

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

From (Applicant/Lead agency):
Orange County Sanitation District
18480 Bandilier Circle
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

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

Project Title: HVAC Replacement for Plant 2 Centrifuge Building, Operations Building, and Bitter Point PS,
Project No.SC22-02

Project Applicant: Orange County Sanitation District, 18480 Bandilier Circle, 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: This project will replace existing Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) units at the Centrifuge Building, Operations Building, and Bitter Point Pump Station (BPPS) to maintain function and provide reliable protection of critical electrical and communication equipment.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Orange County Sanitation District
18480 Bandilier Circle
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Orange County Sanitation District
10844 Bandilier Circle
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

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 replacing the HVAC units at two buildings and a pump station to maintain the function of the HVAC system. The project will not increase the capacity 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 functional repairs at issue here, and therefore applies to the project.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Andrew Brown **Area Code/Telephone/Extension:** (714) 593-7052

Signature: _____ Date: 3/21/25 Title: Engineering Supervisor

Signed by Lead Agency