

## 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 Santa Ana Well 27 and 28 PFAS Water Treatment Plant

**Project Location:** The Project would be located within the existing City of Santa Ana Well 27 and Well 28 site in the City of Santa Ana. The specific project location would be within a portion of an existing city park located at 600 Memory Lane in the City of Santa Ana. The Project would be located at coordinates -33.77553416471106, -117.85801284622019, and would be located at Section 3, Township 4 South, Range 9, Section 31, San Bernardino Principal Meridian map. Parcel number (APN) is 39069103.

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** The Project consists of the installation of a small treatment plant within a city park adjacent to an existing groundwater production well site for the treatment of PFAS contaminants. Short pipelines would be installed to connect to two existing extraction wells (Well 27 and Well 28) that would convey untreated flows to the treatment plant site. The treatment plant would consist of the use of an ion exchange (IX) treatment protocol through the use of IX vessels along with associated conveyance facilities. The site has been disturbed by the development of the existing city park, 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 requires nominal landscape vegetation removal and would not affect the continued use of the park.

**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)

X 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 and conveyance facilities at a previously disturbed site 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: 

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

Date: August 21, 2023