



# Costa Mesa Sanitary District

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### **FORMER COSTA MESA SANITARY DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER PASSES AWAY**

(Costa Mesa, CA) – The longtime former President of the Costa Mesa Sanitary District (CMSD), James Wahner, passed away peacefully at home on August 7<sup>th</sup>, the day after his 83<sup>rd</sup> birthday. Wahner served on the Costa Mesa Sanitary District Board of Directors from 1978 to 1994 and served as President for fourteen years. During his tenure on the Board of Directors, CMSD implemented curbside recycling that did not require separating recyclable materials such as glass, aluminum, paper, plastics, etc. The program is still being used today. While Wahner was President CMSD began collecting and recycling Christmas trees and the agency started a telephone book recycling program that continued for 25 years. Wahner served on many regional organizations as well including the Santa Ana River Flood Protection Agency, Orange County Sanitation District, OC Local Agency Formation Commission, OC Waste and Recycling Commission and he found the time to be involved in several community service charities including the Costa Mesa Newport Harbor Lions Club. He compiled an impressive record of 35 years of public service, earning the admiration and respect of those persons who have had the privilege of associating with him.



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