

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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601 North Ross Street
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From (Applicant/Lead agency):
Orange County Sanitation District
10844 Ellis Avenue
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

Project Title: Digester Gas Compressor Dryer Replacements at Plant No. 1 and Plant No. 2, Project No. FE23-01

Project Applicant: Orange County Sanitation District, 10844 Ellis Ave. Fountain Valley, CA 92708

Project Location (specific): 10844 Ellis Ave./22212 Brookhurst Street **Cross Street:** Ward St./ Bushard St.

Project Location - City: Fountain Valley/Huntington Beach **Project Location — County:** Orange

Description of Project: The project will replace and rehabilitate the legacy Digester Gas Drying Systems and related appurtenances. This includes the removal and demolition of three Gas Drying Systems (one at Plant No. 1 and two at Plant No. 2) and installation of new in-kind replacement Gas Drying Systems including associated piping, valves, instruments, controls, appurtenances.

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: This 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 purpose of this project is to maintain the gas dryer systems, which requires the existing ones and related to be replaced in-kind. The project will not increase the capacity or otherwise expand the current use.

Lead Agency

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

Signature: _____ Date: 4/9/24 Title: Engineering Supervisor

Signed by Lead Agency