

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: Thickening and Dewatering Facility Handrail Installation at Plant No. 1, Project 21-04

Project Applicant: Orange County Sanitation District, 10844 Ellis Ave. 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: The project will install handrail (safety guard railing) and fall protection grating. The guard railing will be installed along the northside of the Thickening and Dewatering Facility, additional guard railing at the entrance to Tunnel 32 at the East Perimeter Rd. The fall protection grating will be installed 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
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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 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

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Signature: _____ Date: 10/18/23 Title: Engineering Supervisor

Signed by Lead Agency