

Resolution of Commendation

James D. Herberg

WHEREAS, James D. Herberg is celebrating his retirement as General Manager of the Orange County Sanitation District (OC San), having served from 1986 through 1989 and 1995 through February 2023;

WHEREAS, his tenure includes 30 years in the field of water quality along with being a registered Civil Engineer in the State of California and Board-Certified Environmental Engineer by the American Academy of Environmental Engineers, and educational achievements with an undergraduate degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Oklahoma, and master's degree in Civil Environmental Engineering from California State University, Long Beach;

WHEREAS, at OC San in the 1990's he was project leader for the GWRS joint reclamation project with the Orange County Water District (OCWD), responsible for long range operational and capital improvement planning, managing and conducting analysis for hydraulic capacity studies of two ocean outfalls, and the Project Manager for the Groundwater Replenishment System (GWRS) microfiltration demonstration project for full-scale evaluation of microfiltration as pretreatment for reverse osmosis;

WHEREAS, in 2011, Mr. Herberg was promoted to Assistant General Manager, achieving the initial expansion of the GWRS, and management of a \$2.7 billion capital improvement program including \$554 million in secondary treatment upgrades completed in 2012, resulting in his appointment as OC San's General Manager in 2013;

WHEREAS, Mr. Herberg has been instrumental in obtaining Federal and State grant funds to support 100 percent water recycling, as well as the expansion of the GWRS in support of wastewater treatment;

WHEREAS, in 2016 Mr. Herberg and members of the OC San and OCWD Board of Directors lobbied Federal and State governments, and through their efforts AB 2022 was signed by Governor Jerry Brown, thereby being the only place in the Western Hemisphere to hand out bottles of purified recycled water to support educational outreach efforts;

WHEREAS, with Mr. Herberg's leadership and guidance, the Board of Directors approved the acquisition of parcels to construct a new headquarters scheduled for completion in 2023 while helping preserve space for future wastewater treatment infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Herberg has demonstrated determination, vision and leadership to the Orange County Sanitation District, as well as unwavering commitment to the communities of Orange County.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Garden Grove City Council commends James D. Herberg for his many achievements and expresses sincere appreciation for outstanding public service and meritorious efforts on behalf of OC San and its mission of protecting public health and the environment by providing effective wastewater collection, treatment, and recycling.