

August 11, 2026

Honorable Sheila F. Hanson
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
700 Civic Center Drive West
Santa Ana, CA 92701

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RE: Response to Orange County Grand Jury Report, "*PFAS and Public Awareness: A Closer Look at Orange County Drinking Water*"

Dear Judge Hanson:

The City of Garden Grove has reviewed the Orange County Grand Jury Report, *PFAS and Public Awareness: A Closer Look at Orange County Drinking Water*. In compliance with California Penal Code section 933.05(a) and (b), the City has responded to each of the findings and recommendations included in the report. Each finding and recommendation is listed below, followed by the City's response.

Findings

F2. PFAS is widespread, and contamination has been detected in Orange County groundwater sources. Community water systems are required to report PFAS monitoring results in their annual Consumer Confidence Reports.

Response: The City agrees with this finding. PFAS monitoring results are already included in the City's Consumer Confidence Report (CCR): www.ggcity.org/ccr

F4. OCWD has taken a proactive leadership role in addressing PFAS in the Orange County Groundwater Basin, though PFAS treatment implementation varies across local cities and water districts.

Response: The City agrees with this finding. The Orange County Water District (OCWD) has taken the lead in addressing PFAS contamination in groundwater, including conducting pilot studies to identify the most effective treatment technologies, implementing treatment facilities, and pursuing legal action against PFAS manufacturers.

F6. Orange County drinking water meets or exceeds state and federal standards and is safe for consumption without additional home filtration.

Response: The City agrees with this finding. The City cannot provide water to customers unless it meets all applicable state and federal drinking water standards. Both OCWD and the City routinely monitor and test the water supply to ensure compliance with these regulatory requirements.

F8. There are limited online PFAS education and outreach programs among Orange County water retailers. Most retailers rely on OCWD for PFAS education and outreach. PFAS advisories were included in approximately 55% of the Orange County water retailers' annual water quality reports in 2025

Response: The City agrees with this finding. The City of Garden Grove is among the approximately 55% of Orange County water retailers that have included PFAS information and advisories in their Consumer Confidence Reports. Additional information is available at www.ggcity.org/ccr

Recommendations

R2. By July 1, 2029, OCWD and its member agencies should monitor PFAS in groundwater and surface water sources and promptly implement PFAS treatment when response levels are exceeded. [F2, F4]

Response: This recommendation has been implemented since 2019

R4. By July 1, 2029, all Orange County water retailers should consistently include a PFAS advisory, treatment facilities status, and compliance information in consumer confidence reports and on agency websites, using clear and understandable language for the public. [F2, F8]

Response: This recommendation has been implemented. PFAS and water quality information is available on the City's Water Quality webpage (<https://ggcity.org/pw/water-quality>) and in the Consumer Confidence Report (www.ggcity.org/ccr).

R5. By September 30, 2026, OCWD and all Orange County water retailers should enhance coordinated public education efforts to reassure their customers about drinking water safety. [F6, F8]

Response: This recommendation has been implemented and is an ongoing effort in collaboration with OCWD. The City continues to educate customers

about PFAS through the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR), the City website, social media, and direct responses to customer inquiries.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the Grand Jury's report. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Shawn Park, Assistant to the City Manager, at (714) 741-5371 or by email at shawnp@ggcity.org.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Stephanie Klopfenstein". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end of the name.

Stephanie Klopfenstein
Mayor

C: Orange County Grand Jury