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**The Orange County Sanitation District Receives The Transparency
Certificate of Excellence**

Fountain Valley, California — The Orange County Sanitation District (OC San) recently received the esteemed District Transparency Certificate of Excellence by the Special District Leadership Foundation (SDLF) in recognition of our efforts to promote transparency and good governance. SDLF is an independent, non-profit organization formed to promote good governance and best practices among California’s special districts through certification, accreditation, and other recognition programs.

“This award is a testament to OC San’s commitment to transparency,” said, John Withers, OC San Board Chairman. “As public servants it is our agency’s continual goal to empower the public with information and facilitate engagement and oversight.”

“To receive the award, OC San completed various essential transparency requirements including conducting ethics training for all board members, properly conducting open and public meetings, and filing financial transactions and compensation reports to the State Controller in a timely manner,” stated Neil McCormick, Chief Executive Officer for the California Special Districts Association.

OC San is a special district. Special districts are independent public agencies that deliver core local services to communities, such as water, wastewater treatment, fire protection, parks and recreation, healthcare, sanitation, mosquito abatement, ports, libraries, public cemeteries and more. Districts are established by voters and their funding is approved by voters to meet specific needs through focused service. They can be specially molded to serve large regions or small neighborhoods depending on the need.

About OC San

OC San is a public agency that provides wastewater collection, treatment, and recycling for approximately 2.6 million people in central and northwest Orange County. OC San is a special district that is governed by a 25-member Board of Directors composed of 20 cities, four special districts, and one representative from the Orange County Board of Supervisors. OC San has two operating facilities that treat wastewater from residential, commercial, and industrial sources. For more information visit:

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