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Orange County Sanitation District Honored for Excellence in Watershed Stewardship

Fountain Valley, CA - The Orange County Sanitation District (OCSD) was honored today by several national water sector organizations through the Utility of the Future Recognition Program (UOTF). This program celebrates the achievements of water utilities that transform from the traditional wastewater treatment system to a resource recovery facility and leader in the overall sustainability and resilience of the communities they serve. The recognition program is a collaborative effort that includes the National Association of Clean Water Agencies, the Water Environment Federation, the Water Environment & Reuse Foundation, and the WateReuse Association with input from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Forty-three public and private utilities from across the U.S., Canada, and Europe were selected for recovering resources from wastewater, engaging with their community, forming unique partnerships, and building an internal culture of innovation.

“We are honored to be recognized for the innovations in watershed stewardship that allow us to protect the public health and the environment while providing a valuable resource. Initiatives such as our Dry Weather Urban Runoff Program that protects the beaches and the Groundwater Replenishment System that provides source water for the largest indirect potable reuse program in the world ensures our rate payers are getting top notch service while providing a tangible benefit beyond wastewater treatment,” said David Shawver, OCSD Board Chairman.

To learn more about the Utility of the Future Today Recognition Program, visit <https://www.wef.org/utility-of-the-future/>.

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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.