

Exhibit 1
PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
18700 Ward Street
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

Name of Project: City of Santa Ana PFAS Treatment at John Garthe Reservoir Project

Location: The Project would occur at the existing City of Santa Ana John Garthe Reservoir site located in the City of Santa Ana. The site is located at 2401 N Bristol St, Santa Ana, CA 92706. The coordinates are 33.7689631216535, -117.88404950134056. The existing site consists of two large storage tanks and supporting water production components. Residential uses occur in the vicinity of the site with a portion of Santiago Creek occurring adjacent to the northern boundary of the site. The site is highly urbanized with no natural open space areas in the vicinity.

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.
- 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) 378-3256

Date: March 20, 2025

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

TO: County of Orange
630 North Broadway
Santa Ana, CA 92702

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Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The City of Santa Ana PFAS Treatment at John Garthe Reservoir Project will installing six IX vessel systems and related pre-filtration, site piping, electrical upgrades, and other appurtenances.

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, 15303)
- Not to be approved (Section 15270)

Reasons why project is exempt: The project is consistent with the Categorical Exemption for the New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures because the project consists of the installation of a small treatment plant and associated pipelines at an existing water reservoir site that is currently developed and operated as water production infrastructure.

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