

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: Golden State Water Company Water Treatment Plants

Project Location: The Project would be located at two existing drinking water well sites in Orange County, California. A treatment plant would be constructed at the existing Golden State Water Company (GSWC) Bradford Well 4 site, located in the City of Placentia. An additional treatment plant would be constructed at the GSWC Fairhaven Wells site in the City of Orange.

The Bradford Well site is located within a site that has been previously developed with an existing drinking water well and conveyance facilities in the City of Placentia. The specific location of the site is at the northwestern corner of the intersection of South Bradford Avenue and West Crowther Avenue. The Bradford Well site is located on the 7.5' USGS Orange Quadrangle Map, Township 3 South, Range 10 West, Section 36.

The Fairhaven Wells site is located within a site that has been previously developed with existing drinking water wells and conveyance facilities in the City of Orange. The specific location of the site is approximately 450 feet east of the intersection of Fairhaven Avenue and Ponderosa Street in the City of Orange, just east of the SR-55 freeway. The Fairhaven Wells site is located on the 7.5' USGS Orange Quadrangle Map, Township 5 South, Range 9 West.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The Project consists of the installation of a small treatment plant at each of the two 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 existing disinfection systems used at the wells would be reconfigured within the sites to accommodate the proposed treatment plant and fencing and access gates at the sites would be replaced. 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 well 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

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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.

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

Signature: 

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

Date: April 25, 2022