

Notice of Exemption

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From (Applicant/Lead agency):
Orange County Sanitation District
10844 Ellis Avenue
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

Project Title: Return Activated Sludge Discharge Piping Replacement at Activated Sludge Plant No. 1,
Project No. FE20-03

Project Applicant: Orange County Sanitation District, 10844 Ellis Ave. 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: The project will replace approximately 600 feet of existing 30-inch steel discharge piping, valves, flexible couplings, and pipe supports in two aeration basins, and will install two permanent bypass risers on existing RAS piping.

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 project is exempt: The project is categorically exempt from CEQA under the Class 1 categorical exemptions set forth in Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (“CEQA Guidelines”) sections 15301. Section 15301 (Class 1) exempts from CEQA “the operation, repair, maintenance ... or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, [or] facilities ... involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use,” 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 maintenance to existing facilities by replacing piping, associated appurtenances, and minor alterations with installation of two bypass. This project does not involve expansion of use of the return activated sludge discharge piping.

Lead Agency

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

Signature: _____ Date: _____ Title: Engineering Supervisor

Signed by Lead Agency