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### **OCSD Awarded Transparency Certificate of Excellence**

**Fountain Valley, CA** (February 23, 2017) – The Orange County Sanitation District (OCSD) received the District Transparency Certificate of Excellence by the Special District Leadership Foundation (SDLF) in recognition of its outstanding efforts to promote transparency and good governance.

“This award is a testament to Orange County Sanitation District’s commitment to open government,” said Greg Sebourn, OCSD Chairman. “The entire OCSD Board and staff is to be commended for their contributions that empower the public with information and facilitate engagement and oversight.”

SDLF is an independent, non-profit organization formed to promote good governance and best practices among California’s special districts through certification, accreditation, and other recognition programs.

In order to receive the award, OCSD demonstrated the completion of eight essential governance transparency requirements, including conducting ethics training for all board members, properly conducting open and public meetings, and filing financial transactions and compensation report to the State Controller in a timely manner. OCSD also fulfilled fifteen website requirements, including providing readily available information to the public, such as board agendas, past minutes, current district budget, and the most recent financial audit. Finally, OCSD demonstrated outreach to its constituents that engages the public in its governance and operations

For more information about the Orange County Sanitation District, please visit [www.ocsd.com](http://www.ocsd.com).

#### **About OCSD**

*OCSD is a public agency that provides wastewater collection, treatment, and recycling for approximately 2.6 million people in central and northwest Orange County. OCSD is a special district that is governed by a 25 member Board of Directors comprised of 20 cities, four special districts, and one representative from the Orange County Board of Supervisors. OCSD has two operating facilities that treat wastewater from residential, commercial and industrial sources.*

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