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March 23, 2020

The Orange County Sanitation District (OCSD) is a public agency that provides wastewater collection, treatment, and disposal services for approximately 2.6 million people in central and northwest Orange County. OCSD is a special district that is governed by a Board of Directors consisting of 25 board members appointed from 20 cities, two sanitary districts, two water districts and one representative from the Orange County Board of Supervisors. OCSD has two operating facilities that treat wastewater from residential, commercial and industrial sources.

OCSD is a Special District governed by the Health and Safety Code Section 4730.65 and is designated by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security as critical infrastructure and essential service.

On, March 19, 2020 Governor Newsom issued an order to all California residents to "stay at home" to combat the spread of COVID-19 which includes the closure of many businesses.

Functioning critical infrastructure and critical government services are imperative during the response to the COVID-19 emergency for both the public health and safety of Orange County and the State of California. Sixteen federal critical infrastructure sectors have been identified as being exempt from the order, with Water and Wastewater Systems being one of the sectors. OCSD falls within this classification designated by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

OCSD must continue to operate during the COVID-19 situation and is looking to its vendors and suppliers, to help us continue to meet our mission of protecting the public health and the environment.

As an essential supplier/vendor to OCSD, we ask that you continue to supply OCSD during the current coronavirus outbreak. If questioned or otherwise detained, please request that those authorities allow any of your employees who are necessary to ensuring this supply be allowed to travel to and from work and to our facilities. Of course, the health and safety of your employees and the public is paramount, so you should be sure to institute all appropriate procedures to limit the transmission of coronavirus among the employees at your facilities.

We thank you for your dedication to keep OCSD's operations and services moving forward during this time of uncertainty.

If you have any questions, please contact our Purchasing and Contracts Manager, Ruth Zitzun at (714) 593.7580 or rzitzun@ocsd.com. Thank you for your assistance during these rapidly changing times.

Regards,

Lorenzo Tyner

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

