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ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
ORANGE COUNTY'S GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY

# CONSTRUCTION NOTICE

Dear Neighbor,

The Orange County Water District (OCWD) manages the groundwater basin underlying north and central Orange County. OCWD and the 19 local water suppliers it serves, such as the East Orange County Water District (EOCWD), provide safe and dependable drinking water that meets all state and federal standards.

**OCWD will soon begin construction on a groundwater treatment facility at 210 McPherson Rd. for EOCWD. Construction is anticipated to begin in mid-February, lasting approximately nine months. Construction hours are scheduled Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. – 4 p.m. OCWD is committed to completing this project as quickly as possible. However, this timeframe could change due to inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances.**

Groundwater used by EOCWD as well as ten other neighboring Orange County water suppliers have been impacted by perfluorooctanoic acid and perfluorooctane sulfonate, which are per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) that are prevalent in the environment and were once commonly used in many consumer products. Despite playing no role in releasing PFAS into the environment, water suppliers must find ways to remove it from groundwater. EOCWD's wells have been out of service since spring of 2019 and EOCWD and OCWD are promptly addressing this issue by working to rapidly implement a treatment system to remove these compounds.

OCWD's construction management team will work closely with District staff and monitor construction activities to minimize impacts to the community as much as possible. However, you may notice a temporary 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 the East Orange County Water District work 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 or email [info@ocwd.com](mailto:info@ocwd.com). 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/](http://www.ocwd.com/what-we-do/water-quality/pfoapfos/).

Sincerely,

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