

April 5, 2022

The Honorable Josh Newman
Senate District 29
1021 O Street, Room 6520
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 991 (Newman) Progressive Design Build - SUPPORT

Dear Senator Newman:

The Orange County Sanitation District (OC San) is writing to express our support of SB 991 (Newman), which will allow local water agencies to have the option to deliver projects using the progressive design-build (PDB) method. SB 991 will allow public agencies to use, for specific projects, the PDB method which has grown in popularity in recent years as a valuable form of collaborative project development that can provide multiple benefits when used to execute complex public works projects.

OC San provides wastewater collection, treatment, and recycling for approximately 2.6 million people in central and northwest Orange County, CA. OC San's primary mission is to protect public health and the environment through its services.

PDB is a project delivery method that allows the PDB team to perform design, construction engineering, project management, and construction according to design parameters, performance criteria, and other requirements established by the public agency owner.

PDB delivery benefits the public agency owner by providing the opportunity to add the design-build team to the overall project team early in the design phase affording the public agency owner and the design build team more opportunities to collaborate during the project's design phase. Early collaboration is key to reducing project risk, cost, and schedule.

California is in another cycle of drought. Our economy and citizens depend on the reliable supply of water to remain globally competitive. SB 991 will allow the delivery of projects that treat water, recycle water, or produce advanced treated water to be efficiently and effectively streamlined. SB 991 will make PDB just "another tool in the toolbox" that public agency owners can use to deliver projects. SB 991 could assist local agencies in addressing the state's critical need for additional water.

For these reasons, the Orange County Sanitation District respectfully requests your signature on SB 991. Please do not hesitate to contact Jennifer Cabral, Administration Manager at (714) 593-7581 or via mail at JCabral@ocsan.gov should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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Board Chairman

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