

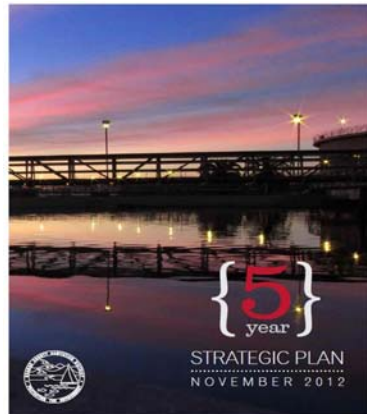


UPDATED "5-Year Strategic Plan"

At the Board Meeting on November 28, our Board of Directors approved the [FY 2013-14 Five-Year Strategic Plan](#) and the recommended changes to the Levels of Services.

In addition to our customary levels of services and goals, Biosolids-related changes include:

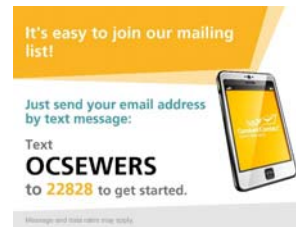
- *New Goal:*
 - Biosolids Recycling Policy - Assess and revise the 2006 Biosolids Board Resolution (Policy) to reflect recent developments, experiences, and circumstances concerning biosolids management. (*Targeted for completion in FY 12-13*)
- *Modification to Level of Service:*
 - Biosolids Recycling - Establish a new level of service target through 2017 of less than or equal to 100 tons per day to landfill.



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Gadzinski, Joscelynn

Plant Operator
Proud Employee
since 2008

Updated Biosolids Management System (BMS) Manual

OCSD's Biosolids Program has maintained **certification** with the National Biosolids Partnership since 2003.



The [BMS Manual](#) outlines our Biosolids Management System (BMS). It has been recently updated and posted on our biosolids site.

The third-party, independent auditor uses the manual, in part, to measure OCSD's system against the national standard.

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**OCSD Biosolids
Policy**

Management Program

Note that most of the links contained in the manual refer to *internal* OCSD network locations. Please contact *Rachel Van Exel* (rvanexel@ocsd.com or 714.593.7407) if you are interested in receiving referenced documents.

You can alternatively submit a Public Records Act Request.

Permanent Link to BMS Manual: www.ocsewers.com/bms

Rachel can also field any questions, comments, or suggestions for the manual.

OCSD strives to recycle its biosolids using sustainable options while protecting public health and the environment.

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Update: Where do our biosolids go?

OCSD staff are working through our internal management system requirements and coordinating logistics for an anticipated start-up of the Prima Deshecha landfill on January 21, 2013.

[MAP](#) of where our biosolids go.

[NEW VIDEO](#) describing the locations where we utilize our biosolids.



Biosolids Drivers Go Above and Beyond

Orange County Sanitation District is especially proud of our biosolids contract drivers and their positive involvement in our local communities. Every day they safely haul large trucks containing biosolids to their final destinations. This is not always an easy task, and so we appreciate their dedication and professionalism.

A Heroic Rescue

Recently one of our contractor's drivers (Tule Ranch's Chris McEwen), noticed a motorist was having a seizure. As the motorist's car was rolling through a red light into on-coming traffic, Chris quickly responded by going through the driver's window to put the car into park and turn off the ignition. Being a former EMT, Chris was able to stabilize the man until an ambulance arrived.

OCSD is very thankful for Chris' quick response and helpfulness.

Jenni's Biggest Fan

Oliver Fernandez has been hauling Orange County's biosolids for Tule Ranch for almost seven years.

After the recent tragic loss of death of Mexican-American singing superstar Jenni Rivera, a local news caught up with Oliver because he calls himself Jenni's No. 1 Fan.

(excerpt from KYMA News 11 story and video: <http://www.kyma.com/slp.php?idN=7744&cat=Local%20News>)

"I told her in my letters I was her number one fan," Oliver Fernandez said. "I really, really admire her, and it's really sad, this tragic accident."

Fernandez, who is a mariachi performer, said he first met Rivera's dad in 2007 in Yuma at a charity performance. It was then he shared with Mr. Rivera how big of a fan he was of Jenni.

He remembers one special moment when she called to thank him for fan mail.

"And then five months later [after sending her fan mail], I was driving here from LA, and she called me up and said, 'Hi, how are you doing, Oliver?' 'I'm doing good. Who's this?' 'Oh, it's Jenni.' Oh my gosh, I was really surprised," Fernandez said.

¡Viva de mariachi!

Thank you again to our drivers! OCSD is also proud of our biosolids recycling program and biosolids' positive effect on the crops and the environment.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

Thank you for your interest in Orange County Sanitation District's Biosolids Program. Please contact me if you have questions or suggestions on any aspect of our biosolids program, including what you would like to see in these periodic updates.

Thank you,
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