

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Filing Fee Exempt Per Gov. Code § 6103

TO: County Clerk-Recorder
County of Orange
601 N. Ross Street
Santa Ana, CA 92701

FROM: City of Orange
Community Development Department
300 E. Chapman Ave.
Orange, CA 92866

Project Title: Steel Streetlight Replacement, Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Project Location: City of Orange, Various Locations (please see attached location maps)

Description, Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: The project consists of the replacement of 16 steel street light poles with new concrete poles. The existing LED fixtures will be salvaged and re-connected to the new poles. The existing overhead (aerial) conduit that provide power to the poles will be removed and relocated to new underground conduit. The scope of work will include, but not be limited to, the removal of existing steel poles, foundations, and aerial conduit, and installation of new concrete poles and foundations with underground conduit/wiring within the City street and/or parkway. The proposed improvements will be constructed within the existing street right-of-way.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Orange

Applicant or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Orange – Public Works

Name, Address, and Phone Number of Applicant or Agency Carrying Out the Project:
City of Orange, Public Works Department, 300 E. Chapman Ave, Orange, CA 92866

Exempt Status:

- Ministerial (Sec. 15268)
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 15269)
- Emergency Project (Sec. 15269)
- General Rule (Sec. 15061)
- Statutory Exemption:
- Categorical Exemption: Section 15302, Class 2


Date of Decision: 08/13/2024

Reasons why project is exempt: The CEQA Guidelines Section 15302 categorically exempts projects that involve the conversion of overhead electric utility distribution system facilities to underground including connection to existing overhead electric utility distribution lines where the

surface is restored to the condition existing prior to the undergrounding. The project is exempt because it involves the replacement of existing steel streetlight poles that have deteriorated over time with new concrete poles and undergrounding the existing aerial wires, which are prone to damage due to proximity to adjacent trees. The proposed replacement of streetlight infrastructure does not expand the streets' existing use nor create an expansion of utility capacity.

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Lead Agency Signature:  _____ **Date:** 8/20/24
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Fish & Game Fees: Pursuant to Section 711.4(c)(2)(A) of the California Fish and Game Code and 14 CCR § 753.5, this project is exempt from the required fees, as it is exempt from CEQA.