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## ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT WINS ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES REGION 10 OUTREACH AWARD

**FOUNTAIN VALLEY, Calif.** (Dec. 4, 2020) – The Orange County Water District (OCWD; the District) was recognized by the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) as the Region 10 winner of the 2020 Outreach Recognition Award for outstanding efforts in helping ACWA accomplish its legislative goals. The award was presented during this week’s ACWA 2020 Fall Virtual Conference & Exhibition.

“OCWD’s mission to provide a reliable, high-quality water supply to the 2.5 million people in our service area is at the forefront of everything we do,” said OCWD President Vicente Sarmiento. “We’re honored to be recognized for our legislative efforts that seek to advance local, state and federal policies that support a safe and sustainable water supply for our constituents.”

OCWD won this year’s prestigious award for its robust interactions with state and federal elected officials and agencies, engaging them in topics of interest to the District and water industry which align with ACWA’s policy principals, including sustaining groundwater resources, delivering safe drinking water and creating a resilient water supply.

Each year, ACWA recognizes the most active member agency in each of its 10 regions. OCWD belongs to ACWA Region 10, which covers 44 water agencies in Orange and San Diego counties.

“Congratulations to all outreach award winners and a tremendous thank you to ACWA for its leadership and for this special recognition,” added Sarmiento. “We’re honored to be a part of an industry that is steadfast in its commitment to work together to advance California’s water management to support our communities and our economy.”

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***About OCWD***

The Orange County Water District is committed to enhancing Orange County's groundwater quality and reliability in an environmentally friendly and economical manner. The following cities rely on the groundwater basin, managed by OCWD, to provide 77% of their water demands: Anaheim, Buena Park, Costa Mesa, Cypress, Fountain Valley, Fullerton, Garden Grove, Huntington Beach, Irvine, La Palma, Los Alamitos, Newport Beach, Orange, Placentia, Santa Ana, Seal Beach, Stanton, Tustin, Villa Park, Westminster, and Yorba Linda. For more information about OCWD, please visit [www.ocwd.com](http://www.ocwd.com), like @OCWaterDistrict on Facebook, follow @OCWDWaterNews on Twitter, follow @OCWD on Instagram, and follow Orange County Water District on LinkedIn.

***About ACWA***

The Association of California Water Agencies is the largest statewide coalition of public water agencies in the country. Its 430 public agency members are collectively responsible for 90% of the water delivered to cities, farms and businesses in California. ACWA's mission is to help members promote the development, management and use of good quality water at the lowest practical cost and in an environmentally responsible manner. For more information, please visit [www.acwa.com](http://www.acwa.com).

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