

Notice of Exemption

To: ☒ Office of Planning and Research
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From (Applicant/Lead agency):
Orange County Sanitation District
18480 Bandilier Circle
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

Project Title: Trickling Filter Media Replacement at Plant No. 1, Project No. P1-142

Project Applicant: Orange County Sanitation District, 18480 Bandilier Circle, Fountain Valley, CA 92708

Project Location (specific): 10844 Ellis Ave. **Cross Street:** Ward Street

Project Location - City: Fountain Valley **Project Location — County:** Orange

Description of Project:

This project will replace aging media in the trickling filters at Plant No. 1 and will perform coating repairs on the structure holding the media. The project will also install a new fiberglass reinforced plastic grating under drain system, as well as a media wetting/sprinkler system.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Orange County Sanitation District
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Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Orange County Sanitation District
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Exempt Status: (check one)

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: CEQA Guidelines Class 1 § 15301
☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why the project is exempt: The project is exempt from CEQA under Class 1 categorical exemptions set forth in California Code of Regulations section 15301. Section 15301 (Class 1) exempts from CEQA “the operation, repair, maintenance ... or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities ... involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency’s determination” including “(b) Existing facilities of both investor and publicly-owned utilities used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility services.”

The project is exempt because it involves repairing and replacement, and minor alterations to existing facilities involving no expansion of use or capacity.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Andrew Brown **Area Code/Telephone/Extension:** (714) 593-7052

Signature: _____ Date: 10/21/25 Title: Engineering Supervisor

☒ Signed by Lead Agency