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The Honorable Brian Maienschein
California State Assembly
State Capitol Building, Room 4139
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Support AB 1933 (Maienschein) - Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund:
recycling infrastructure projects**

Dear Assembly Member Maienschein,

On behalf of the Orange County Sanitation District (Sanitation District), I am writing in support of Assembly Bill (AB) 1933 relating to waste diversion and recycling infrastructure.

The Sanitation District is a leader in wastewater including the processing of biosolids and other recyclable materials. This funding will be important to the Sanitation District as we work to further our goals of sustainable recycling. The recycling services that we provide the region are critical toward helping the State meet its organic recycling and greenhouse gas reduction benchmarks; however, further investment from the State is needed to expand existing infrastructures to meet the increase capacity demands on organics diversion and recycling.

AB 1933 authorizes the Legislature to appropriate up to \$200 million from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund in the annual Budget Act to the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle). If appropriated, this money will be used on organic waste and solid waste infrastructure projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

In addition to the authorization for appropriation, AB 1933 also states that if any additional funds will be appropriated from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to CalRecycle, they must be appropriated for the in-state development of infrastructure, food waste prevention, or other projects to reduce organic waste or process organic and other recyclable materials.

For these reasons, the Orange County Sanitation District supports AB 1933.

Sincerely,

Gregory C. Sebourn, PLS
Board Chairman

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