



ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

Orange County's Groundwater Authority

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MEDIA ALERT

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**ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT SET TO BREAK GROUND ON \$22 MILLION
ADVANCED WATER QUALITY ASSURANCE LABORATORY**

New Sustainable Laboratory Will Conduct 350,000 Water Analyses Each Year

WHEN: 10 a.m., Thursday, August 2, 2007

WHERE: Orange County Water District (OCWD)
18700 Ward St.
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

WHAT: Groundbreaking ceremony for OCWD's new sustainable Advanced Water Quality Assurance Laboratory. Construction of the laboratory will begin this August with a completion date set for early 2009.

WHO: - Phil Anthony, President, OCWD Board of Directors
- John Collins, Mayor Pro Tem, Fountain Valley

WHY: OCWD's new Advanced Water Quality Assurance Laboratory will house the equipment and personnel needed to test and ensure the quality of groundwater and water produced by the new Groundwater Replenishment System. Groundwater provides 60-75 percent of the water needed for more than 2.3 million water users in north-central Orange County.

The new laboratory will incorporate green building practices like use of locally manufactured materials with recycled components and low emissions of volatile organic compounds, recycled water for onsite landscape irrigation and use of highly energy efficient heating, ventilating and air conditioning equipment.

The two-story steel framed building will house approximately 30 chemists and lab technicians, 10 water quality monitoring personnel and all the equipment needed to do more than 350,000 analyses of approximately 18,000 water samples taken each year.