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## **AB 2560 - TRANSPARENCY IN WATER STANDARDS FOR CALIFORNIANS** **Orange County Water District supports bill**

**FOUNTAIN VALLEY, Calif.** (Oct. 1, 2020) – California Governor Gavin Newsom signed AB 2560 into law, a bill that establishes a transparent process for setting health-based advisory levels for drinking water contaminants before enforceable standards are established. Authored by Assembly Member Bill Quirk (D-Hayward), the Orange County Water District (OCWD; the District) was a bill co-sponsor.

The new law requires the State Water Resources Control Board (Water Board) to comply with specified public notice and comment procedures when establishing or revising Notification Levels (NLs) and Response Levels (RLs), except when the Water Board finds the potential for imminent harm to public health and safety. Previously, there was no public process for setting these health-based advisory levels and the decisions were made without input from the Water Board.

“We’re committed to providing safe, reliable drinking water for the 2.5 million people in our service area and we applaud Assembly Member Quirk’s leadership on AB 2560,” stated OCWD President Vicente Sarmiento. “Reasonable notice and transparency would help inform interested stakeholders and allow water systems affected by NL or RL changes to take appropriate measures to plan and prepare for implementation of such changes.”

AB 2560 co-authors include California Senator John Moorlach and Assembly Members Tom Daly, Cottie Petrie-Norris and Rebecca Bauer-Kahn. AB 2560 is also co-sponsored by the California Municipal Utilities Association. For more information regarding this new law, please visit California’s Legislative Information [website](#) and read Assembly Member Quirk’s [news release](#).

“AB 2560 supports water systems in our commitment to provide a safe and reliable water supply for today and for generations to come and we are thankful to all who helped lead and support this effort,” added Sarmiento.

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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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