

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

Project Title: Bond Basin Slope Repair Project

Project Location: The Project would occur at Bond Basin, an existing recharge basin located in the City of Orange northwest of the intersection of Hewes Avenue and Bond Street. Bond Basin occurs in a primarily developed residential community. The coordinates are 33.80011940487998, -117.80766667857077. The site is located along Santiago Creek and was formerly developed for gravel mining activities. The project site occurs in the extreme southeastern corner of the basin, where urgent slope stabilization efforts are needed to alleviate any potential for slope failure impacting roads and/or nearby private properties.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: Emergency work was completed in 2023 to repair an existing storm drain outlet that had failed causing concern for slope failure. The Project would include further repairs to permanently address the slope stability concerns. The Project includes the installation of a soil nail wall and drainage improvements to convey stormwater to the basin without further slope degradation. A small portion (15' wide) of the slope would be re-graded to accommodate the repairs. Any vegetation disturbed by the project would be replaced at the completion of the Project.

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 small erosion control features at a previously disturbed site that is used for storm flow and groundwater recharge functions.

Signature: 

Date: March 20, 2025

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

Exhibit 1
PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

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

Signature: 

Contact Person: Shawn Nevill, Principal Planner
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