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COSTA MESA SANITARY DISTRICT FOCUSED ON RESPONSIBLE, DEBT-FREE SERVICE

(Costa Mesa, CA) – The Costa Mesa Sanitary District (CMSD) Board continues to be dedicated to providing the highest quality of service to its customers in the most efficient manner possible, CMSD leadership reiterated in the wake of Tuesday’s election.

“As we have been saying for months, we’ve always held the position that we welcome the opportunity to meet and work with all stakeholders about how to provide the lowest rates and best service to our constituents, and if that involves a possible merger or consolidation, there’s a process for that,” Board President Mike Scheafer said.

Measure TT, a strictly advisory measure on Tuesday’s ballot that had no binding outcome or directive, received 54% support. While acknowledging this result, the CMSD Board repeated its disappointment in the manner in which Mesa Water District has sought to advance its agenda.

“Mesa Water District’s Board spent several hundred thousand dollars on propaganda, using data that was largely flawed, inaccurate and incomplete, to advance an agenda that only their leadership has been privy to,” Scheafer said. “Given the level of time, effort and resources Mesa Water has dedicated to entice our mutual customers, using what one could refer to as bribes in the form of promised rebates and rate reductions, we’re quite



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frankly pleasantly surprised that roughly 46% of those who voted were not convinced by this propaganda campaign.”

Scheafer pointed to the results of a customer satisfaction survey conducted last month for CMSD, wherein 97% of the 500 residents polled indicated they were satisfied with the quality of trash collection services provided by CMSD, and more than 92% also gave high marks to the District for its wastewater services, as one of several potential reasons for the high percentage of voters who rejected Mesa Water’s proposition.

“The Local Agency Formation Commission, or LAFCO, has a very clear process by which it considers potential mergers and consolidations,” Scheafer said. “If at any time LAFCO determines that it is necessary for a full and complete analysis to be done of domestic water, sewer services and waste collection in our service area, we look forward to participating in that study, along with the County of Orange, the Cities of Costa Mesa and Newport Beach, Irvine Ranch Water District, and Mesa Water, all of whom have a stake in the provision of these services.”

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