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Orange County Sanitation District Approves

Building Industry Association, Orange County Economic Stimulus Plan

Irvine, CA., July 25, 2008 - The Building Industry Association of Southern California, Orange County Chapter (BIA/OC) applauds the Orange County Sanitation District (OCSD) for their unanimous decision to enact an economic stimulus effort aimed at recovery in the local housing market. Specifically, this plan defers the collection of sewer connection fees until homes are actually occupied.

Kristine Thalman, CEO of the BIA/OC said, "The BIA/OC is pleased that the Orange County Sanitation District has acknowledged the broader economic picture that our industry has been currently facing. The economic well-being of our communities is directly related to the fiscal health of its business community and approving this common sense plan will provide much needed economic stimulus to the local business community."

The impact of the downturn has had broad economic consequences affecting everything from the furniture industry to the auto industry, and countless local small businesses. With this action OCSD joins several cities that have enacted similar economic stimulus plans including Irvine, Orange, Anaheim, Mission Viejo, and the County of Orange.

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The Orange County Chapter of the Building Industry Association of Southern California (BIA/OC) is a non-profit trade association representing more than 1,000 companies employing over 117,000 people affiliated with the home building industry. The BIA/OC mission is to promote proactive participation in the development of economic and community issues in Orange County. The BIA/OC is affiliated with the California BIA and the National Association of Home Builders.

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