

# Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research  
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County Clerk  
 County of Orange  
 601 N. Ross Street  
 Santa Ana, CA 92701

From: (Public Agency): Orange County Transportation Agency  
 550 S Main Street  
 Orange, CA 92868

(Address)

Project Title: Inland Slope Rehabilitation Phase 2 Project

Project Applicant: Orange County Transportation Agency (OCTA)

Project Location - Specific:

Within existing railroad right-of-way, Mile Post (MP) 187.3 through 193.0

Project Location - City: Lake Forest, Mission Viejo, and Laguna Niguel Project Location - County: Orange

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Inland Slope Rehabilitation Phase 2 Project (Project) is proposed to repair several locations within existing railroad right-of-way (ROW) where the sloped area is experiencing severe soil and slope erosion, and improving trackside drainage and culverts in locations where new developments have been built adjacent to the railroad. Erosion control work is proposed along existing slopes within the ROW at six separately mapped locations at MP 187.3, 187.6, 188.0, 188.8, 189.3, and 193.0 spanning the cities of Lake Forest, Mission Viejo, and Laguna Niguel, Orange County, California. Erosion control measures for the existing slopes could include but not limited to cement-grouting and/or enviro-block. Location maps are attached.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: OCTA

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: OCTA

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: Class 1, 15301
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

The specific activities proposed for this project are covered under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Categorical Exemption (CE) 15301, Class 1 Existing Facilities. A Class 1 exemption consists of "the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use."

Lead Agency Contact Person: Jim Beil Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 714-560-5646

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?  Yes  No

Signature: [Signature] Date: 4/14/2025 Title: Exec. Dir. Cap. Prog.

Signed by Lead Agency  Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.  
 Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_

Figure 1. Project Location

