

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 Orange Wells 20, 21 & 22 PFAS Treatment Systems

Project Location: The Project would be located at three existing drinking water well sites in the City of Orange in Orange County, California. Each of the well sites are owned and operated by the City of Orange within sites that have been developed with well infrastructure.

The City of Orange Well 20 site is located at 104 South Anita Drive in the City of Orange at a site that has been previously developed with an existing drinking water well and conveyance facilities. The Well 20 site is located on the 7.5' USGS Orange Quadrangle Map, Township 4 South, Range 10 West, Section 37.

The City of Orange Well 21 site is located at 1930 North Shaffer Street in the City of Orange at a site that has been previously developed with an existing drinking water well and conveyance facilities. The Well 21 site is located on the 7.5' USGS Orange Quadrangle Map, Township 4 South, Range 9 West, Section 33.

The City of Orange Well 22 site is located at 841 East Collins Drive in the City of Orange at a site that has been previously developed with an existing drinking water well and conveyance facilities. The Well 22 site is located on the 7.5' USGS Orange Quadrangle Map, Township 4 South, Range 9 West, Section 37.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The Project consists of the installation of a small treatment plant at each of the three existing groundwater production well sites for the treatment of PFAS contaminants. The treatment plants would consist of the use of an ion exchange (IX) treatment protocol through the use of IX vessels along with associated conveyance facilities. The vessels would be approximately 16 feet tall at each site. The sites have each been disturbed by the development of the existing groundwater production wells, the Project would not require any new ground disturbances. The facility would treat water pumped from the production wells and would convey it to existing water distribution pipelines for potable water consumption. The Project would not require any vegetation removal and occurs within areas that are highly urbanized.

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)

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 previously disturbed sites 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

18700 Ward Street

Fountain Valley, CA 92708

Name of Project: City of Orange Wells 20, 21 & 22 PFAS Treatment Systems

Location: The Project would be located at three existing drinking water well sites in the City of Orange in Orange County, California. A treatment plant would be constructed at the existing City of Orange Well 20, 21 and 22 sites, located in the City of Orange.

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.

X 7. The project is Categorically 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: April 25, 2022