CITY OF ANAHEIM
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: ☒County Clerk
County of Orange
P.O. Box 238, Santa Ana, CA 92702

PROJECT TITLE:	City of Anaheim Wells 48 and 53 PFAS Treatment Systems, also referred to as Groundwater Treatment Plants, Phase C-1
PROJECT LOCATION - Specific:	At and near 1211 S. Magnolia Ave, and 445 N. Gilbert St., Anaheim, California
PROJECT LOCATION - City:	City of Anaheim, Orange County, California

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: City of Anaheim Wells 48 and 53 PFAS Treatment Systems, also referred to as Groundwater Treatment Plants, Phase C-1 (Project) will construct new groundwater treatment systems at the existing Well 48 and 53 sites. These wells provide domestic water to Anaheim Public Utilities (APU) customers. The Project will include the installation of ion exchange systems to treat per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). This will include installing ion exchange resin vessels, pre-filtration systems, additional site piping, well modifications, electrical upgrades, and other minor improvements and appurtenances. The sites are all located in previously developed, highly urbanized areas. The project will be conducted by the Orange County Water District, 18700 Ward St., Fountain Valley, CA 92708.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT:	City of Anaheim, 200 S. Anaheim Boulevard, Anaheim, CA 92805	
LEAD AGENCY / APPLICANT:	City of Anaheim Public Utilities Department Jonathan Sanks, Environmental Services and Safety Manager	**PHONE NUMBER:** (714) 765-4117
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EXEMPT STATUS:

- ☐ Ministerial (Section 21080(b)(1); 15268)
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Section 21080(b)(3))
- ☐ Emergency Project (Section 21080(b)(2))
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. **Section 15301(b), 15302(c), and 15303**
- ☐ Statutory Exemption. State code number:
- ☐ Other:

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: On November 4, 2025, the Anaheim City Council determined that the Project is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to sections 15301(b), 15302(c), and 15303 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations. The Project will involve rehabilitation, construction of treatment systems, and minor modifications to existing water supply wells, which do not have the potential to create a significant effect on the environment. None of the exceptions to the use of categorical exemptions under CEQA guidelines section 15300.2 apply.

STAFF CONTACT: Jonathan Sanks, Environmental Services and Safety Manager **PHONE NUMBER:** (714) 765-4117

Authorized Signature – Utilities Department	Environmental Services and Safety Manager Title	11/5/2025 Date

☒Signed by Lead Agency ☐Signed by Applicant

DATE RECEIVED FOR FILING AT OPR (if applicable):