West Orange County Water Board

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TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**FROM:** JOHN POEHLER, GENERAL MANAGER

SUBJECT: OC-35 ENCROACHMENT PERMIT NOTICE OF COMPLETION

As part of the Orange County Transportation Authority's (OCTA) I-405 Widening Project, the West Orange County Water Board (WOCWB) was required to realign the OC-35 transmission main where it crosses the freeway. To support this effort, OCTA provided a low-interest loan to WOCWB for the relocation work. One of the loan conditions included execution of a Utilities Agreement, which WOCWB signed on October 17, 2017.

Pursuant to the terms of Utility Agreement UK151087, WOCWB is required to submit a Notice of Completion (NOC) to OCTA upon project completion. According to OCTA records, construction associated with Contract No. CN-1087 was completed around October 2019. Submission of the NOC is also necessary to close out the corresponding Caltrans Encroachment Permit No. 12-17-N-MC-0655.

OCTA has prepared the attached NOC on behalf of WOCWB and has requested that it be signed and returned within 30 days of receipt. Should WOCWB fail to respond within this timeframe, OCTA will consider the NOC accepted for project records.

While staff is prepared to sign the Notice of Completion administratively, it should be noted that the engineers and inspectors who oversaw the project have since retired. As such, current staff cannot independently verify the project's completion. Staff recommends that the form be signed with the understanding that it does not constitute a technical certification or endorsement of the construction work.

OCTA has indicated that, regardless of WOCWB's formal submission, the agency will consider the project complete.