

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 Tustin PFAS Water Treatment Plant

Project Location: The proposed treatment system will be located at 335 S Prospect Avenue the City of Tustin, California. The land is owned by the City of Tustin and was previously developed as a water treatment plant for existing wells at in the City of Tustin. The Project also includes new pipelines within existing roadways along portions of Prospect Avenue, Main Street, Beneta Way, and Pasadena Avenue in the City of Tustin.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The Project consists of the installation of a small treatment plant at an water treatment plant site for the treatment of PFAS contaminants. The PFAS treatment plant and associated on-site conveyance piping has been sized to treat water extracted from existing and future extraction wells in the City of Tustin which would be conveyed to the proposed PFAS treatment plant for treatment. Four ion exchange (IX) vessels will be installed to treat the water produced from the city's wells. The project will also include construction of a new pipeline to convey water from the well sites to the new PFAS treatment system located at the Main Plant, a new section of distribution piping from the Main Plant, replacement of an existing nitrate treatment system and upgraded booster pumps to handle the additional flows.

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 a previously disturbed site and new pipelines of a reasonable length to serve the facility 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 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: June 17, 2022