

Exhibit 1
PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
18700 Ward Street
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

Name of Project: City of Garden Grove Wells 22, 26 and 27 PFAS Treatment Systems Project

Location: Well 22 is located 7001 Chapman Avenue in the City of Garden Grove. The well site is in a highly urbanized area surrounded by commercial uses and adjacent to tennis courts associated with Chapman park. The site is fully developed as a well site. Well 26 is located at 12351 Trask Avenue in the City of Garden Grove. The well site is in a highly urbanized area surrounded by residential uses with commercial uses to the south on the adjacent side of Trask Avenue. The site is fully developed as a well site. Well 27 is located at 11472 Magnolia Street in the City of Garden Grove. The well site is in a highly urbanized area surrounded by portions of Magnolia Park with residential uses to the west and south.

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) 378-3256

Date: December 19, 2024

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

FROM: Orange County Water District
18700 Ward Street
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

TO: County of Orange
630 North Broadway
Santa Ana, CA 92702

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Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The City of Garden Grove Wells 22, 26 and 27 PFAS Treatment Systems Project consists of installing seven ion exchange vessel systems in lead-lag configuration (six vessels at Well 22, four vessels at Well 26 and four vessels at Well 27) including the necessary piping, prefilters and related appurtenances. The main project objective is water quality improvement of PFAS-contaminated groundwater supplies via advanced treatment technology of ion exchange. Specifically, the proposed ion exchange treatment system is expected to remove PFOA and PFOS to less than 2 ppt (the current non-detect limit) and will ensure the treated groundwater can be safely served to the City of GG consumers and customers in compliance with PFAS drinking water regulations. Another important objective is to design, construct, permit and operate PFAS removal systems for the City of GG wells in accordance with OCWD PFAS Policy.

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)
- Categorical Exemption. (Class 3, 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 at previously disturbed sites representing the development of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures.

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