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**OC Dana Point Harbor Awarded \$100,000 from OCTA Grant
For Water Quality Improvement Measure**

Earlier this year, OC Dana Point Harbor submitted an application to the Orange County Transportation Authority's (OCTA) for their Measure M2 Environmental Cleanup Allocation Program (ECP), Tier 1 Grant Program to fund the purchase and installation of four new trash skimmers in Dana Point Harbor.

OC Dana Point Harbor is the proud recipient of the \$100,000 grant amount, the maximum allowed per project, and looks forward to beginning installation of the new Marina Trash Skimmers over the next several months.

Using a patented technology, the Marina Trash Skimmer is a stationary unit that is strategically placed at collection points within marinas and harbors. Designed around the principle of water displacement, the skimmer works 24 hours a day filtering and adding oxygen to the water while trapping trash and other debris inside. Its large collection area is enhanced with currents and shifting tides to attract, collect, and clean the water surface throughout a larger surrounding area. The skimmer not only collects floating trash but also removes the oil sheen from the water surface due to the placement of bilge pads within the Skimmer's collection area.

“For OC Dana Point Harbor the benefits of the skimmer appear to be that it has become a reliable labor-saving device operating 24 hours per day gathering marine debris and utilizing minimal amounts of electricity, which we believe will be a valuable long-term contributor to our water quality program,” said Brad Gross, Director, OC Dana Point Harbor

The Tier 1 Grant Program is designed to mitigate the more visible forms of pollutants, and consists of funding for equipment purchases and installation to existing catch basins and related best management practices (BMPs) such as screens, filters, and inserts. An estimated \$2.8 million in Measure M2 funds was made available to eligible applicants, which included Orange County cities and the County of Orange.

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