 years and to furnish the notice and associated sales documentation to the State Fire Marshal within 60 days upon request, as provided.	Currently on the Assembly Floor	Watch	State Priorities: Monitor state legislation as well as State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) regulatory activity related to PFAS.	ACCOC - NYC LOCC - Watch CASA - Watch ACWA - Watch CSDA - Support

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BILL	AUTHOR	SUMMARY	LATEST ACTION	OCSD POSITION	LEGISLATIVE PLAN	OTHER POSITIONS
SB 1052	Hertzberg [D]	Water quality: municipal wastewater agencies Would establish municipal wastewater agencies and would authorize a municipal wastewater agency, among other things, to enter into agreements with entities responsible for stormwater management for the purpose of managing stormwater and dry weather runoff, to acquire, construct, expand, operate, maintain, and provide facilities for specified purposes relating to managing stormwater and dry weather runoff, and to levy taxes, fees, and charges consistent with the municipal wastewater agency's existing authority in order to fund projects undertaken pursuant to the bill.	Dead	Watch	Legislative and Regulatory Policies: Water Quality and Supply - Support measures that promote and provide for the use of reclaimed water	ACCOC - NYC LOCC - NYC CASA - Sponsor ACWA - Watch CSDA - Support
SB 1056	Portantino [D]	Drinking water: testing: perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances. Would require the State Water Resources Control Board, on or before January 1, 2022, to certify a methodology or methodologies for testing drinking water, groundwater, and surface water for perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, as provided, and to accredit qualified laboratories in California to analyze perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances pursuant to the adopted methodology or methodologies.	Dead	Watch	State Priorities: Monitor state legislation as well as State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) regulatory activity related to PFAS.	ACCOC - NYC LOCC - Watch CASA - Watch ACWA - Watch CSDA - Watch
SB 1099	Dodd [D]	Emergency backup generators: critical facilities: exemption Would, consistent with federal law, require air districts to adopt a rule, or revise its existing rules, to allow critical facilities with a permitted emergency backup generator to use that emergency backup generator during a deenergization event or other loss of power, and to test and maintain that emergency backup generator, as specified, without having that usage, testing, or maintenance count toward that emergency backup generator's time limitation on actual usage and routine testing and maintenance. The bill would prohibit air districts from imposing a fee on the issuance or renewal of a permit issued for those critical facility emergency backup generators.	Dead	Watch	Guiding Principles: Oppose redundant regulatory and legislative requirements that cause undue constraints on efficient operations	ACCOC - NYC LOCC - Watch CASA - Watch ACWA - Watch CSDA - Support

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BILL	AUTHOR	SUMMARY	LATEST ACTION	OCSD POSITION	LEGISLATIVE PLAN	OTHER POSITIONS
SB 1159	Hill [D]	Workers' compensation: COVID-19: critical workers. Would, until an unspecified date, define "injury" for a critical worker, as specified, to include illness or death that results from exposure to coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) under specified circumstances. The bill would create a disputable presumption, as specified, that an injury that develops or manifests itself while a critical worker is employed arose out of and in the course of the employment.	Currently on the Assembly Floor	Watch	Legislative and Regulatory Policies: Human Resources - Support measures to reform current workers compensation formulas that rely on a proportionate exposure formula.	ACCOC - NYC LOCC - Watch CASA - Watch ACWA - Watch CSDA - Watch
SB 1352	Hueso [D]	Gas corporations: renewable gas procurement Would require the Public Utilities Commission to establish a renewable gas, as defined, procurement program that requires each gas corporation to procure renewable gas in an amount so that, by January 1, 2030, at least 20 percent of the total volume of gas delivered to core customers in California by that gas corporation is renewable gas. The bill would require the commission, in designing and implementing the program, to ensure that the renewable gas procurement program is a cost-effective means to achieve forecast reductions in emissions of short-lived climate pollutants pursuant to specified laws and that the program complies with all applicable state and federal laws.	Dead	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 - Watch ACWA - NYC CSDA - NYC
SB 1383	Jackson [D]	Unlawful employment practice: family leave Would revise and recast specified provisions to make it an unlawful employment practice for any employer to refuse to grant a request by an employee to take up to 12 workweeks of unpaid protected leave during any 12-month period to bond with a new child of the employee or to care for themselves or a child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse, or domestic partner, as specified. The bill would require an employer who employees' both parents of a child to grant leave to each employee.	Currently on the Assembly Floor	Watch	Legislative and Regulatory Policies: Public Health - Monitor legislation that provides additional occupational safety and health standard requirements for employees, contractors, or subcontractors.	ACCOC - NYC LOCC - Watch CASA - Watch ACWA - Watch CSDA - Oppose

Legend:

ACC-OC - Association of California Cities, Orange County

LOCC - League of California Cities

NYC - Not Yet Considered

CASA - California Association of Sanitation Agencies

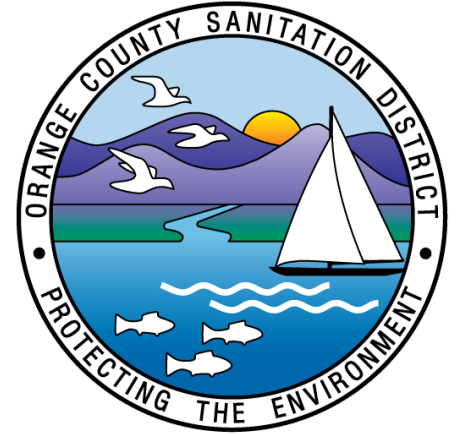
ACWA - Association of California Water Agencies

CSDA - California Special Districts Association

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.	Application materials for FY 2020–21 will tentatively be available summer 2020.	TBD	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	TBD	Energy/Recycling	No
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	TBD	NA	No	NA	TPA and OCSD are monitoring the grant program development from the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA). Currently, Round 2 has yet to be announced. TPA and OCSD will continue to watch this and other matches.	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 We are waiting to hear back on this grant and anticipate to receive notice by Summer 2020 (Congress has demanded that project recommendations be transmitted to without delay as part of USBR FY 2021 Spending Bill)
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	USEPA published allocation formula with deadline for public comments 9/3/2020. Expect formal allocation to State as early as 45 days after 9/3/2020
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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The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)	Supporting Anerobic Digestion in Communities.	\$300,000	\$300,000	No	The goal of this funding opportunity is to increase use of AD to manage food waste. Another goal is to support the development of new AD infrastructure in the U.S. EPA is interested in funding projects that increase anaerobic digestion capacity in the United States.	We will not be applying for this grant as after further research we do not feel we will be qualified as there is an educational component that we do not meet	No	7/14/2020	Energy/Recycling	No
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
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LAPA UPDATE



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Key Legislative Activities

COVID-19 Relief (HEROES Act/HEALS)

- Passed House —HEROES \$3Trillion Package
- Senate Passage Stalled—HEALS \$1Trillion Package
- Key Issues
 - Tax credits for mandatory paid leave
 - Ratepayer assistance and Local Governmental Assistance
 - Liability Waiver

Infrastructure Assistance

- Water Resources Development Act (H.R. 7575/S. 3590 & S. 3591)
- H.R. 2 Water Provisions in Mix including H.R. 1497 (House Clean Water Rewrite)
- Rep. Rouda Smart Water Technology Adoption Grants Assistance

Fiscal Year 2021 Appropriations

- EPA Spending Bill Passed House; No Action in Senate
- Continuing Resolution under Development with Passage in September
- Potential to Roll COVID Relief Legislation into Continuing Resolution

Questions



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End of Session Update

State COVID-19 Response

**Legislative Recap – Priority
Legislation**

End of Session Update

End of Session Update

- Senate and Assembly adjourned just past 1:00 a.m. on August 31
- Both houses met over the weekend to address several hundred bills before the midnight deadline
- Despite the effort, several high-profile bills fell victim to the deadlines and did not move on to the Governor's desk
- Governor has until September 30 to sign or veto legislation



End of Session Update - Details

- In the final days of session, Senate Republicans were forced to self-quarantine as one of their members tested positive for COVID-19
- Senate Republicans participated remotely in the final days of debate, which instigated several outcries and points of contention between parties
- Increase in partisan and bicameral politics that influenced which bills passed in the final hours
- Several parliamentary delays contributed to major initiatives not being taken up in both houses



State COVID-19 Response

Recent State Actions on COVID-19

- Eviction moratorium was extended on August 31 (AB 3088, Chiu)
- Essential employee presumption of liability from COVID-19 illness (SB 1159, Hill)
- Expansion of the California Family Rights Act to grant additional paid and unpaid family leave (SB 1383, Jackson)
- New Statewide COVID-19 Blueprint for Reopening

State COVID-19 Response – Blueprint for Reopening

WIDESPREAD

Many non-essential indoor business operations are closed

More than 7

daily new cases (per 100k)

More than 8%

Positive tests

SUBSTANTIAL

Some non-essential indoor business operations are closed

4 - 7

daily new cases (per 100k)

5 - 8%

Positive tests

MODERATE

Some indoor business operations are open with modifications

1 - 3.9

daily new cases (per 100k)

2 - 4.9%

Positive tests

MINIMAL

Most indoor business operations are open with modifications

Less than 1

daily new cases (per 100k)

Less than 2%

Positive tests

State COVID-19 Response

***As of September 1, 2020**

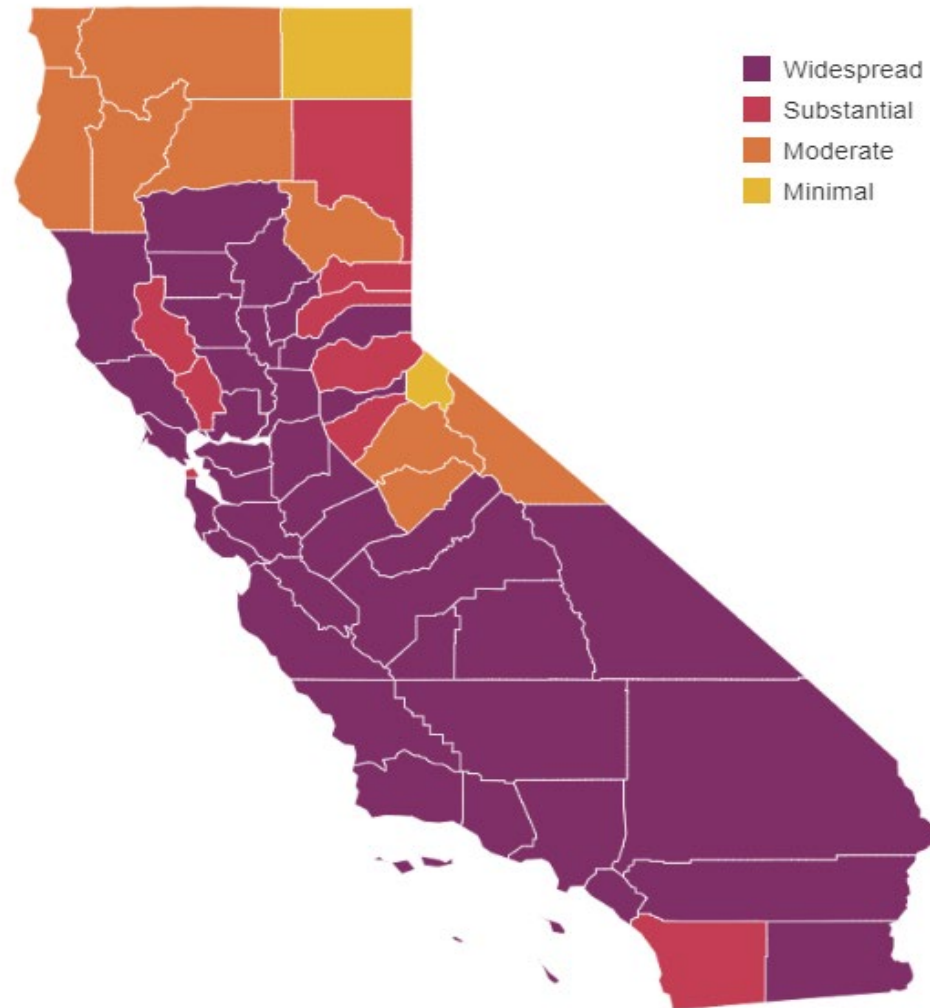
Statewide Metrics

10.9

New COVID-19
positive cases
per 100K

6.0%

Positivity Rate



Legislative Update – Priority Legislation

Legislative Update

Bill	Description	OCSD Position	Status
AB 685 (Reyes)	Would require a public or private employer to provide specified notifications to its employees about COVID-19 infections	Oppose	Passed. On Governor's desk
AB 1672 (Bloom)	The bill would require nonflushable products to be labeled clearly and conspicuously to communicate that they should not be flushed.	Support	Failed to pass out of Senate Appropriations
AB 2560 (Quirk)	This bill would require the state board to comply with specified public notice and comment procedures when establishing or revising notification or response levels	Watch	Passed. On Governor's desk
AB 2762 (Muratsuchi)	Prohibit manufacturing or selling cosmetics that have harmful chemicals	Support	Passed. On Governor's desk
AB 3163 (Salas)	Redefine biomethane to make it more beneficial to OCSD	Support	Passed. On Governor's desk
SB 55 (Jackson)	Various CEQA reforms and changes to Program EIRs	Watch	Failed to pass
SB 667 (Hueso)	Require CalRecycle to create a five year needs assessment to support innovation and technology for organic waste reduction	Support	Failed to pass
SB 931 (Wieckowski)	Would require the electronic delivery of Board agenda packets upon request in lieu of physical copies.	Oppose	Failed to pass



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ORANGE COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT COMMON ACRONYMS

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

NATIONAL BIOSOLIDS PARTNERSHIP (NBP) – An alliance of the NACWA and WEF, with advisory support from the EPA. 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.

PER- AND POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES (PFAS) – A large group (over 6,000) of human-made compounds that are resistant to heat, water, and oil and used for a variety of applications including firefighting foam, stain and water-resistant clothing, cosmetics, and food packaging. Two PFAS compounds, perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS) and perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) have been the focus of increasing regulatory scrutiny in drinking water and may result in adverse health effects including developmental effects to fetuses during pregnancy, cancer, liver damage, immunosuppression, thyroid effects, and other effects.

PERFLUOROOCTANOIC ACID (PFOA) – An ingredient for several industrial applications including carpeting, upholstery, apparel, floor wax, textiles, sealants, food packaging, and cookware (Teflon).

PERFLUOROOCTANESULFONIC ACID (PFOS) – A key ingredient in Scotchgard, a fabric protector made by 3M, and used in numerous stain repellents.

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.

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.

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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. OCSD's service area is in the Santa Ana River Watershed.