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The Hon. Cathy Green- President
Orange County Water District
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Dear President Green,

I regret that a previous engagement prevents me from addressing your board in person tonight, but Item #10 on your agenda (OCSD Service Area 7) is of particular interest to me both as a Director of the Orange County Sanitation District (OCSD) as well as the Mayor of Orange.

I strongly encourage the Orange County Water District (OCWD) Board of Directors to support the Orange County Sanitation District, the City of Orange, the City of Tustin and the Foothill Communities Association in its support of the East Orange County Water District (EOCWD) application that is before the Orange County Local Agency Formation Committee (OC LAFCO).

The East Orange County Water District has developed a fiscally responsible approach to the sewer management services for Service Area 7 and has the concurrence and support of the OCSD board and staff that operates that sewer system today. It is critical to OCSD and OCWD that the sewer flows that feed the Groundwater Replenishment System (GWRS) are maximized. If EOCWD's application is approved by OC LAFCO, the sewer water from Service Area 7 will continue to flow to OCSD and feed GWRS.

If LAFCO approves the expansion of Irvine Ranch Water District's (IRWD) borders into Tustin and East Orange, OCSD and OCWD may face challenges in the future should the IRWD board decide to use the sewer flows from the pipes they control to feed their own sewer reclamation system.

I encourage OCWD to support local control, support the OCSD Board's policy decision and support fiscal responsibility by sending a letter of support on behalf of EOCWD's application to LAFCO. Thank you very much for your serious consideration.

Sincerely,

Teresa "Tita" Smith
Mayor Of Orange

*Thank you so much
for your time and
expertise!*

cc: Orange County Water District Board of Directors
Mr. Mike Markus, General Manager