

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

TO: County of Orange
630 North Broadway
Suite 106, Bldg. 12
Santa Ana, CA 92702
Attention: Public Services Division

Project Title: Orange County Water District Piezometer OM-10 & SCS-14 Installation Project

Project Location: The Project would be located at two sites. OM-10 would be located within the public right of way in East Amber Avenue adjacent to a property located at 839 E Amber Ave in the City of Orange (APN 37410114, Coordinates 33.82937080522048, -117.84491425336763). SCS-14 would be located within the public right of way in Sussex Place adjacent to a property located at 13302 Sussex Pl, in an unincorporated portion of the North Tustin community (APN 39506318, coordinates 33°46'08.5"N 117°48'37.5"W).

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The proposed project involves the installation of two piezometers at a location in the City of Orange and in a portion of unincorporated North Tustin. Each location would be within paved public streets and would support the Orange County Water District's (OCWD) continued effort to investigate the regional groundwater conditions. The piezometers would be housed in approximately 12-inch below-ground vaults and the sites would be restored to their original condition following the completion of each installation. Well construction would occur during daytime hours only (between 8:00 AM and 6:00 PM Monday through Friday or as allowed by City code) over approximately one month. After construction, OCWD staff would monitor the piezometers approximately 12 times per year.

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, 15303)
- Not to be approved (Section 15270)

Reasons why project is exempt: The proposed project involves limited construction of small below-ground water quality monitoring facilities within previously disturbed paved roadways and falls within Class 3 descriptions for the new construction of small 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) 378-3256

Exhibit 1
PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

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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) 378-3256

Date: 12-22-2022