



# Orange County Sanitation District

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## Agenda Report

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**SUBJECT:**

**RESOLUTION GRANTING EMERGENCY POWER TO THE GENERAL MANAGER IN THE EVENT THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY IS ENDANGERED DUE TO A DISRUPTION OF SEWER SERVICE**

**GENERAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Recommend to the Board of Directors to:

Adopt Resolution No. OCSD 20-01 entitled, "A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Orange County Sanitation District, Granting Emergency Power to the General Manager in the Event the Public Health and Safety is Endangered due to a disruption of Sewer Service; and repealing Resolution No. 75-160"; and

Instruct the General Manager to immediately notify the Board of Directors of any changes that are made to Board-approved policies and procedures or resolution, and to keep a running log of such changes.

**BACKGROUND**

The primary responsibility of the Orange County Sanitation District (Sanitation District) is to provide sewage collection, treatment, recycling, and disposal services for metropolitan Orange County serving a population of approximately 2.6 million people. The continued operation of the Sanitation District is essential to public health and safety. In the event of a National, State, or Local Emergency or Disaster, where disruption, or potential disruption, of Sanitation District services due to employee absences or other matters beyond the control of the Sanitation District, the General Manager must be authorized to declare an emergency status to mitigate danger to the public health and safety.

**RELEVANT STANDARDS**

- Commitment to safety & reducing risk in all operations
- Protect Orange County Sanitation District assets
- 24/7/365 treatment plant reliability

**PROBLEM**

The Resolution currently in effect is outdated and contains inaccurate information needed to

empower the General Manager in case of an emergency.

## **PROPOSED SOLUTION**

Adopt Resolution No. OCSD 20-01 which proposes to update the predated Resolution authorizing the General Manager to have full and complete authority to implement certain administrative duties during a declared emergency.

## **RAMIFICATIONS OF NOT TAKING ACTION**

The predated resolution will remain in effect which reflects outdated and inaccurate information.

## **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

This request complies with authority levels of the Sanitation District's Purchasing Ordinance.

## **ATTACHMENT**

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

- Resolution No. OCSD 20-01