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ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

Orange County's Groundwater Authority

August 2, 2017

Dear Neighbor:

The Orange County Water District (OCWD; the District) manages the Orange County Groundwater Basin underlying north and central Orange County that provides 75 percent of the water supply to 2.4 million people. To replenish the Basin, OCWD maintains one of the most advanced aquifer recharge systems, which includes numerous recharge basins (artificial lakes), injection wells, and related structures and equipment.

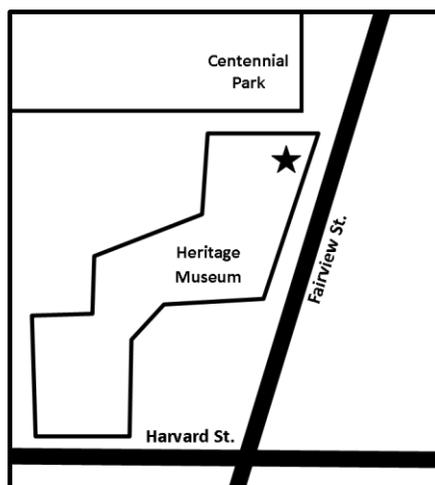
The District began the multi-year Mid Basin Centennial Park Injection Well Project in 2011 and will soon begin construction activities in your area. The wells will inject purified water from the Groundwater Replenishment System (www.ocwd.com/gwrs) into the principal aquifer and provide an additional source of water to replenish the Basin. The project involves constructing four injection wells at Centennial Park and two monitoring wells at the Heritage Museum in the city of Santa Ana. Once complete, the project will provide up to 12 million gallons per day of groundwater recharge; enough water for 102,000 people.

Construction of the first monitoring well at the Heritage Museum (*see map below*) will begin in mid-August and last approximately three months. In order to protect the integrity of the well, 24-hour drilling is required. Noise reducing panels will be positioned around the well site to minimize sound. While we are working to minimize impacts to the community as much as possible, you may notice an increase in noise, dust, light, and vibration during this timeframe. All construction activities will take place in or immediately adjacent to the Heritage Museum property. The museum will remain open during construction and parking will not be impacted. In addition, Fairview Street will remain open at all times.

OCWD is committed to completing this project as quickly as possible. However, this timeframe could change due to inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances. We apologize for this temporary inconvenience and appreciate your patience. Thank you for your cooperation in helping OCWD maintain the infrastructure needed to maintain the region's water supply. For more information, to view a project fact sheet, community presentations or project updates, please call the OCWD Construction Hotline at (714) 378-8244, email info@ocwd.com, or visit <http://www.ocwd.com/news-events/construction-updates>. Si tiene preguntas en Español, favor de llamar a (714) 378-8244.

Sincerely,

Crystal Nettles
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Orange County Water District



Map not to scale

