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Orange County Grand Jury
700 Civic Center Drive West
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Re: 2025-26 Grand Jury Report, PFAS and Public Awareness: A Closer Look at Orange County
Drinking Water
Emerald Bay Service District response

Orange County Grand Jury:

Please find enclosed the responses from the Emerald Bay Service District (EBSD) to the 2025-26
Grand Jury report, PFAS and Public Awareness: A Closer Look at Orange County Drinking Water.

If you have any questions or require further information, please feel free to contact me at
MDunbar@EBservicedistrict.com.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Michael P. Dunbar'.

Michael P. Dunbar, P.E.
General Manager
Emerald Bay Service District

enclosure

RESOLUTION NO. 26-08-19-01

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
EMERALD BAY SERVICE DISTRICT REGARDING RESPONSE
TO THE JUNE 9, 2026 GRAND JURY REPORT**

WHEREAS, on June 9, 2026 the Orange County Grand Jury ("Grand Jury") issued a report entitled "*PFAS and Public Awareness – A Closer Look at Orange County Drinking Water*" (the "Report"), which report included the following findings/conclusions applicable to the Emerald Bay Service District ("EBSD"):

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.

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

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.

WHEREAS, the Report included the following Recommendations applicable to EBSD:

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].

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]

WHEREAS, Penal Code section 933.05 requires EBSD to respond to each Finding and Recommendation set forth in the Report and applicable to EBSD; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the EBSD desires to respond to each Finding and Recommendation by the Grand Jury;

WHEREAS, Emerald Bay Service District purchases 100% of its potable water supply from an outside wholesale provider, Laguna Beach County Water District ("LBCWD"). EBSD does not own, operate, or draw from groundwater wells. As a result, the District has no direct operational control over the source water quality or PFAS treatment processes upstream of its service connections. Responsibility for PFAS monitoring, treatment, and compliance at the source water level rests with LBCWD.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the EBSD does hereby resolve, determine and order as follows:

Section 1. EBSD agrees with Grand Jury Finding F2:

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.

Section 2. EBSD agrees with Grand Jury Finding F6:

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

Section 3. EBSD agrees with Grand Jury Finding F8:

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.

Section 4. EBSD agrees with Grand Jury Recommendation R4:

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. [F21 F8].

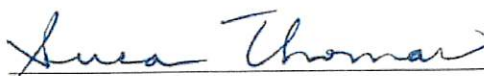
This recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented. EBSD will work with LBCWD to incorporate clear PFAS advisory language, compliance status, and relevant treatment information into the annual Consumer Confidence Report ("CCR") and provide links on the EBSD website prior to the July 1, 2029 deadline.

Section 5. EBSD agrees with Grand Jury Recommendation R5:

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]

This recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented by September 30, 2026. EBSD will coordinate with LBCWD and, where applicable, Orange County Water District to develop and publish customer-facing communications that clearly address PFAS and drinking water safety. EBSD will post updated information and links on its website and include relevant messaging in customer communications prior to the deadline.

ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED this 19 day of AUGUST, 2026.



President of the Board of Directors
of Emerald Bay Service District

ATTEST:



Secretary of the Board of Directors
of Emerald Bay Service District