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**Date:** July 25, 2019

To: Responsible and Trustee Agencies and Interested Parties

Lead Agency: Orange County Sanitation District

Subject: Notice of Preparation of a Programmatic Environmental Impact Report and

Notice of Public Scoping Meeting for the Orange County Sanitation District

Orange County Sanitation District

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Facilities Master Plan, Project No. PS17-08

The Orange County Sanitation District (Sanitation District) is commencing preparation of a Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to evaluate the potential environmental impacts associated with implementation of its 2017 Wastewater Collection and Treatment Facilities Master Plan (FMP), which was updated in 2019 with additional projects. The purpose of this letter is (1) to serve as a Notice of Preparation (NOP) of an EIR pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), (2) to solicit comments and suggestions regarding the scope and content of the EIR to be prepared, and (3) to provide notice of a public scoping meeting.

The Sanitation District is proposing to implement its updated FMP, which will allow the Sanitation District to upgrade, replace, rehabilitate, and maintain existing facilities within the Sanitation District's wastewater collection and treatment system. The FMP identifies individual projects located throughout the Sanitation District's service area that would occur over the course of a 20-year planning period. Projects can be generally categorized into three categories: (1) projects occurring at Reclamation Plant No. 1 in Fountain Valley; (2) projects occurring at Treatment Plant No. 2 in Huntington Beach; and (3) projects involving pipelines and pump stations occurring throughout the Sanitation District's service area.

## Notice of Preparation of a Program EIR and Solicitation of Comments

In accordance with CEQA, the Sanitation District is circulating this NOP to notify interested parties that the Sanitation District has prepared an Initial Study and has independently determined that there are potentially significant impacts associated with its implementation, and that an EIR is required.

The plan description, location, and potential environmental effects are described in detail within the Initial Study, which is available at the Project's webpage: https://www.ocsd.com/about-us/transparency/eir-documents/-folder-927, and at the following locations:

Orange County Sanitation District, Administrative Office Building, Engineering Planning Department, 10844 Ellis Ave, Fountain Valley, CA 92708

Orange County Sanitation District, Treatment Plant No. 2, Ops Center, 22212 Brookhurst St, Huntington Beach, CA 92646 Huntington Beach Central Library, 7111 Talbert Ave, Huntington Beach, CA 92648

Huntington Beach Banning Library, 9281 Banning Ave, Huntington Beach, CA 92646

Fountain Valley Public Library, 17635 Los Alamos St, Fountain Valley, CA 92708 Seal Beach/Mary Wilson Library, 707 Electric Ave, Seal Beach, CA 90740

Newport Beach Public Library, 1000 Avocado Ave, Newport Beach, CA 92660

Costa Mesa/Donald Dungan Library, 1855 Park Ave, Costa Mesa, CA 92627



Fullerton Public Library, 353 W Commonwealth Ave, Fullerton, CA 92832

La Habra Library, 221 East La Habra Boulevard, La Habra, CA 90631

Anaheim Central Library, 500 Broadway, Anaheim, CA 92805 Orange Public Library, 407 E Chapman Ave, Orange, CA 92866

Westminster Library, 8180 13th St, Westminster, CA 92683

Santa Ana Public Library, 26 Civic Center Plaza, Santa Ana, CA 92701 Tustin Library, 345 East Main St, Tustin, CA 92780

Los Alamitos - Rossmoor Library, 12700 Montecito Rd, Seal Beach, CA 90740

Irvine/ University Park Library, 4512 Sandburg Way, Irvine, CA 92612

Buena Park Library, 7150 La Palma Ave, Buena Park, CA 90620

The Sanitation District is soliciting input from agencies and interested parties regarding the scope and content (i.e., issues to be analyzed) of the EIR. The review period for this NOP is from July 25, 2019 to August 23, 2019. We request that comments to this NOP be received no later than August 23, 2019 at 5:00 PM. Please include a return address and contact name with your comments and send them to the address shown below or email to CEQA@ocsd.com.

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## **Public Scoping Meeting**

The Sanitation District will also conduct two public scoping meetings to solicit comments regarding the scope and content of the EIR. At the public scoping meetings, a brief presentation and overview of the facilities proposed in the FMP will be provided. After the presentation, oral and written comments on the scope of the environmental issues to be addressed in the EIR will be accepted. Written comment forms will be made available for those who wish to submit comments in writing at the public scoping meeting or online during the time that the public meetings are held.

The public scoping meetings will be open to the public and will be held at the following locations:

August 12, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.
Orange County Sanitation District,
Reclamation Plant No. 1, Board Room,
Administrative Office Building 10844 Ellis
Ave., Fountain Valley, CA 92708

August 15, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.
Orange County Sanitation District, Treatment
Plant No. 2, P2 CM Conference Room #1
22212 Brookhurst St.,
Huntington Beach, CA 92646

If you cannot attend a scoping meeting in person, you may participate electronically via an online web portal located on the Project's webpage that will feature a video stream of the meeting and a comment window for electronic comments. You will be notified when the Notice of Availability of the Draft PEIR is published for public review.

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