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ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
ORANGE COUNTY'S GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY

CONSTRUCTION ALERT

May 2022

Dear Neighbor,

The Orange County Water District (OCWD) manages the groundwater basin underlying north and central Orange County that provides 77% of the water supply to 2.5 million people. OCWD and the 19 local water suppliers it serves, such as the City of Santa Ana, **provide safe and dependable drinking water that continually meets all state and federal standards.** Groundwater used by Santa Ana, as well as ten other neighboring Orange County water suppliers, has been impacted by perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS), which are chemicals prevalent in the environment and were once commonly used in many consumer products. They are part of a larger group referred to as per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). Despite playing no role in releasing PFAS into the environment, water suppliers must find ways to remove it from groundwater.

OCWD and Santa Ana are working together to rapidly implement a treatment system to get groundwater supplies back online as soon as possible, maintaining the safe, high quality water that Santa Ana is committed to providing.

As such, OCWD will soon begin construction on a series of treatment facilities to treat PFAS at four wells in Santa Ana. The first facility will be constructed at Mabury Park. Construction is anticipated to begin in early May 2022, lasting approximately eight months. Construction hours are Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. – 5 p.m. with no work on holidays. OCWD is committed to completing this project as quickly as possible. This timeframe could change due to inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances.

OCWD's construction management team will work closely with the City of Santa Ana and monitor construction activities to minimize impacts to the community as much as possible. However, you may notice an increase in noise, dust and construction equipment. OCWD has obtained all necessary permits and approvals for this project and is complying with applicable ordinances. For your safety, please keep away from construction equipment and obey all local laws and ordinances.

Thank you for your patience as we work to ensure a continued safe and reliable water supply. For more information or project updates, please call the OCWD Construction Hotline at (714) 378-8244, email info@ocwd.com, visit www.ocwd.com/news-events/construction-updates, or follow us on Twitter @ocwdwaternews. We invite you to learn more about PFAS by reading the enclosed fact sheet and visiting www.ocwd.com/what-we-do/water-quality/pfoapfos/.

Sincerely,

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