



ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

Orange County's Groundwater Authority

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THE ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT RECEIVES PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD FROM INSURANCE AUTHORITY

FOUNTAIN VALLEY, Calif. – (Feb. 6, 2007) The Orange County Water District (OCWD) recently announced an impressive accomplishment – low ratios of paid claims and case reserves versus deposit premiums in the liabilities program four years consecutively. Reporting a low number of worksite injuries in relation to number of employees allows OCWD to continue to enjoy lower insurance deposit premiums. Additionally, maintaining a positive record solidifies OCWD's position as one of the select agencies recognized for having a low number of incidents - only agencies with a loss ratio below 20 percent were given the notable President's Award.

Receiving the award for the fourth time is evidence of a concentrated team effort by the OCWD department of Risk and Safety, employees and supervisors who strive to maintain a safe work environment. The recognition of this accomplishment comes from the Association of California Water Agencies Joint Powers Insurance Authority (ACWA/JPIA), the organization that administers the self-insured group of 154 California water agencies.

Employing close to 200, OCWD is one of the largest agencies that participates in the ACWA/JPIA group insurance program. OCWD's department of Risk and Safety ensures a nearly risk-free work environment through ongoing safety education and risk analysis programs for employees. OCWD employees are engaged in diverse tasks ranging from administrative, environmental reconstruction and engineering design to working with heavy equipment and machinery. Continuing to maintain a low ratio of insurance claims is challenging given the size of the District's staff. Receiving the ACWA/JPIA President's Award is a significant accomplishment for OCWD and its staff.

For more information about OCWD, visit www.ocwd.com on the Internet.

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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 on the Internet.