

March 4, 2026

The Honorable Young Kim
United States House of Representatives
1306 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: Orange County Water District's PFAS Cleanup Projects - Support

Dear Representative Kim: *Young,*

I write to express strong support for the Orange County Water District's (OCWD) application for \$4 million in Community Project Funding to address PFAS contamination in the Orange County Groundwater Basin. We also appreciate your leadership and continued support for OCWD's efforts to remediate PFAS contamination. Your work to secure federal assistance through three previous funding packages has been instrumental in advancing cleanup efforts and protecting the region's groundwater supply.

As you know, the basin is the foundation of the region's water supply, providing 85% of the water for 2.5 million residents. Despite having no role in the contamination, OCWD faces an estimated \$1.8 billion in costs over the next 30 years to address PFAS, including expenses for replacement water, capital investments, and ongoing treatment.

This funding of \$4 million would support the restoration of two wells in the D-40 area located in the City of Orange that are critical to maintaining the continued purification of this vital water source (see enclosed map). Currently, PFAS contamination affects 15 water agencies within OCWD's service area, including disadvantaged communities representing approximately 500,000 residents. While initial state regulations affected 62 of the basin's 200 wells, OCWD's proactive efforts have restored 53 wells to service. However, with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's finalized regulations for PFOA and PFOS, an estimated 44 additional wells will require treatment, further underscoring the urgency for continued federal support.

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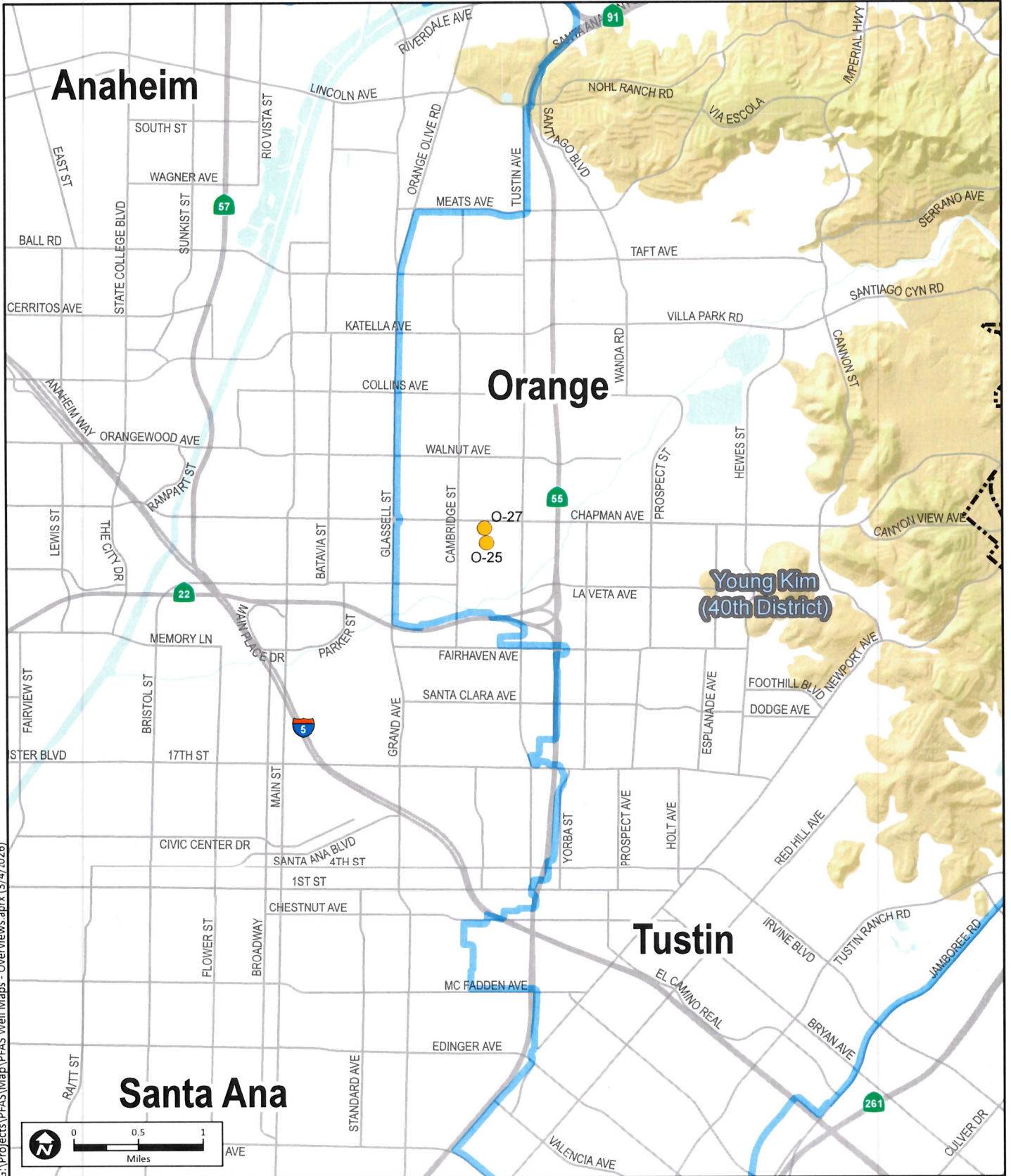
Thank you again for your support of our mission to help ensure safe, reliable, and affordable drinking water supplies for the community. If you have any questions, please contact me or Alicia Harasty, Legislative Affairs Liaison, at (714) 477-3750 or aharasty@ocwd.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Denis R. Bilodeau".

Denis R. Bilodeau, P.E.
President

Enclosure: Wells needing PFAS treatment in D-40



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- Young Kim (40th District)
- Well Needing PFAS Treatment

O-25 - APN# 390-463-07 (1130 Almond Street, Orange, CA 92868)
 O-27 - APN# 390-453-07 (140 Jameson Street, Orange, CA 92868)

City of Orange
 PFAS Systems in Design
 Regional Map



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I urge you to support OCWD's funding request. Your advocacy is essential in protecting public health, ensuring water security, and alleviating the financial burden on millions in Orange County. Thank you for your leadership and attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

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Donald P. Wagner
Supervisor, Orange County Third District



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Sincerely,

Doug Chaffee
Chair, Orange County Board of Supervisors
Supervisor, Orange County Fourth District



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RE: Orange County Water District's PFAS Cleanup Projects – Support

Dear Representative Kim,

I write to express strong support for the Orange County Water District's application for \$4 million in Community Project Funding to address PFAS contamination in the Orange County Groundwater Basin. This basin provides roughly 85% of the drinking water for 2.5 million residents, including communities in the Second District such as Santa Ana, Anaheim, Garden Grove, Orange, and Tustin.

Although not responsible for the contamination, the District faces an estimated \$1.8 billion in costs over 30 years for replacement water, capital improvements, and ongoing treatment. PFAS currently affects 15 local water agencies, including disadvantaged communities in Santa Ana and nearby areas.

The funding would help restore two critical wells essential to maintaining groundwater availability and purification. While the District has successfully restored 53 wells, upcoming federal PFAS regulations will require treatment of an additional 44 wells, further increasing costs and urgency.

The Orange County Water District has shown strong leadership through one of the nation's largest PFAS pilot programs and by covering design, construction, and substantial operational costs for treatment facilities, placing considerable financial strain on the District and its ratepayers. I urge you to support this funding to protect public health, ensure water reliability for my constituents, and strengthen long-term water security for millions of residents.

Thank you for your leadership and attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

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Vicente Sarmiento
Supervisor, Second District
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March 2nd, 2026

The Honorable Young Kim
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Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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Kelly Seyarto
State Senator, 32nd District

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Sincerely,

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Senator Tony Strickland
36th Senate District
California State Senate

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March 3, 2026

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RE: Orange County Water District, PFAS Cleanup Projects, FY 2027 Community Project Funding Request

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Thank you for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,

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Cottie Petrie-Norris
Assemblymember, 73rd District

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March 6, 2026

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RE: Orange County Water District's PFAS Cleanup Projects - Support

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Sincerely,

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Diane B. Dixon
Assemblymember, 72nd District

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March 3, 2026

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Subject: Support for Orange County Water District's PFAS Cleanup Project Funding Request

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Sincerely,

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Kate Sanchez
Assemblymember 71st District

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Assemblyman Phillip Chen
District 59

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TRI TA
Assemblyman, 70th District