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## Orange County Water District Commends Grand Jury Recommendation for One Wholesale Water Agency to Lead County with One Voice

**FOUNTAIN VALLEY, Calif.** (June 22, 2022) – The Orange County Water District (OCWD; the District) supports the findings of an Orange County Grand Jury report released today calling for one agency to lead and represent all aspects of wholesale water operations in the county.

The report, titled *Water in Orange County Needs "One Voice,"* states "all sources of water are interconnected and would be best administered by one governmental entity."

The Grand Jury found that the creation of a single Orange County wholesale agency would be most effective in coordinating imported and local groundwater supplies, improve obtaining state and federal funding for local projects, increase Orange County's political influence on water issues, improve organizational efficiencies, and provide a reduction in overall operating costs.

"With the drought and dwindling water supply the Grand Jury Report accentuates that Orange County needs to have one voice to regional, state and federal lawmakers on critical water supply issues and regulations," said OCWD President Steve Sheldon. "To implement the Grand Jury's report OCWD will meet with water managers countywide to discuss an inclusive and open process to create a unified, strong voice for Orange County."

The [full report](#) is available on the Grand Jury's website.

### About Orange County Water District

The Orange County Water District is committed to enhancing Orange County's groundwater quality and reliability in an environmentally friendly and economical manner. The following cities rely on the groundwater basin, managed by OCWD, to provide 77% of their water demands: Anaheim, Buena Park, Costa Mesa, Cypress, 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 OCWD, please visit [www.ocwd.com](http://www.ocwd.com), like @OCWaterDistrict on Facebook, follow @OCWDWaterNews on Twitter, follow @OCWD on Instagram, and follow Orange County Water District on LinkedIn.

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