



# ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

Orange County's Groundwater Authority

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## **THE ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT INVITES PUBLIC TO GET DRENCHED WITH WATER WISDOM**

**FOUNTAIN VALLEY, Calif.** – (Jan. 10, 2007) There is a looming global water crisis that could make water more precious than oil, land or money. In fact, 99 percent of chemical reactions in your body require water. These are just some of the interesting, yet informative facts that the public can soak up at the next free O.C. Water 101 class, hosted by the Orange County Water District (OCWD).

The OCWD offers its two-hour O.C. Water 101 class to teach Orange County residents about the scarcity and importance of one of our most precious resources — water. Many people forget that while we are in Southern California near the coast, we actually live in an arid region.

O.C. Water 101 covers water supply and future water reliability for Orange County. Attendees will learn how they can help conserve water, and what local water experts are doing to ensure water quality and reliability. In addition, the class addresses key water issues affecting our water supplies from a global, national and local perspective. The class also will cover how OCWD is pioneering water purification technology locally while serving as an international model for water reuse and sustainability.

During the class, attendees will learn how and why OCWD is building the world's largest and most advanced water purification facility. Attendees also will learn about the technology OCWD uses to purify Orange County water, including reverse osmosis, microfiltration and ultraviolet light. The classes are intended for adults and are offered at no cost, however, reservations are required.

O.C. Water 101 is held once a quarter and by special request at OCWD's office located at 10500 Ellis Ave. (at the corner of Ellis and Ward) in Fountain Valley. OCWD is now accepting reservations for the next class on Wednesday, January 24, from 6 to 8 p.m. O.C. Water 101 also is offered to junior college and university classes and to community groups with 25 or more attendees. To make a reservation or to obtain more information, call (714) 378-3206 or visit [www.ocwd.com](http://www.ocwd.com).

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*Orange County Water District (OCWD) manages the large groundwater basin that underlies north-central Orange County that provides most of the water for 2.3 million citizens. The District is committed to enhancing Orange County's groundwater quality and reliability in an environmentally friendly manner. OCWD is a special district, separate from the County of Orange, that supplies water to retailers in the cities of Anaheim, Buena Park, Cypress, Costa Mesa, Fountain Valley, Fullerton, Garden Grove, Huntington Beach, Irvine, La Palma, Los Alamitos, Newport Beach, Orange, Placentia, Santa Ana, Seal Beach, Stanton, Tustin, Villa Park, Westminster and Yorba Linda. For more information about the Orange County Water District, visit [www.ocwd.com](http://www.ocwd.com) on the Internet.*