



ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Agenda Report

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SUBJECT:

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS UPDATE FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2026

GENERAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend to the Board of Directors to:

Receive and file the Legislative Affairs Update for the month of June 2026.

BACKGROUND

The Orange County Sanitation District's (OC San) legislative affairs program includes advocating for policy and legislative priorities, sponsoring legislation (where appropriate), and seeking local, state, and federal funding for projects and programs.

RELEVANT STANDARDS

- Maintain influential legislative advocacy and a public outreach program
- Build brand, trust, and support with policy makers and community leaders
- Maintain collaborative and cooperative relationships with regulators, stakeholders, and neighboring communities

PROBLEM

Without ongoing legislative engagement, elected officials may not be aware of OC San's mission, programs, and projects, or how proposed legislation may impact OC San operations and infrastructure planning.

PROPOSED SOLUTION

Continue to work with Local, State, and Federal officials to advocate for OC San's interests and help identify, monitor, and respond to legislation and grant opportunities that benefit OC San, the wastewater industry, and the community. To strengthen relationship building efforts, OC San will continue to engage elected officials through facility tours, one-on-one meetings, and outreach trips to Washington D.C. and Sacramento.

RAMIFICATIONS OF NOT TAKING ACTION

If OC San does not actively engage with Local, State, and Federal elected officials, legislation could be enacted that adversely impacts OC San and the wastewater industry. Additionally, a lack of engagement may result in missed funding opportunities.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Activities in June:

- On June 12, staff participated in the California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA) State Legislative Committee to discuss proposed and current legislation, including potential impacts on OC San and other wastewater agencies.

Upcoming Activities in July:

- OC San staff, subject matter experts, and lobbyists have started the process of updating the 2027 OC San Legislative and Regulatory Plan and will continue throughout the next couple of months. The Plan is a guiding document that is presented annually to the Board of Directors for adoption. Staff will present a draft plan to the Administration Committee in October 2026.
- OC San staff and lobbyists will continue their work on the September 18 State of OC San luncheon event, which is slated to take place at OC San Headquarters. Invitations will go out in August.

PRIOR COMMITTEE/BOARD ACTIONS

N/A

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N/A

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

All items mentioned are included in OC San's FY 2026-27 Adopted Budget.

ATTACHMENT

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

- Federal Legislative Update
- Federal Matrix
- State Legislative Update
- State Matrix
- Local Legislative Update
- Presentation