

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

FROM: Orange County Water District, 18700 Ward Street, Fountain Valley, CA 92708

TO: California State Clearinghouse, 1400 Tenth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

Project Title: City of Fullerton Main Plant PFAS Water Treatment Plant

Project Location: The proposed treatment system will be located at 627 La Palma Avenue in the City of Anaheim, California. The land is owned by the City of Fullerton and was previously developed to install the existing Wells 3A and 5, discharge piping, communication equipment, electrical equipment, and storm drainage piping.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The Project consists of the installation of a small treatment plant at an existing groundwater production well site for the treatment of PFAS contaminants. The PFAS treatment plant and associated on-site conveyance piping has been sized to treat a Well 3A discharge flow of 2,785 gallons per minute (gpm) and a Well 5 discharge flow of 1,700 gpm. Ten granular activated carbon (GAC) vessels will be installed to treat the water produced from. The site's frontage to La Palma Avenue will be improved with a block wall and new landscaping to screen views onto the site. The proposed Project would occur within areas that were previously disturbed by well and pipeline installations at the site.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Orange County Water District, 18700 Ward Street, Fountain Valley, CA 92708

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Orange County Water District -
Attn: Shawn Nevill

Exempt Status: (Check One)

Not a Project (Section 15378)

Ministerial (Section 15268)

Feasibility and Planning Study (Section 15262)

Emergency Project (Section 15269)

X Categorical Exemption. (Class 3, Section 15303)

Not to be approved (Section 15270)

Reasons why project is exempt: The proposed project falls under the Exemption for New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures (Class 3) because it consists of the

construction and operation of a small treatment plant at a previously disturbed site representing the development of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures.

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding

2. Has a notice of exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?

Yes No.

Signature: Shawn A

Contact Person: Shawn Nevill

Principal Planner (714) 469-5740

Date Received for Filing: _____

Exhibit 1

PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

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Entity or Person Undertaking Project: Orange County Water District, 18700 Ward Street, Fountain Valley, CA 92708

Staff Determination: The staff of the Orange County Water District (District), having undertaken and completed a preliminary review of this project in accordance with the State CEQA Guidelines has concluded that this project does not require further environmental assessment because:

1. The project involves another public agency which constitutes the Lead Agency.

Name of Agency _____

2. The proposed action does not constitute a project within the meaning of Section 15378.

3. The project is a Ministerial Project under Section 15268.

4. The project is an Emergency Project under Section 15269.

5. The project constitutes a Feasibility or Planning Study under Section 15262.

6. The proposal will not be approved as provided in Section 15270.

7. The project is Categorical Exempt under Article 19 commencing with Section 15300 - Applicable Exemption Class 3.

Signature: Shawn A

Contact Person: Shawn Nevill, Principal Planner - (714) 469-5740

Date: January 20, 2021