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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% of the water supply to 2.5 million people. OCWD and the 19 local water suppliers it serves, including Golden State Water Company (GSWC), provide safe and dependable drinking water that continually meets all state and federal standards. Groundwater used by Golden State Water Company as well as nine other neighboring Orange County water suppliers, have been impacted by perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS), which are chemicals that are prevalent in the environment and were once commonly used in many consumer products. They are part of a larger group referred to as per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). Despite playing no role in releasing PFAS into the environment, water suppliers must find ways to remove it from groundwater. OCWD and Golden State Water Company are working together to rapidly implement a treatment system to get groundwater supplies back online as soon as possible.

As such, OCWD will soon begin construction on a treatment facility to treat PFAS at two GSWC wells located on Fairhaven Ave. between Ponderosa St. and the 55 freeway. Construction is anticipated to begin as early as late August 2022, lasting approximately eight months. 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 and getting these two wells back online. However, this timeframe could change due to inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances.

OCWD's construction management team will work closely with Golden State Water Company and will monitor construction activities to minimize impacts to the community as much as possible. However, you may notice an increase in noise, dust and construction equipment. 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 and GSWC work together 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. We invite you to learn more about PFAS by reading the enclosed fact sheet and visiting www.ocwd.com/what-we-do/water-quality/pfoapfos/.

Sincerely,

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