

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**TO:**

Governor's Office of Planning and Research  
State Clearinghouse  
1400 Tenth Street, Room 113  
Sacramento, CA 95812

**FROM:**

State Water Resources Control Board  
Division of Financial Assistance  
1001 I Street, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER:** 2022050339

**PROJECT NUMBER:** 3010027-001C

**PROJECT TITLE:** City of Orange Wells 20, 21 & 22 PFAS Treatment Systems (Project)

**PROJECT LOCATION:** 841 East Collins Avenue, 104 South Anita Drive, 1930 North Shaffer Street, City of Orange, Orange County

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is a Responsible Agency for the Project. The Applicant has applied for financial assistance from the State Water Board's Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) Program for the Project referred to internally as City of Orange Wells 20, 21 and 22 PFAS Treatment Systems. The Project includes the installation of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances treatment systems at three existing well sites (Well 20, Well 21, and Well 22). Each treatment system would include a new ion exchange vessel system, necessary piping and related appurtenance.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT:**

Although the State Water Board has not determined whether to provide financial assistance for the Project, the State Water Board has completed its review of the CEQA documents for this Project and has approved the start of construction of the Project described above on January 16, 2024 in accordance with the regulations at 40 C.F.R. section 35.3525(a)(2)(i). The City of Orange will be carrying out the Project.

**CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION STATUS:**

**Class 3: New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures**

(California Code of Regulations, title 14, division 6, chapter 3, article 19, section 15303)

**REASON WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** The Project has been determined to meet the requirements of the exemption selected above and will not have a significant impact on water quality. The Project involves the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures.

**LEAD AGENCY:** Orange County Water District

**LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON:** Shawn Nevill

**PHONE NUMBER:** (714)-378-3256

Project records are available to the general public upon request at the State Water Board, Division of Financial Assistance at 1001 I Street, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814. Pursuant to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Code, Section 711.4(d)(1), the CDFW environmental review filing fees do not apply to exempt projects.

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