Constructing the Nation's Largest Ion Exchange PFAS Water Treatment Plant

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Outline

- Introduction to OCWD
- Overall PFAS Program
- Yorba Linda Water District PFAS Treatment Plant



Introduction to OCWD and their PFAS Treatment Program

Orange County Water District

- OCWD was formed in 1933 to
 - -Manage the OC Groundwater Basin
 - Protect rights to Santa Ana River water
- Provide groundwater to
 - -19 municipal and special water districts
 - -2.5 million residents
- Basin provides 77% of the water supply for north & central OC





Extent of PFAS Impact in OCWD Service Area

Current California DDW NL/RLs:

Notification Levels:

PFOA = 5.1 ng/L

PFOS = 6.5 ng/L

PFBS = 500 ng/L

Response Levels:

PFOA = 10 ng/L

PFOS = 40 ng/L

PFBS = 5,000 ng/L

*Public Health Goal (PHG) process has begun, as required initial step to develop Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)

- 11 water retailers (i.e., groundwat "Producers") and over 60 wells in the OCWD service area impacted by 10 ng/L PFOA Response Level
- Up to ~ 1/3 of groundwater basin



Served 10

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Orange County Water District
PFAS Treatment Systems Planning Study

Producer Report
YORBA LINDA WATER DISTRICT

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OCWD Pilot Program

Installed pre-fab building to house pilot







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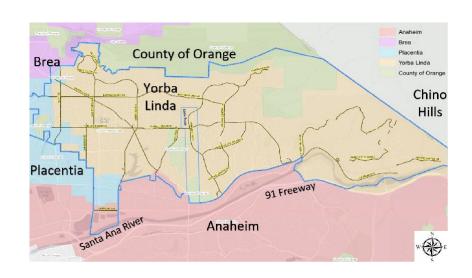


Yorba Linda Water District PFAS Treatment Plant



District History

- Established in 1909
- 25,000 service accounts
- 9 groundwater wells
- 14 reservoirs
- 12 booster pump stations
- 4 imported water connections
- 25 MGD PFAS Water Treatment Plant





PFAS Treatment Plant Tours



Granulated Activated Carbon (GAC)



Membrane (Reverse Osmosis or Nanofiltration)



Ion Exchange (IX)

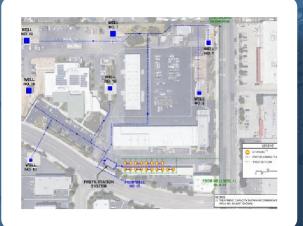


PFAS Treatment
Pilot Test

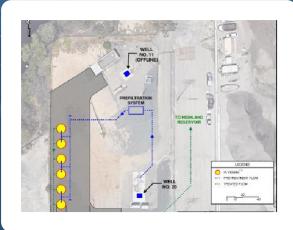




Option 1 – 3 PFAS Water Treatment Plants

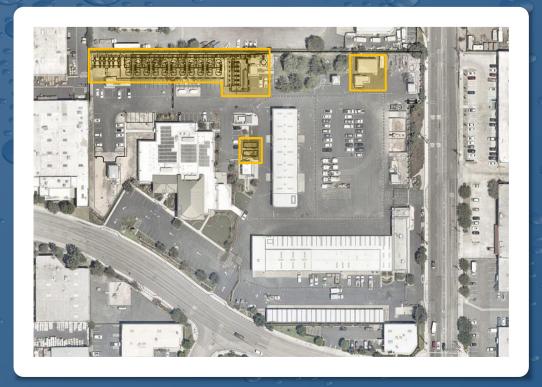








Option 2 - Centralized Plant at YLWD Headquarters





PFAS Water Treatment Plant Schedule & Budget

Description	Dates	
Design	May 2020 — February 2021	
Construction	February 2021 – February 2022	
Regulatory Approval	November 2021 (est.)	
Resin Delivery (Staged)	December 2021 – February 2022	
Substantial Completion (Serve Water)	December 2021	
Project Completion	February 2022	
Ribbon Cutting Celebration	Spring 2022 (est.)	

Total Capital Budget \$27 million

Annual O&M Budget \$150/Acre-ft





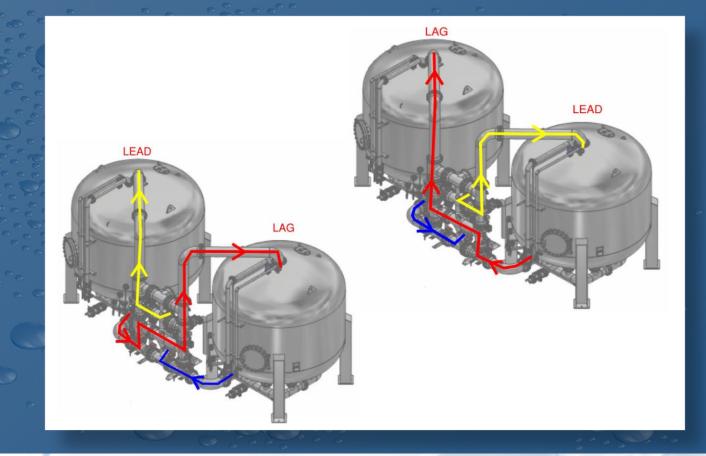


Flyover of the PFAS Water Treatment Plant

Equipment	Details	Capacity
6 Pre-filters	Diameter: 6 ft Height: 8 ft-8 in	5 MGD ea. 40 Bag filters ea.(240 total)
11 IX Trains	22 Vessels Diameter: 12 ft Height: 14 ft 10 ³ / ₈ in	1.4 to 2.3 MGD each Train (14,000 gallons each vessel)
Resin for 22 Vessels	2 Minute EBCT per vessel	424 CF ea.
6 Vertical Turbine Booster Pumps, VFDs	100 Hp	5 MGD ea.
4 Surge Tanks -HQ -Well 20 -Well 21 -Future Well 22	Headquarters Diameter: 10 ft, Height: 19 ft Wells Diameter: 5 ft, Height: 13 ft-6 in	8,000 Gallons 1,000 Gallons ea.
2 (Level 2 Sound Attenuated) Generators	Length: 27 ft-6 in, Height: 11ft-6 in	1000 kW ea.
Chlorination Facilities Brine Tank 2 Hypochlorite Tanks 6 Water Softeners, 3 OSHG Trains	Brine Tank Diameter: 12 ft, Height: 15 ft - check Hypochlorite Tanks Diameter: 12 ft, Height 15 ft - check	12,690 Gallons - check ???? Gallons
Perimeter Wall	Length: 780 ft, Height: 8 ft	n/a



Vessel Train Configuration (Lead/Lag)





Construction Challenges

- Covid:
 - Labor shortage
 - Supply chain issues
 - Early submittals or equipment prepurchase are essential
 - Increased construction costs
 - Long lead time for power and gas agency reviews
- Schedules Delays cost \$
 - Frequent updates/ critical path items
- Conflicts with infrastructure
 - As-builts not accurate

- Geotechnical Investigation Soils!
- Potholing
- Impact on Operations
 - Loss of gas/ electricity/ communications
 - Parking
 - Deliveries / equipment
 - Staging area
- Operations impact on construction
- Vendors, contractors, consultants





