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Good afternoon, Directors:

The May 2026 Board talking points are included below for your use as a communication tool to help facilitate the reporting of OC San activities to your Councils, Boards, and community groups. These talking points include general updates and selected items discussed during the Board meeting. We hope you find this information useful and informative. Your feedback is greatly appreciated.

Please don't hesitate to contact our office if you have any questions or concerns. Have a great day!

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BOARD MEMBER TALKING POINTS

New OC San Board Leadership

At the May Board Meeting OC San Vice Chairperson and City of Orange Council Member Jon Dumitru was nominated and elected as the new Chairperson of the OC San Board of Directors. OC San Administration Committee Chairperson and City of Brea Council Member Christine Marick was nominated and elected as Vice Chairperson of the OC San Board. Their new roles commence on July 1.

Annexation with Irvine Ranch Water District

The OC San Board approved actions to move forward with the proposed annexation of the former Los Alisos Water District service area into OC San's regional wastewater system in partnership with Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD) and Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission (OC LAFCO). This effort supports long-term regional collaboration, operational efficiency, and coordinated wastewater management for South Orange County communities.

Supercritical Water Oxidation Demonstration Project

OC San's Board approved a modification to the Supercritical Water Oxidation (SCWO) demonstration project at Plant No. 1 as technology provider 374Water continues process improvements toward full operational capacity. The innovative project remains an important step in evaluating emerging technologies that could enhance biosolids management, sustainability, and future resource recovery opportunities for the region.

Construction Updates

Costa Mesa
Construction wrapped up on Airway Avenue and Airport Loop Drive with the removal of traffic control barriers and the streets restriped to their original configuration prior to construction. Remaining work continues at the Main Street Pump Station.

Cypress
Preparation for upcoming work at Forest Lawn Cemetery has begun. This includes the installation of bypass systems along Denni St. and Crescent Ave. to maintain uninterrupted sewer service during construction. Within Forest Lawn, water lines are being rerouted for the upcoming sewer work. For more information, visit www.ocsan.gov/Cypress.

Fountain Valley
The new traffic signal at the intersection of Ellis Avenue and Mt. Langley Street is scheduled to be activated by the end of June. Traffic loops will be installed, and the street will be restriped to add a protected left turn lane from Mt. Langley Street onto Ellis Avenue, along with a pedestrian crosswalk. Ownership of the traffic signal will be transferred to the City of Fountain Valley.

Newport Beach
Earlier this month, a microtunneling machine was lowered into the pit by the Bay Bridge Pump Station and is actively making its way beneath the Lower Newport Bay to install the new force mains. This work is anticipated to continue for several weeks with crews currently working 12-hour shifts, 6 days a week. Survey checks are taking place to ensure the microtunneling machine stays within the designed alignment. Details available at www.ocsan.gov/baybridge.

Orange
The Taft Avenue Sewer Improvement Project is now working on Sacramento St. to install a new regional sewer pipeline. Construction along this residential street is being completed in six phases, each anticipated to take approximately three weeks. Crews are currently in Phase 2, with all phases expected to be completed by the end of summer. Once schools are on summer break, crews will return to Tustin St. and E. Taft Ave. to complete final paving and striping. For more information, visit www.ocsan.gov/taft.

Santa Ana
Construction has started on the Santa Ana Trunk Sewer Rehabilitation Project. The project is rehabilitating three miles of regional pipeline with the first phase of construction on Alton Avenue between Fairview Street and Raitt Street. Crews are installing a temporary bypass system to ensure continuous sewer service while pipeline rehabilitation takes place. Details are available at www.ocsan.gov/SantaAna.

For additional information on OC San construction projects, please visit www.ocsan.gov/construction.

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