



Costa Mesa Sanitary District

....an Independent Special District

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MOST RESIDENTS WANT THEIR SANITARY DISTRICT TO REMAIN INDEPENDENT

(Costa Mesa, CA) – A recent survey of 1,000 Costa Mesa Sanitary District (CMSD) residents found that 88.9% of them approve of the job CMSD is doing. CMSD provides sewer and trash collection services to over 116,000 residents residing in Costa Mesa and a small portion of Newport Beach and the unincorporated county. CMSD hired, Newport Beach based, Probolsky Research to engage with CMSD residents on their level of satisfaction with the District and to obtain information that will help CMSD in the formation of developing a Zero,- Waste Plan. 94% of surveyed residents indicate they are satisfied with the quality of their trash service, which is currently provided by CR&R Environmental Services. The majority of residents surveyed, 66.8%, prefer the District's co-mingling program where trash, recyclables and yard waste are thrown into one container versus the three container system where trash, recyclables and yard waste are separated by the resident. CMSD, the City of Stanton, and the City of Newport Beach are the only agencies in Orange County that offer the co-mingling program. The trash is delivered to a material recovery facility in Stanton where the recyclables are recovered, baled and shipped to various recycling markets.

Approximately 21.7% of surveyed residents prefer the three can system; however, after these residents learned that single containers can reduce wear and tear on city streets due to fewer trucks, 90.6% of them said they are more likely to prefer a single container. When these same residents learned that single container can reduce noise, and air pollution due to fewer trucks, 94.3% of them said they are more likely to prefer a single container. CMSD residents are astute to improving the environment and saving space at landfills by supporting the District's efforts in reducing the amount of trash that enters the landfill. 82.2% of surveyed residents indicate they support decreasing CMSD's trash tonnage from 16,000 tons a year to 12,500 tons a year. When asked how important it is for CMSD to remain an independent agency, the majority of survey respondents (62.4%) indicated that it's important for the District to remain independent. When asked why they believe it was important, most residents indicated good service, don't want service levels to degrade, avoid corruption and bureaucracy, and they believe the District is working well. The survey results contradict the recommendation made in the Orange County Grand Jury report "Let There Be Light – Dragging Special Districts From the Shadows" that all water and sewer districts should be consolidated into six regional districts. To see all the results from the survey, visit CMSD's website at www.cmsdca.gov.

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Protecting our community's health and the environment by providing solid waste and sewer collection services.