



ORANGE COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT

We protect public health and the environment by providing effective wastewater collection, treatment, and recycling.

August 17, 2011

The Honorable Thomas J. Boris
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
700 Civic Center Drive West
Santa Ana, CA 92701

RE: Compensation Survey of Water and Sanitation Districts

In response to Grand Jury Foreman Jerry L. Powell's letter related to the Compensation Survey of Water and Sanitation Districts, the Orange County Sanitation District agrees wholeheartedly with the Grand Jury that transparency in government is crucial. We made a commitment over ten years ago to redesign our Website and make information readily available and easy to find for the public, regulators, and businesses. Since then we completed two additional website redesigns and will launch a new site soon which will incorporate social media tools to further broaden our reach.

For the past decade, you could find reports, studies, laboratory data, salaries, all agendas and minutes, annual reports and many other documents at www.ocsd.com. In addition, we have staff contact information in the website for the public to use to ask questions or seek assistance.

We also offer an "e-notify" system. By signing up, the public can be notified by email when new Board agendas, minutes, or other reports are posted. Over the past year, we extended our outreach with the use of Twitter, YouTube, and Facebook.

Finally, our community outreach program includes tours for the public. Over 2,000 people toured our plant this year alone, close to 14,000 during the past 10 years.

We are committed to transparent government. Our Board of Directors works in partnership with our staff to ensure we are open, honest, and available to the public we serve.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to your report.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

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