

JOHN L. SEARS

Director, East Orange County Water District

Thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving as your elected representative to the East Orange County Water District (EOCWD) where I also serve as Chairman of the Finance and Administration Committee and representative to The Independent Special Districts of Orange County (ISDOC). I serve as EOCWD's representative to the Water Advisory Committee of Orange County. Prior to my service at EOCWD, I served as Chairman of the Water Committee for the Foothill Communities Association (FCA), I have a long record of being a leader on critical water issues in our area.

I have consistently supported balanced and fiscally strong budgets, while holding water and sewer rates as low as possible. I am committed to maintaining a water supply that is reliable, safe and affordable for all residents and businesses in our community. (Note if you receive your water from the City of Tustin or in unincorporated North Tustin where we provide sewer service, EOCWD does not provide or set your water rates in these locals.) In 2016 I voted to cut our sewer rates by 50% for the next 5 years, today the rates are still far below the 2016 rates as they will be for the upcoming fiscal year. The fiscal policies I have supported have made EOCWD stronger than ever in its 63-year history.

I have worked closely with other elected officials for the benefit of EOCWD ratepayers, and I am pleased to have earned the respect and endorsement of the following leaders in our community including:

Orange County Supervisor Don Wagner, EOCWD and former Tustin Mayor Doug Davert, Richard Nelson, President of the Foothills Community Association, Bruce Junor, Commissioner of John Wayne Airport, George Murdoch, former Municipal Operations Director, John Nielsen, former Mayor of Tustin, Marilyn Thoms community activist and other prominent members of our community.

My decades-long residency and service allows me a unique perspective and the ability to understand the needs and nuances of this community.

In the coming term, EOCWD faces many challenges, and I am fully prepared to address them. Moreover, I have successfully supported several initiatives that have strengthened our water district and our community as follows:

- pursuit of grant funding for needed upgrades and projects thereby reducing the burden on local ratepayers

- development of a Hazard Mitigation Plan to ensure that our water supply is not interrupted during any major event including the current or future pandemic

- proper investment in our water and sewer systems to make them reliable and economical for decades to come

If you have questions for me, please email me at jlsears@cox.net.

Please vote for John L. Sears in November, thank you.