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Orange County Sanitation District Approves Budget and Foregoes Rate Increase

Fountain Valley, California – The Orange County Sanitation District’s (OCSD; Sanitation District) Board of Directors voted to adopt the two-year budget and not raise the sewer fee for the upcoming year.

The new budget will support the Capital Improvement Program which is issuing over \$500 million in construction contracts over the next year and a half. These 37 construction projects are necessary for OCSD to meet its mission and will help support and enhance the local economy.

As OCSD enters year three of a five-year rate program, the OCSD Board of Directors and staff determined that, due to the financial impacts of COVID-19 on the Orange County community, it was best to forgo the scheduled 1.2 percent increase. The OCSD sewer fee for a single-family residence will remain \$339 per year, less than one dollar a day.

“The COVID-19 pandemic has created a very stressful and financially straining situation for Orange County, as members of this community we understand and empathize and want to provide some relief to our ratepayers. As an essential service, OCSD continues to meet the mission of protecting public health and the environment throughout this pandemic. This unexpected situation has created some operational and financial challenges, yet our fiscal stewardship over the years has allowed us to maintain our level of service and the ability to forego the rate increase for the coming year,” stated Board Chair, David Shawver.

For more information about the Orange County Sanitation District, please visit 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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