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**ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT**  
ORANGE COUNTY'S GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY

March 1, 2023

Dear Neighbor,

The Orange County Water District (OCWD) manages the groundwater basin underlying north and central Orange County. OCWD and the 19 local water suppliers it serves, such as the City of Tustin, provide safe and dependable drinking water that meets all state and federal standards. Portions of Tustin's groundwater supply, as well as 10 other neighboring Orange County water suppliers have been impacted by perfluorooctanoic acid and perfluorooctane sulfonate, which are per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) that are prevalent in the environment and were once commonly used in many consumer products. Despite playing no role in releasing PFAS into the environment, water suppliers must find ways to remove it from groundwater. OCWD and the City of Tustin have partnered to promptly address this issue by working to rapidly implement a treatment system to remove these compounds and continue providing safe and reliable drinking water supplies to the Tustin customers.

**OCWD will soon begin construction on a facility to treat PFAS from four impacted wells located in Tustin. The project will include construction of pipelines to transport water from four wells to the water treatment facility. The treatment facility will be located at the existing Main Street Water Treatment facility at the intersection Main Street and N. Prospect Ave. Pipeline construction limits include Prospect Ave. from Vandenberg Ave. south to Main Street, Main Street from Pasadena Ave. east to Newport Ave., and Beneta Way from Prospect Ave. east to Livingston Street (please see map on reverse side).**

**Construction on the facility is anticipated to begin in early March 2023. Total project construction is expected to last approximately 18 months. Construction hours are scheduled Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. – 4 p.m. OCWD is committed to completing this project as quickly as possible. However, this timeframe could change due to inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances.**

OCWD's construction management team will work closely with City staff and monitor construction activities to minimize impacts to the community as much as possible. However, you may notice a temporary increase in noise, dust, and construction equipment. OCWD has obtained all necessary permits and approvals for this project and is complying with applicable ordinances. For your safety, please keep away from construction equipment and obey all local laws and ordinances.

Thank you for your patience as OCWD and the City of Tustin work to ensure a continued safe and reliable water supply. For more information or project updates, please call the OCWD Construction Hotline at (714) 378-8244 or email [info@ocwd.com](mailto:info@ocwd.com). We invite you to learn more about PFAS by reading the enclosed fact sheet and visiting <https://www.ocwd.com/what-we-do/water-quality/pfas/>.

Sincerely,

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