

Notice of Exemption

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

Project Title: Primary Sedimentation Basins No. 3-5 Replacement at Plant No. 1, Project No. P1-126

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 the primary odor control facility and Primary Sedimentation Basins (PSB) 3, 4, and 5. The PSB will be constructed above ground standing approximately 20 plus feet. This project will demolish all of the mechanical and electrical systems contained within the PEPS pump station, demolish the old abandon control center building, primary odor control facility, and five PSB 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 including all associated facilities including distribution boxes, junction boxes, primary influent and effluent lines, structural, mechanical, and electrical systems.

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 2 § 15302
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt: The project is exempt from CEQA under the Class 2 categorical exemption set forth in California Code of Regulations section 15302. Section 15302 (Class 2) exempts from CEQA projects involving the “replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced.” This exemption includes, but is not limited to, projects involving the “replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity.” (California Code of Regulations § 15302(c))

The project is exempt because it involves the replacement of existing utility systems and facilities with no expansion of use or capacity. The project will demolish existing facilities and accessory structures, equipment, and replace these facilities with 3 new PSB, odor control facility, and accessory equipment located on the same site as the old PSB. The project will not expand the process capacity or change their purpose. The project is therefore eligible for an exemption from CEQA under California Code of Regulations section 15302 and no further action is required.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Adam Nazaroff _____ Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (714) 593-7854 _____

Signature: Adam Nazaroff _____ Date: 4/28/22 _____ Title: Engineering Supervisor

Signed by Lead Agency