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## **BOARD APPROVES ANNEXATION AGREEMENT WITH OCWD**

On October 10, 2013, the Yorba Linda Water District Board of Directors voted unanimously to approve the agreement with Orange County Water District (OCWD) for the Annexation of the remaining 26% of the YLWD service area into the OCWD groundwater basin.

“This will prove to be a major enhancement to the overall reliability of the District’s water supply,” said Board President, Gary Melton. “In time, we will be able to pump the maximum amount of groundwater allowable each year. With ground water being less costly than import water, this will vastly enhance our ability to keep our variable water costs down and sustain low water rates for our customers.”

Presently, YLWD is only able to pump roughly half of its total water supply from the Basin. Over the next few years YLWD will be finishing up the several Capital Improvement Projects that will allow the District to pump the entirety of OCWD’s Basin Production Percentage (BPP), the proportion of total demand to be produced from the basin during the year. With annexation and upon completion of these projects, YLWD will be able to pump 70% from the Basin.

These system improvements will also allow the District to pump groundwater throughout the entire service area if necessary.

“In a few years we will be able to deliver groundwater to all of our customers,” said Acting General Manager, Steve Conklin. “Being able to serve either import water or groundwater throughout the service area is redundancy that enhances our ability to mitigate any unforeseen issues with either water source.”

The District anticipates completion of these projects by fall of 2016.