

Dear Community Stakeholder,

The Orange County Water District's (OCWD; the District) focus on water quality and being a steward of the Orange County Groundwater Basin means that it must develop plans and secure funding needed to cleanup areas of the basin that have been contaminated by past industrial activities.

Consistent with the District's updated Groundwater Quality Protection Policy, adopted in August 2014, OCWD is following the National Contingency Plan (NCP) process with the objective of developing a remedial plan to prevent further migration of contaminants in the basin. The NCP process includes collaboration with state and federal regulators and potentially responsible parties. Updates on these efforts have been provided regularly at agendaized OCWD Board of Directors' (the Board) meetings and before OCWD's Groundwater Producers (agencies and cities that pump water from the groundwater basin).

Keeping with our commitment to being transparent, we wanted to inform you that the Board will review and consider taking action on the following matters at its June 15 meeting at 5:30 p.m.:

- Authorize the OCWD General Manager to negotiate the final terms of the USEPA Administrative Settlement Agreement for North Basin and execute, subject to approval as to form by legal counsel, committing the District to perform the Remedial Investigation & Feasibility Study (RI/FS) Statement of Work under Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) oversight; and
- Authorize the OCWD General Manager to negotiate and execute Agreements with environmental consulting firms for an amount not to exceed \$750,000 (50% of \$1,500,000) for the performance of a Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS) at the North Basin, with the balance being paid by cooperative potentially responsible parties; and
- Authorize the OCWD General Manager to finalize and execute Agreement with the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) for reimbursement of DTSC's costs in an amount not to exceed \$75,000 to review documents submitted by the District as part of the South Basin remedial investigation/feasibility study program; and
- Authorize execution of Agreement with the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) for reimbursement of RWQCB's costs in an amount not to exceed \$120,000 to review documents submitted by the District as part of the South Basin remedial investigation/feasibility study program.

In addition, the Board will discuss confidential legal matters related to MTBE cleanup efforts during closed session.

The June 15 meeting will take place at OCWD, located at 18700 Ward Street in Fountain Valley. The meeting agenda and supporting materials are available at <http://www.ocwd.com/how-we-work/>

At this meeting, there will be an opportunity for public comments. Questions and comments may also be emailed to info@ocwd.com

An update will be emailed shortly after the June 15 meeting.

Sincerely,
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