

# ORANGE COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT

## BOARD MEMBER TALKING POINTS

April 2022

### **OC San is the First Public Sector Lab Accredited to Test Wastewater for PFAS**

OC San is the first municipal wastewater laboratory in the state of California accredited to test for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in wastewater and is one of only 10 labs in the state accredited to do so, the other nine are commercial labs. OC San is accredited by the California Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program and was also the first public agency to receive national accreditation through the National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program in 2017. As a wastewater agency, OC San is a passive recipient of PFAS. Through source control and laboratory testing, OC San will continue to monitor for PFAS, and help ensure that we continue to provide highly treated wastewater to the Groundwater Replenishment System.

### **OC Hosts Vendor Workshops to Engage Local Businesses**

The second of five vendor workshops is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, May 3. This is based on the Board's desire to promote OC San contract opportunities to local businesses. This virtual workshop will focus on maintenance services contracts. Three additional workshops are scheduled throughout the year, details can be found online at [www.ocsan.gov/DoingBusiness](http://www.ocsan.gov/DoingBusiness).

### **OC San Wastewater 101 – Citizens Academy Begins in May**

OC San has created a free virtual Citizens Academy to share with the public how over 180 million gallons of wastewater is collected, treated, disposed, and recycled daily in central and northwest Orange County. The first session begins on Thursday, May 12. Registration will be accepted through May 11. Details can be found on OC San's website at [www.ocsan.gov](http://www.ocsan.gov).

### **OC San Set to Begin Rate Study**

Every five years OC San conducts a rate study to determine customers' fair and equitable share of collection, treatment, and disposal costs, develop an accurate rate model, and establish a new five-year rate schedule which ensures full cost recovery.

The OC San Board of Directors just approved the 2022 rate study, which will be a comprehensive rate study on all fees and charges. The study will develop a wastewater cost of service and rate model for OC San covering a five-year period (Fiscal Years 2023/24 through 2027/28) for both on-going operations and planned capital improvements. OC San's current five-year rate schedule will end on June 30, 2023, the new rate schedule must be in effect by July 1, 2023.

### **OC San Sewer Construction**

Construction continues throughout our service area on various projects. Specific project updates can be found at:

- *Los Alamitos/Seal Beach/Rossmoor specific* – [www.ocsan.gov/LosAlamitos](http://www.ocsan.gov/LosAlamitos)
- *Anaheim/Buena Park specific* – [www.ocsan.gov/OrangeWestern](http://www.ocsan.gov/OrangeWestern)
- *Westminster specific* – [www.ocsan.gov/Westminster](http://www.ocsan.gov/Westminster)
- *Fountain Valley specific* – [www.ocsan.gov/Headquarters](http://www.ocsan.gov/Headquarters)

Question can be directed to the OC San Construction Hotline at 714.378.2965 or via email at [ConstructionHotline@ocsan.gov](mailto:ConstructionHotline@ocsan.gov).

