

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

### LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission to present the proposed **East Orange County Water District Reorganization for Local Sewer Service (RO 14-01)** and the proposed **Sphere of Influence Update and OCSD Service Area 7 Annexation to the Irvine Ranch Water District (DA 15-02)**.

The East Orange County Water District (EOCWD) and the Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD) have each submitted applications by resolution for boundary changes that would allow either District to assume local sewer service in Orange County Sanitation District (OCSD) Service Area 7. The affected territory is inhabited and includes approximately 7,777 acres consisting of the western portion of the City of Tustin, unincorporated North Tustin (including the communities of Cowan Heights, Lemon Heights, Panorama Heights, Red Hill and Rocking Horse Ridge) and the unincorporated community of El Modena (which is substantially surrounded by the City of Orange).

The EOCWD proposal includes the activation of the District's latent power to provide sewer service to the area, annexation of approximately 858 acres of territory that is not within the District's boundary, and concurrent amendment to the District's sphere of influence.

The IRWD proposal includes the annexation of approximately 7,772 acres of territory not within the District's boundary and concurrent amendment to the District's sphere of influence.

The hearing will be held on Wednesday, April 13, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. at the Orange County Transportation Authority First Floor Board Room, 600 South Main Street, Orange, CA 92868. Registered voters and landowners within the territory may file written testimony to either proposal with the Commission's Executive Officer at any time prior to the conclusion of the public hearing.

At the hearing, the Commission will consider oral and written testimony by any interested person or affected agency and the report of the Executive Officer. As Responsible Agency, the Commission will also review and consider a finding of exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act as determined by EOCWD and IRWD as Lead Agency for their respective applications. If either proposal is approved, the Commission will establish a

protest period during which landowners and registered voters can submit written protests and will schedule a subsequent public hearing date to consider any written protests received. The proposal files and environmental documents may be examined at 2677 North Main Street, Suite 1050, Santa Ana, CA 92705. For more information, please call Benjamin Legbandt, Project Manager at (714) 640-5100.

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Executive Officer

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