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ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

Orange County's Groundwater Authority

August 30, 2017

Dear Neighbor,

The Orange County Water District (OCWD; the District) manages and protects the groundwater basin underlying north and central Orange County that provides 75 percent of the water supply to 2.4 million people. Through a proactive groundwater monitoring program, it protects the high-quality of water in the basin and identifies potential threats.

OCWD will soon begin the North Basin Remedial Investigation. This project seeks to protect groundwater near the cities of Anaheim, Fullerton and Placentia through the installation of 13 monitoring wells at seven locations (Figure 1; on back). The monitoring wells will allow for soil testing, water sampling and mapping of subsurface contamination. The goal is to establish an area-wide groundwater remediation plan for the aquifers in that area that have been affected by decades-old manufacturing practices.

Starting on or about September 15, OCWD will be working in your neighborhood. One monitoring well will be installed in the cul-de-sac of West Houston Avenue (Figure 2; on back). Construction activities will take place from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, and last approximately three weeks. Emergency gate access will remain available, however, street parking will be unavailable around the project site. OCWD has secured all necessary City encroachment permits and will comply with City of Fullerton ordinances. While we are working to minimize impacts to the community as much as possible, please expect noise and vibrations during this timeframe. Twelve-foot-high sound walls will be installed to help minimize construction noise. For safety purposes, avoid all construction areas and equipment.

Please be assured that your water is safe to drink and that OCWD is committed to working with the community to solve threats to groundwater. The District implements a comprehensive water quality monitoring and testing program, testing for more than 500 compounds, many more than required by state and federal laws and regulations. It tests water from approximately 1,500 locations throughout the basin, analyzes more than 20,000 samples each year and reports more than 400,000 results. Together, we can ensure a clean and reliable water supply. OCWD will continue to participate in a multipart cleanup strategy, including legal remedies, if necessary, to protect residents and businesses from full exposure to paying for the cleanup and to protect long-term property values.

We apologize for the temporary inconvenience this project may cause and thank you for your patience. For more information 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>. For information about the overall North Basin Groundwater Protection Project, please refer to the enclosed fact sheet or visit <https://www.ocwd.com/what-we-do/water-quality/groundwater-cleanup/north-basin>. Si tiene preguntas en Español, favor de llamar a (714) 378-8244.

Sincerely,

Crystal Nettles
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Orange County Water District

FIGURE 1

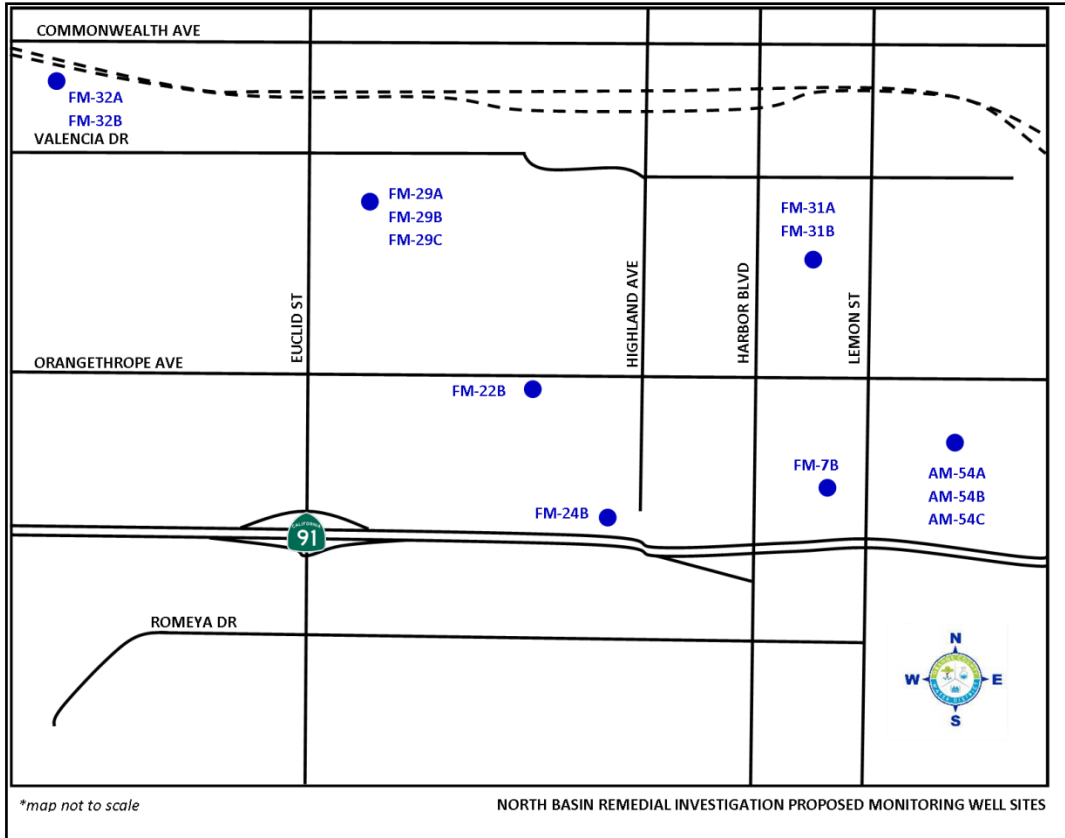


FIGURE 2

