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ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
Orange County's Groundwater Authority

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Dear Neighbor,

Formed in 1933, the Orange County Water District (OCWD; the District) manages and protects the Orange County Groundwater Basin, from which 19 north and central Orange County cities and water agencies draw approximately 75 percent of their water supply, serving more than 2.5 million people. OCWD ensures the water it provides is safe to drink and meets or exceeds state and federal drinking water standards. Through a proactive groundwater monitoring and surface water program it protects the high-quality of water in the basin and identifies potential threats.

OCWD will soon continue work on its **North Basin Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study**. This project seeks to protect groundwater near the cities of Anaheim and Fullerton. The project's goal is to establish an area-wide cleanup plan for the shallow aquifer that has been affected by decades-old manufacturing practices. The upcoming phase of the project will include the installation of 10 monitoring wells at six locations. The monitoring wells will allow for soil testing, water sampling and mapping of the underlying aquifers. A fact sheet is included with this letter for additional information.

Starting on or about October 22, OCWD will be working in your neighborhood. Two monitoring wells will be installed along Walnut Avenue, west of Acacia Avenue (see Figure 1). Construction activities will take place 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday and last approximately one month. Walnut Ave. will be reduced by one lane surrounding the well sites, and parking will be unavailable around the construction site. OCWD has secured all necessary encroachment permits and will comply with city of Fullerton ordinances.

The District is committed to completing this project as quickly as possible. However, this timeframe could change due to inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances. While we are working to minimize impacts to the community as much as possible, please expect noise and vibrations during this timeframe. A uniformed security officer will patrol the construction zone outside of working hours. For your safety, please avoid all construction areas and equipment and obey all local laws and ordinances.

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, protect ratepayers and protect long-term property values.

We apologize for the temporary inconvenience this project may cause and thank you for your patience. For more information, including project updates, please call the OCWD Construction Hotline at (714) 378-8244 or email info@ocwd.com. For additional project information, please visit our website, www.ocwd.com/news-events/construction-updates. For information about the overall North Basin Groundwater Protection Project, 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,



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FIGURE 1

