

## News Announcement

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### **SUIT AGAINST CITY BY TUSD POSTPONED UNTIL APRIL 16**

#### ***Lawsuit Asks Court to Decide if School District Needs to Comply with City Requirements Implementing State Water Quality Laws***

SANTA ANA, CA – Orange County Superior Court Judge John Gastelum agreed to postpone the trial in a lawsuit filed by Tustin Unified School District against the City of Tustin. The trial was set to begin November 14, however, one of TUSD's attorneys in the case requested a postponement due to a family emergency. This is the second continuance requested by TUSD's attorneys.

The lawsuit originates from a disagreement over state law, which requires local jurisdictions to develop and oversee a storm water management program to reduce pollution in our waterways and oceans. TUSD did not believe it was required to comply with state law by preparing a grading and storm water runoff plan through the City. The City counter sued asking the court to rule on whether or not TUSD must comply with a City grading ordinance as provided in Government Code Section 53097. The continuance means that the issue will not be resolved until spring, when trial commences on April 16.

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