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August 19, 2026

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

Re: TCWD Response to OCGJ Report *"PFAS and Public Awareness"*

Dear Presiding Judge Hanson:

The Orange County Grand Jury report released June 9, 2026, titled *"PFAS and Public Awareness: A Closer Look at Orange County Drinking Water"* requested that Trabuco Canyon Water District (TCWD) respond to certain findings and recommendations in the report. In accordance with Penal Code Sections 933 and 933.05, TCWD provides the following responses to Findings F2, F6, and F8, and Recommendation R4 and R5:

Finding 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: TCWD agrees with this finding. TCWD has not detected PFAS in its own wells, which are not in the Orange County Groundwater Basin.

Finding 6: *"Orange County drinking water meets or exceeds state and federal standards and is safe for consumption without additional home filtration."*

Response: TCWD agrees with this finding.

Finding 8: *"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: TCWD disagrees partially with the finding. To the extent the finding means that education and outreach programs are insufficient, TCWD disagrees. While the numerical majority of water agencies may rely on OCWD for PFAS education and outreach, a substantial part of the County is not served by OCWD and a number of water agencies manage their own education and outreach. TCWD is aware of the materials and information available from a variety of sources on the subject, and uses them in its own outreach.

Recommendation R4: *"By July 1, 2029, all Orange County 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."*

Response: The recommendation has been implemented. TCWD publishes a Consumer Confidence Reports according to EPA requirements and complies in all respects. TCWD cooperates with many other agencies served by the Municipal Water District of Orange County to provide Consumer Confidence Reports correctly and efficiently. TCWD has not detected PFAS in its sources of water and does not operated PFAS treatment facilities, but has provided PFAS information in its report.

Recommendation R5: *"By September 30, 2026, OCWD and all Orange County retailers should enhance coordinated public education efforts to reassure their customers about drinking water safety."*

Response: The recommendation has been implemented. TCWD has added PFAS information to its Consumer Confidence Report to assure customers of drinking water safety, and has done so in collaboration with a number of agencies served by the Municipal Water District of Orange County. Additional consumer education should focus on exposure pathways other than drinking water. Drinking water education and outreach must be carefully balance to be informative and trustworthy without becoming alarmist.

If you need additional information concerning this response, please contact me at (949) 858-0277.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several overlapping, sweeping strokes that form a stylized representation of the name Mark Anderson.

Mark Anderson
President