

Notice of Exemption

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

Project Title: Dewatering Centrifuge Diverter Gate Improvements at Plant No. 1, Project No. FR1-0018

Project Applicant: Orange County Sanitation District, 18480 Bandilier Circle, 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: This project will modify three dewatering centrifuge diverter gates that are positioned horizontally on the cake chute assemblies by replacing them with three diverter gates that are sloped and designed to hold slop and liquids.

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

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 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, facilities ... involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency’s determination” 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 modification and replacement of dewatering centrifuge gates, which does not involve expansion of use.

Lead Agency

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

Signature: _____ Date: 9/9/25 Title: Engineering Supervisor

☒ Signed by Lead Agency