

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**FROM:** Orange County Water District, 18700 Ward Street, Fountain Valley, CA 92708

**TO:** California State Clearinghouse, 1400 Tenth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

**Project Title:** Garden Grove PFAS Water Treatment Plant Project

**Project Locations:** The Project would consist of facilities that would be located at five (5) separate locations in the City of Garden Grove as detailed below.

- **Garden Grove Well No.19.** An existing potable well site owned by the City of Garden Grove located at the southeast corner of the intersection of Orangewood Avenue and Dolan Street.
- **Lampson Reservoir.** An existing potable well site owned by the City of Garden Grove located south of Jerry Lane between Oakwood Street and Elmwood Street
- **Garden Grove Well No. 21.** An existing potable well site owned by the City of Garden Grove located at a dedicated site within a portion of Westhaven Park adjacent to West Street.
- **Garden Grove Well No. 30.** An existing potable well site owned by the City of Garden Grove located at the northwest corner of the intersection of Otis Avenue and Haster Street.
- **Garden Grove Well No. 29.** An existing potable well site owned by the City of Garden Grove located adjacent to Haster street west of the intersection with Bedford.

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** The Project consists of the installation of small treatment plants at each of the five existing City of Garden groundwater production well sites for the treatment of PFAS contaminants. The treatment plants would use an ion exchange (IX) treatment protocol through the use of cartridge filtration and IX vessels. New cartridge filters and IX treatment vessels would be installed at all five well sites. New booster pumps would be added at well sites 19, 29 and 30 to accommodate the changed hydrologics introduced by the treatment facilities. New and/or replacement security fencing is proposed at the well sites to prohibit public access to the treatment components. Each of the five sites have been previously disturbed by the development of the existing groundwater production wells, the Project would not require any new ground disturbances. The facilities would treat water pumped from the existing production wells and would convey it to existing water distribution pipelines for potable water consumption. The Project would not require any native vegetation removal and each facility is located within highly urbanized portions of the City of Garden Grove.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** Orange County Water District, 18700  
Ward Street, Fountain Valley, CA 92708

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Orange County Water District –

Attn: Shawn Nevill

Exempt Status: (Check One)

Not a Project (Section 15378)

Ministerial (Section 15268)

Feasibility and Planning Study (Section 15262)

Emergency Project (Section 15269)

Categorical Exemption. (Class 3, Section 15303)

Not to be approved (Section 15270)

Reasons why project is exempt: The proposed project falls under the Exemption for New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures (Class 3) because it consists of the construction and operation of a small treatment plants at a previously disturbed sites representing the development of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures.

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding

2. Has a notice of exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?

Yes  No.

Signature: Shawn A

Contact Person: Shawn Nevill

Principal Planner (714) 469-5740

Date Received for Filing: \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibit 1

**PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

**ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT**

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**Entity or Person Undertaking Project:** Orange County Water District, 18700 Ward Street, Fountain Valley, CA 92708

**Staff Determination:** The staff of the Orange County Water District (District), having undertaken and completed a preliminary review of this project in accordance with the State CEQA Guidelines has concluded that this project does not require further environmental assessment because:

\_\_\_\_ 1. The project involves another public agency which constitutes the Lead Agency.

Name of Agency \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ 2. The proposed action does not constitute a project within the meaning of Section 15378.

\_\_\_\_ 3. The project is a Ministerial Project under Section 15268.

\_\_\_\_ 4. The project is an Emergency Project under Section 15269.

\_\_\_ 5. The project constitutes a Feasibility or Planning Study under Section 15262.

\_\_\_ 6. The proposal will not be approved as provided in Section 15270.

X 7. The project is Categorical Exempt under Article 19 commencing with Section 15300 - Applicable Exemption Class 3.

Signature: 

Contact Person: Shawn Nevill, Principal Planner - (714) 469-5740

Date: December 7, 2020