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## **Orange County Sanitation District Announces New Director of Engineering**

**Fountain Valley, California** –The Orange County Sanitation District (OCSD) recently selected Kathy Millea, OCSD’s Planning Engineering Manager to serve as the new Director of Engineering. Millea started her career in the Operations and Maintenance Department at OCSD in 1995 but has spent most of her career in the Engineering Department.

Kathy has been instrumental in helping to improve OCSD over the years. She took the lead developing the construction standard specifications that we still use today and has managed several projects that have set OCSD apart. Kathy managed OCSD’s 20-Year CIP Master Plan which totaled \$5 billion. Among her achievements is the project management of a new \$200 million secondary treatment plant – an EPA Consent Decree project which was successfully completed ahead of schedule and on budget. At the time it was the largest facility of its kind in the United States and second in the world.

“I am very excited for this new opportunity. I have been with the Sanitation District for nearly 25 years working in both Operations and Maintenance and Engineering. Most recently, as the Planning Engineering Manager, I have learned a lot about the Sanitation District and what it takes to bring a project to fruition. As the Director of Engineering I look forward to using the skills I have gained throughout the years and to challenge myself and my team,” stated Millea.

As the Director of Engineering, Millea will manage the planning, design, construction, inspection, and electrical & control system elements of the Capital Improvement Program. She will also oversee the project management aspect of the entire program.

“Kathy was selected from a talented pool of candidates. As the new department head, I am confident she will continue to bring innovation and leadership to the department as she’s done for the past 20 plus years,” stated Jim Herberg, OCSD General Manager. “ She is an excellent choice and I look forward to having her as part of OCSD’s Executive Management team.”

Millea is a registered Civil Engineer in the State of California. She holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Civil Engineering from UC Irvine, and a Master’s Degree in Civil Engineering from California State University of Long Beach.

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**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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