

**Exhibit 1**  
**PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

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

**Name of Project:** Golden State Water Company Clair Plant, Beach Plant, and Dale Plant PFAS Treatment Systems Project

**Location:** The Project would occur at the existing Gold State Water Company Wells Clair Plant, Beach Plant and Dale Plant well sites. The Clair Plant is located at the intersection of Cerritos Avenue and Fern Avenue in the City of Stanton. The coordinates of the Clair Plant are 33.80998311647748, -117.989313601795. The Beach Plant is located along Beach Boulevard just north of the intersection with Catherine Avenue. The coordinates of the Beach Plant site are 33.78400257268883, -117.99353762256544. The Dale Plant site is located at 11872 Dale Street in the city of Garden Grove. The coordinates of the Dale Plant site are 33.79004057012762, -117.98382590054014. All three sites are highly urbanized with a mix commercial and residential uses nearby and all three sites have been fully developed and disturbed with existing extraction wells.

**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 Categorically Exempt under Article 19 commencing with Section 15300 - Applicable Exemption Class 3.

Signature: 

**Contact Person:** Shawn Nevill, Principal Planner  
(714) 378-3256

Date: May 22, 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:** Golden State Water Company Clair Plant, Beach Plant, and Dale Plant PFAS Treatment Systems Project will include installing ion exchange (IX) vessel systems and all pre-filtration, site piping, well modifications, electrical upgrades, and other appurtenances at existing groundwater extraction wells within sites that were previously developed and disturbed.

**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 existing water well sites that are currently developed and operated as water production infrastructure.

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