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**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A
PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
FOR THE ORANGE COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT
FACILITIES MASTER PLAN**

Date: September 2, 2020
To: Responsible and Trustee Agencies and Interested Parties
Lead Agency: Orange County Sanitation District
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Subject: Notice of Availability of a Program Environmental Impact Report for the Orange County Sanitation District Facilities Master Plan

Notice is hereby given that the Orange County Sanitation District (Sanitation District) has completed the Draft program environmental impact report (PEIR) for the Facilities Master Plan (FMP), which is available for public review, pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, Section 15087, as described below.

Project Location: The FMP projects addressed in this PEIR are located at the Sanitation District's Reclamation Plant No. 1 in Fountain Valley and Treatment Plant No. 2 in Huntington Beach, as well as at various sites throughout the Sanitation District's service area, which covers approximately 480 square miles within the northwestern and central portions of Orange County. Project components are located at the sites of existing Sanitation District facilities, and work would primarily be limited to existing Sanitation District easements. Some construction activity and staging would occur outside Sanitation District easements, in the land use jurisdiction of the various municipalities listed in the PEIR and on unincorporated land within Orange County. An interactive web-accessible map viewer is available for interested parties to identify and locate FMP projects. This map viewer is available at <https://ims.dudek.com/ocsd>.

Project Description: In order to ensure that the Sanitation District can reliably and efficiently process and treat wastewater flows into the future, the Sanitation District is proposing to implement its updated FMP, which will allow the upgrade, replacement, rehabilitation, and maintenance of existing facilities within the wastewater collection and treatment system. The FMP identifies individual projects located throughout the Sanitation District's service area that would occur over the course of a 20-year planning period. Projects can be generally categorized into three categories: (1) projects occurring at Reclamation Plant No. 1 in Fountain Valley; (2) projects occurring at Treatment Plant No. 2 in Huntington Beach; and (3) projects involving pipelines and pump stations occurring throughout the Sanitation District's service area.

Significant Effects: Based on the analysis conducted within the Draft PEIR, the Sanitation District has determined that there would be significant and unavoidable transportation impacts related to vehicle miles traveled.

Hazardous Materials: The FMP contains one project site included on a Cortese List database pursuant to California Government Code Section 65962.5. Additionally, various projects identified in the FMP have been impacted or potentially impacted by Cortese List and non-Cortese List (e.g., conditionally closed leaking underground storage tank) contaminated sites. With implementation of mitigation measures, hazardous impacts would be reduced to a less-than-significant level.



Our Mission: To protect public health and the environment by providing effective wastewater collection, treatment, and recycling.



Public Review Period: The Sanitation District is making this Draft PEIR available for public review and comment for a 45-day period pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Sections 15087 and 15105. Your response must be received no later than October 16, 2020. All comments must be submitted in writing to the physical address and/or email address below. If you challenge the Sanitation District's action in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised in written correspondence delivered to the Sanitation District prior to the end of the review period. The public review period for the Draft PEIR is:

Starting Date: September 2, 2020

Ending Date: October 16, 2020

Responses and Comments: Please send your responses to:

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Document Availability: Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic and the closure of the Sanitation District's offices to the public, the Draft PEIR and all documents incorporated by reference are available for review in electronic format on the Sanitation District's website at www.ocsd.com or by contacting the Sanitation District staff identified above to schedule an appointment to review the documents at the address indicated.

Opportunity for Public Comment: The Sanitation District has scheduled a virtual public comment meeting for 5:00 p.m. on September 16, 2020. The virtual link will be made available at www.ocsd.com/. The meeting will include a brief overview of the project and a summary of the findings of the Draft PEIR.

A public hearing at which the Draft PEIR will be considered has not yet been scheduled. Once a public hearing has been scheduled, the agenda for the meeting will be posted on the Sanitation District's website at www.ocsd.com.

For questions regarding the proposed project, contact Kevin Hadden at 714.962.2411 or CEQA@ocsd.com.

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