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Transparency Certificate of Excellence Awarded to OC San

Fountain Valley, California — The Orange County Sanitation District (OC San) received the District Transparency Certificate of Excellence by the Special District Leadership Foundation (SDLF) in recognition of the outstanding efforts to promote transparency and good governance.

"This award is a testament to OC San's commitment to open government," said Jennifer Cabral, Director of Communications. "Our staff is to be commended for their contributions that empower the public with information and facilitate engagement and oversight." To receive the award, OC San demonstrated the completion of essential governance transparency requirements, including ensuring that ethics and harassment prevention training requirements are met by all board members; properly conducting open and public meetings; compliance with the Public Records act; adoption of policies including Conflict of Interest, Board conduct; records retention; and filing financial transactions and compensation reports to the State Controller in a timely manner.

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.

Special Districts are independent public agencies that deliver core local services to communities, such as utility, 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, please visit www.ocsan.gov.

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