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April 14, 2021

Angela Ebiner
Policy Adviser
Office of Senator Alex Padilla
112 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Ms. Ebiner:

On behalf of myself, Vice Chairman John Withers and General Manager Jim Herberg, the Orange County Sanitation District (OC San) deeply appreciated the time you provided us to review our efforts to provide essential public health services to the more than two million citizens of Orange County, California. As one of the largest clean water agencies in the western United States, OC San is committed to ensuring the protection of our region's coastal waters to ensure a high quality of life and a robust economy. No less important is our role in helping to drought proof Orange County through the use of our highly treated water that is central to the operation of the world-renowned Groundwater Replenishment System.

In our conversation, I reviewed the critical role that clean water infrastructure serves to our community. We are hopeful that in the coming months as Congress considers policies to reinvest in our infrastructure that Senator Padilla will work to ensure that wastewater infrastructure is a core element of any national infrastructure policy. OC San is currently implementing a massive rehabilitation of its wastewater system. A strong and robust federal funding partnership would be extremely helpful in our effort to comply with federal water quality mandates and help provide affordable wastewater treatment services. To this end, if we can provide any additional assistance to you and Senator Padilla in the coming months, please let us know and we look forward to working with you and the Senator. Additionally, we would like to offer a virtual tour of our Treatment Plant No. 1 so that you can see firsthand the service we provide to the community.

Again, many thanks for the time to meet and review the important work that OC San is conducting to deliver an improved quality of life for our region.

Sincerely,

David John Shawver
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Mr. Colin Timmerman
Legislative Assistant
Office of Representative Young Kim
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Timmerman:

On behalf of myself, Vice Chairman John Withers and General Manager Jim Herberg, the Orange County Sanitation District (OC San) deeply appreciated the time you provided us to review our efforts to provide essential public health services to the more than two million citizens of Orange County, California. As one of the largest clean water agencies in the western United States, OC San is committed to ensuring the protection of our region’s coastal waters to ensure a high quality of life and a robust economy. No less important is our role in helping to drought proof Orange County with our highly treated water that is central to the operation of the world-renowned Groundwater Replenishment System.

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The Honorable Alan Lowenthal
U.S. House of Representatives
108 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Lowenthal:

On behalf of myself, Vice Chairman John Withers, Legislative and Public Affairs Committee Chair Jesus Silva and General Manager Jim Herberg, the Orange County Sanitation District (OC San) deeply appreciated the time you provided us to review our efforts to deliver essential public health services to the more than two million citizens of Orange County, California. As one of the largest clean water agencies in the western United States, OC San is committed to ensuring the protection of our region's coastal waters to ensure a high quality of life and a robust economy. No less important is our role in helping to drought proof Orange County with our highly treated water that is central to the operation of the world-renowned Groundwater Replenishment System.

In our conversation, I reviewed the critical role that clean water infrastructure serves to our community. We look forward to working with you to advance meaningful investments in our water infrastructure in the coming months as Congress considers the American Jobs Plan. OC San is currently implementing a massive rehabilitation of its wastewater system. A strong and robust federal funding partnership would be extremely helpful in our effort to comply with federal water quality mandates and help provide affordable wastewater treatment services.

We are very pleased to learn that your legislation to address plastic pollution, and specifically controlling the inappropriate flushing of wipes, has been introduced along with the Senate version. This is a significant matter for the efficient operation of our treatment works. We look forward to working with you on this legislation and would like to offer you and your staff a virtual tour of our Treatment Plant No. 1 in Fountain Valley.

Again, thank you for the time to meet and review the important work that OC San is conducting to deliver an improved quality of life for our region.

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The Honorable Mike Levin
1030 Longworth House Office Building
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Levin:

On behalf of myself, Vice Chairman John Withers and General Manager Jim Herberg, the Orange County Sanitation District (OC San) deeply appreciated the time you provided us to review our efforts to provide essential public health services to the more than two million citizens of Orange County, California. As the largest clean water agencies in the western United States, OC San is committed to ensuring the protection of our region's coastal waters to ensure a high quality of life and a robust economy. No less important is our role in helping to drought proof Orange County with our highly treated water that is central to the operation of the world-renowned Groundwater Replenishment System.

In our conversation, I reviewed the critical role that clean water infrastructure serves to our community. We look forward to working with you to advance meaningful investments in our water infrastructure and leveraging the embedded energy in the treatment process in the coming months. As Congress considers the American Jobs Plan and ways in which it could support OC San's needs. To this end, OC San is currently implementing a massive rehabilitation of its aging system. A strong and robust federal funding partnership would be extremely helpful in our effort to comply with federal water quality mandates and help provide affordable wastewater treatment services.

We look forward to working with you and would like to offer a virtual tour of our Treatment Plant No. 1 so that you can see firsthand the service we provide to the community. Again, many thanks for the time to meet and review the important work that OC San is conducting to deliver an improved quality of life for our region.

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Rishi Sahgal
 Legislative Assistant/Climate-Change Adviser
 Office of Senator Dianne Feinstein
 331 Hart Senate Office Building
 Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Sahgal:

On behalf of myself, Vice Chairman John Withers and General Manager Jim Herberg, the Orange County Sanitation District (OC San) deeply appreciated the time you provided us to review our efforts to provide essential public health services to the more than two million citizens of Orange County, California. As one of the largest clean water agencies in the western United States, OC San is committed to ensuring the protection of our region’s coastal waters to ensure a high quality of life and a robust economy. No less important is our role in helping to drought proof Orange County through the use of our highly treated water that is central to the operation of the world-renowned Groundwater Replenishment System.

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The Honorable Lou Correa
 U.S. House of Representatives
 2301 Rayburn House Office Building
 Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Correa:

On behalf of myself, Vice Chairman John Withers, Legislative and Public Affairs Committee Chair Jesus Silva and General Manager Jim Herberg, thank you for the opportunity to meet virtually to review the Orange County Sanitation District (OC San), federal priorities and the ongoing development of water infrastructure legislation to rebuild the U.S. economy and provide for new economic opportunities.

As we discussed, OC San is moving forward with an expansive capital improvement program. The goal of this program is to address our aging infrastructure and harden it from climate impacts such as sea level rise that increase the financial demands on maintaining nearly \$11 billion of OC San infrastructure.

As part of our federal agenda, we have submitted requests for assistance under the fiscal year 2022 appropriations Community Projects process to help fund the rehabilitation of our headworks facility that is critical to the successful operation of our overall treatment system. As you consider which projects to support, we would hope that you might work with Representative Michelle Steel to make a joint request for support of this important request that would facilitate our project’s completion and deliver cost-effective clean water services to our ratepayers.

Additionally, we would like to offer a virtual tour of our Treatment Plant No. 1 so that you and your staff can see firsthand the service we provide to the community. We are grateful for the leadership you have provided to Orange County and look forward to assisting you in your effort to secure passage of an infrastructure policy that will meet the future needs of our region and ensure a sustainable and growing economy protective of the environment.

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