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## Ryan Gallagher, City of Tustin, to serve as Vice Chairman for the Orange County Sanitation District

**Fountain Valley, California** – The Orange County Sanitation District (OC San) announces Ryan Gallagher, from the City of Tustin, to serve as Board Vice Chairman of the OC San Board of Directors. He was elected at the June 22, OC San Board of Directors meeting. The position was previously held by Chad Wanke who was nominated to serve as the elected Board Chairman at the May 25 OC San Board of Directors meeting leaving the position open for election by the Board of Directors.

"I'm honored to be elected as the Vice Chairman for the Orange County Sanitation District. The industry in which OC San operates is my passion. My professional career is exclusively within the water and wastewater industry, and I believe my background and expertise would be a valuable asset to the Vice Chairman position," stated Ryan Gallagher. "I am an advocate for fiscally responsible government and innovation which mirrors the work and mission of OC San."

Mr. Gallagher represents the City of Tustin where he serves as a Councilmember since 2020 when he also joined the OC San's Board of Directors since 2020. Mr. Gallagher serves as the Vice Chairman of the Operations Committee and the joint OC San and Orange County Water District's Groundwater Replenishment System Committee and serves as a Member At-Large for the OC San Steering Committee.

Gallagher has vast experience in the water and wastewater industry as he served as the Past President of Orange County Water Association (two terms), Past President of Association of Water Agencies Ventura County, Past President of local chapters for American Public Works Association and American Society of Civil Engineers.

Mr. Gallagher was born and raised in Southern California. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo and is a licensed Civil Engineer in the State of California. In his free time, Mr. Gallagher loves to travel, run, and spend time with his family, which includes his wife, three young children, and dog, Gus.

For more information about the Orange County Sanitation District, please visit www.ocsan.gov.

## **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.