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OC San Recognized with Golden Hub Award

Fountain Valley, California – The Orange County Sanitation District (OC San) was recently honored with Golden Hub Award for Environmental Sustainability & Energy Efficiency from the Association of California Cities – Orange County (ACC-OC) in recognition of its net-zero energy Headquarters.

In partnership with HDR Inc., the state-of-the-art Headquarters in Fountain Valley was designed with sustainability and environmental stewardship at its core. Engineered to be 60 percent more energy-efficient than a typical office building, the Headquarters achieves its impressive energy performance by drawing power from renewable solar panels and using hot water from OC San's Reclamation Plant No. 1 in Fountain Valley for heating. It also harnesses the power of biogas to offset nearly all its operational needs, while reducing carbon dioxide emissions by 95 percent.

"Receiving the ACC-OC Environmental Sustainability & Energy Efficiency Award is a testament to OC San's innovation and environmental leadership, which is demonstrated by our Headquarters project," said Mike Dorman, OC San's Director of Engineering. "In addition to serving as a public space for educating and engaging our community, the Headquarters shows our commitment to exceeding environmental standards."

The net-zero Headquarters integrates the most environmentally friendly features, including a hybrid mass timber and steel structure, along with red-list free. By incorporating these elements and more, OC San's Headquarters redefines what it means for a public agency to operate sustainably while engaging the public.

About the Awards

The Golden Hub of Innovation Awards recognizes outstanding achievements in public policy, innovation, and community impact, honoring those who are making a difference in Orange County. The Golden Hub Awards are presented at the ACC-OC Leadership Summit, which focuses on key issues facing the region, while highlighting groundbreaking initiatives and collaborative solutions that drive progress.

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. For more information, please visit www.ocsan.gov.

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