March 11, 2019

The Honorable Ken Cooley
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 3013
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Assembly Bill 510 (Cooley) – Support [As Introduced February 13, 2019]

Dear Assembly Member Cooley:

The Orange County Sanitation District (Sanitation District, OCSD) is pleased to support Assembly Bill (AB) 510, which allows public agencies to diligently manage their financial and equipment resources by setting their own records retention policies for recordings related to routine video monitoring, radios, and telephones.

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.

AB 510 modernizes the Government Code to allow local public agencies, including special districts, to adopt records retention policies designed for modern digital recording technologies, while ensuring the proper retention of any records in which an incident may have occurred. This change in law will allow agencies to retain important records while deleting useless ones, thus saving a significant amount of taxpayer dollars on unnecessary data storage costs.

AB 510 modernizes existing law to catch up with the technology of today and will allow flexibility for our district to adapt to future technological advances, allowing our district to diligently manage our financial and equipment resources by setting our own records retention policies based on the needs and the use of our cameras, radios, and telephones.

For these reasons, the Orange County Sanitation District is pleased to support Assembly Bill 510. Please contact Jennifer Cabral, OCSD’s Public Affairs Supervisor at 714.593.7581 or via email at jcabral@ocsd.com should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

David John Shawver
Board Chairman

cc: Dillon Gibbons, Senior Legislative Representative, California Special Districts Association

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