



H.RES. 1199 – COMMENDING THE ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT AND ITS EMPLOYEES FOR THEIR SOUND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND INNOVATIVE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT, WATER QUALITY, WATER EFFICIENCY, AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS, ON ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res. 1199 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Loretta Sanchez (D-CA) on May 14, 2008. The resolution was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources, but was never considered.

H.Res. 1199 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on June 17, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.Res. 1199 resolves that the House of Representatives commends the Orange County Water District and its employees for their sound financial management and innovative groundwater management, water quality, water efficiency, and environmental programs, on its 75th anniversary.

BACKGROUND

The Orange County Water District (OCWD) was formed in 1933 after approval from California Governor James Rolph, Jr. and the California Legislature. The purpose of the OCWD is to manage the quantity and quality of Orange County's groundwater basin and to ensure that the residents of Orange County have adequate access to waters from the Santa Ana River.

In 1972, the OCWD constructed Water Factory 21, which was the first and largest wastewater purification plant in the U.S. Water Factory 21 used reverse osmosis to purify sewer water before it was injected into the seawater along the coast. In 2008, the OCWD started operating the world's largest groundwater purification system of its kind to protect local groundwater from seawater contamination. This system keeps Orange County less reliant on importing water from other counties.

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