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March 9, 2020

The Honorable Randy Voepel
California State Assembly
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Assembly Concurrent Resolution 179 (Voepel) – Support [As Introduced]

Dear Assembly Member Voepel:

The Orange County Sanitation District (OCSD) is pleased to support Assembly Concurrent Resolution 179, which would establish Special Districts Week from May 17 to May 23, 2020. OCSD is a wastewater agency that services over 2 million people in North and Central Orange County. The services that OCSD provide are critical to public health, water quality, and water supply in the region. As a resource recovery agency, the work that OCSD does is fundamental to the water supply reliability and resiliency of the entire region.

Special districts are formed by communities to provide a needed service, overseen by a local board, and funded by local revenue. By focusing on one service, or a small suite of services, these public entities are able to perform efficient, effective, sustainable service delivery and infrastructure development, while maintaining local accountability.

Special districts date back to 1887 and have a long, rich history of providing benefits to their residents. They vary in size to best meet local needs, ranging from servicing multi-county regions and sometimes millions of residents, to small rural communities. As a representative of the special district community, we are pleased to support Assembly Concurrent Resolution 179.

The Orange County Sanitation District would like to thank the author for introducing this resolution recognizing and commending special districts for the important work that they do throughout California. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



David John Shawver
Board Chairman

CC: Anthony Tannehill, Legislative Representative, California Special Districts
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Orange County Legislative Delegation



Our Mission: To protect public health and the environment by providing effective wastewater collection, treatment, and recycling.