

# Notice of Exemption

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

Orange County Clerk Recorder  
601 North Ross Street  
Santa Ana, CA 92701-0238

**Project Title:** Thickening and Dewatering Facility Handrail Installation at Plant No. 1, Project FE21-04

**Project Applicant:** Orange County Sanitation District, 18480 Bandilier Circle, Fountain Valley, CA 92708

**Project Location (specific):** 10844 Ellis Ave. **Cross Street:** Ward Street

**Project Location - City:** Fountain Valley **Project Location — County:** Orange

**Description of Project:** Will install handrail (safety guard railing) and fall protection grating. This will include new guardrails outside P1 CenGen Building and safety grating to existing hatch to the Centrate Wetwell. New guard railing along the northside of the Thickening and Dewatering Facility, and entrance to Tunnel 32 at the East Perimeter Rd. New fall protection grating within the westerly access hatch opening of the Centrate Wet Well north of the Thickening and Dewatering Facility.

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

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Orange County Sanitation District  
18480 Bandilier Circle  
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

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 categorically exempt from CEQA under the Class 1 categorical exemptions set forth in Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (“CEQA Guidelines”) sections 15301. Section 15301 (Class 1) exempts from CEQA “the operation, repair, maintenance ... or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, [or] facilities ... involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use,” 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 minor alteration to existing facilities by adding safety guard railing and fall protection grating. The project does not involve expansion of use of facilities.

## Lead Agency

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

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: Engineering Supervisor

Signed by Lead Agency