

Notice of Exemption

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From (Applicant/Lead agency):
Orange County Sanitation District
18480 Bandilier Circle
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

Project Title: Digester C, D, F and G Mechanical Rehabilitation at Plant No. 2, Project No. FE20-02

Project Applicant: Orange County Sanitation District, 18480 Bandilier Cir. Fountain Valley, CA 92708

Project Location (specific): 22212 Brookhurst Street **Cross Street:** Bushard Street

Project Location - City: Huntington Beach **Project Location — County:** Orange

Description of Project: This project will replace various aging mechanical equipment at Digesters C, D, F, and G at Plant No. 2. This includes four high rate mixing pumps, four heat exchangers, four recirculation pumps, two sludge transfer pumps, and associated piping. All equipment will be replaced in kind except for the high rate mixing pumps which will be upgraded to chopper pumps. Additionally, the project will replace aging digester gas balance lines for a total of 100 linear feet, repair digester concrete bridge, and install steel support frames at bridges between Digesters C-D, D-I and F-G.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Orange County Sanitation District
18480 Bandilier Cir.
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Orange County Sanitation District
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Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: CEQA Guidelines Class 1 § 15301
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt: The project is exempt from CEQA under the Class 1 categorical exemptions set forth in California Code of Regulations sections 15301. Section 15301 (Class 1) exempts from CEQA “the operation, repair, maintenance ... or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities ... involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency’s determination” including “(b) Existing facilities of both investor and publicly owned utilities used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility services.”

The project is exempt because it involves repair to existing facilities by replacing aging mechanical, piping and electrical, assets which does not involve expansion of use of the digesters.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Andrew Brown Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (714) 593-7052

Signature: _____ Date: 7/1/24 Title: Engineering Supervisor

Signed by Lead Agency