



ORANGE COUNTY
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CEQA FILING COVER SHEET

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July 10, 2025

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CLERK - RECORDER

By: Hugh Nguyen
Deputy clerk

30-07/10/2025-0512

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TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Project Title

LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN AND GENERAL PLAN SAFETY ELEMENT
UPDATES

Check Document being Filed:

- Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
- Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) or Negative Declaration (ND)
- Notice of Exemption (NOE)
- Other (Please fill in type):

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COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER ON 07/10/2025
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City of Rancho Santa Margarita
22112 El Paseo
Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688
(949) 635-1800

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: X County of Orange Clerk-Recorder
601 N. Ross Street
Santa Ana, CA 92701

X Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812

Project Title and File Number: Local Hazard Mitigation Plan and General Plan Safety Element Updates

Project Applicant: City of Rancho Santa Margarita
22112 El Paseo
Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688

Telephone Number: (949)-635-1807

Project Location: Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688

Project Description: An update to the City of Rancho Santa Margarita's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan and associated update to the General Plan Safety Element to comply with Assembly Bill 2140 (AB 2140) which requires the City to reference the updated Local Hazard Mitigation Plan in the General Plan Safety Element each time the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan is updated. The Local Hazard Mitigation Plan is required to be updated every five years and the Safety Element has been updated to reference the 2025 Updated Plan.

Public Agency Approving Project: City of Rancho Santa Margarita

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, section and class number)
- Section 15262 Feasibility and Planning Studies**

Reasons why project is exempt: Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15262, the proposed project is exempt from CEQA under Article 18, Section 15262 (Feasibility and Planning Studies) statutory exemption since the proposed project involves only feasibility or planning studies for possible future actions which the City has not approved, adopted, or funded.

Lead Agency: City of Rancho Santa Margarita

Contact Person: Wendy Starks, Principal Planner

Telephone: (949) 635-1800 Ext. 6704

If filed by Applicant: N/A

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: Wendy Starks
Name & Title: Wendy Starks, Principal Planner
Date: July 9, 2025

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State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2025 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE
CASH RECEIPT
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/25) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER:
 30-07/10/2025-0512
 STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (if applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY CITY OF RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 07/10/2025
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING ORANGE COUNTY	DOCUMENT NUMBER 202585000660	
PROJECT TITLE LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN AND GENERAL PLAN SAFETY ELEMENT UPDATES		

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME CITY OF RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (949) 635-1807
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 22112 EL PASEO	CITY RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA CA	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 92688

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

- Local Public Agency
 School District
 Other Special District
 State Agency
 Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

- Environmental Impact Report (EIR) \$ 4,123.50 \$ _____
- Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) \$ 2,968.75 \$ _____
- Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW \$ 1,401.75 \$ _____
- Exempt from fee
 - Notice of Exemption (attach)
 - CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)
- Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)
- Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) \$ 850.00 \$ _____
- County documentary handling fee \$ 50.00 \$ _____
- Other \$ _____

PAYMENT METHOD:

- Cash
 Credit
 Check
 Other

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ _____ 0.00

SIGNATURE X <i>Isabel Dominguez</i>	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Isabel Dominguez Deputy Clerk
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