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ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
ORANGE COUNTY'S GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY

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Dear Neighbor,

The Orange County Water District (OCWD; the District) manages the groundwater basin underlying north and central Orange County that provides 77 percent of the water supply to 2.5 million people. It owns and operates monitoring or extraction wells throughout the region, which measure groundwater levels and allow for the collection of water samples. The wells provide the District with valuable data to assess aquifer levels and to maintain a high-quality water supply.

OCWD will soon begin construction to finalize its Talbert Barrier Extraction Well Destruction Project. The project includes the abandonment of seven existing vaults from extraction wells that were decommissioned last February. One of the vaults is located on Atlanta Avenue at the Talbert Channel. The abandonment includes excavation, removal and capping of existing pipeline and site restoration. Work is anticipated to begin in early November and last approximately 2 months. Construction at each site is expected to last approximately 2 weeks. Anticipated construction hours are Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. – 5 p.m. with no work on holidays. OCWD is committed to completing this project as quickly as possible. However, this timeframe could change due to inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances.

Please expect the following near the project area:

- Intermittent lane and sidewalk closures
- An increase in noise, dust and construction equipment

OCWD's construction management team will closely monitor construction activities to minimize impacts to the community as much as possible. OCWD has obtained all necessary permits and approvals for this project and is complying with applicable ordinances. For your safety, please keep away from construction equipment and obey all local laws and ordinances.

Thank you for your patience as OCWD works to ensure a continued safe and reliable water supply. For more information or project updates, please call the OCWD Construction Hotline at (714) 378-8244, email info@ocwd.com, visit www.ocwd.com/news-events/construction-updates, or follow us on Twitter @ocwdwaternews. Si tiene preguntas en Español, favor de llamar a (714) 378-8244.

Sincerely,

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