

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, 16th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER: 2023080519

PROJECT NUMBER: 3010038-004C

PROJECT TITLE: City of Santa Ana Wells 27 and 28 PFAS Treatment Systems Project (Project)

PROJECT LOCATION: The Project is located at 600 Memory Lane, City of Santa Ana, within 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 Santa Ana Wells 27 and 28 PFAS Treatment System. 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 per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) contaminants. Short pipelines would be installed to connect 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 vessels would be approximately 16 feet tall. The site has been disturbed by the development of the existing city park. The facility would treat water pumped from the production wells and convey it to the 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.

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 October 23, 2024 in accordance with the regulations at 40 C.F.R. section 35.3525(a)(2)(i). The City of Santa Ana 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 construction and operation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures involving negligible or no expansion of capacity.

LEAD AGENCY: Orange County Water District

LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON: Shawn Nevill

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Project records are available to the general public upon request at the State Water Board, Division of Financial Assistance at 1001 I Street, 16th 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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