

Notice of Exemption

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From (Applicant/Lead agency):
Orange County Sanitation District
10844 Ellis Avenue
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

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

Project Title: Digesters Rehabilitation at Plant No. 2, Project No. P2-137

Project Applicant: Orange County Sanitation District, 10844 Ellis Ave. 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: The project will rehabilitate all existing Plant No. 2 digesters to extend their useful lives by 10-15 years. Work includes repairing the digester domes, walls, and bridges, rehabilitating the hot water piping system, improving miscellaneous safety related items, and replacing electrical motor control centers that are obsolete.

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

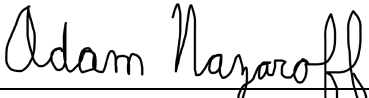
- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
 Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
 Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
 Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: CEQA Guidelines Class 1 § 15301
 Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt: The project is categorically 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, [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 consists of maintaining digesters involving repairs and replacing of obsolete equipment. This will not increase the capacity of the digester or otherwise expand the current use of it. Section 15301(b) specifically contemplates the exemption of repairs, maintenance, or minor alterations to existing sewerage facilities such as pipelines at issue here, and therefore applies to the project.

Lead Agency

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Signature:  Date: 3/14/22 Title: Engineering Supervisor

Signed by Lead Agency