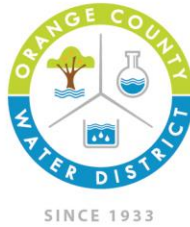


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PRESIDENT VICENTE SARMIENTO STATEMENT ON NOT RAISING WATER RATES

“The Orange County Water District supports the 19 water agencies we serve and the 2.5 million people who count on them for safe and reliable water.

“This is a challenging time for all of us. We understand that water providers must continue to deliver an essential service—your water—while also taking on the costs associated with the coronavirus crisis – like not turning off water due to unpaid bills and restoring service to those who already had their water turned off. It’s not easy, but water providers are stepping up and doing what needs to be done to keep us safe.

“That’s why the Orange County Water District’s board of directors voted unanimously not to raise our water rates this year. While costs have increased for us due to factors beyond this pandemic, we understand that we all must do our part to get through this time.

“We're here for you. We're in this together. And, as always, we will continue to make sure that high-quality, reliable water is delivered to your tap.”

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