ORANGE COUNTY
CLERK-RECORDER
CEQA FILING COVER SHEET

30-11/06/2025-0848

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November 6, 2025
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CLERK - RECORDER

By _____
Deputy clerk

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Project Title

ADOPT ORDINANCE FOR BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS

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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ORANGE COUNTY
OC Public Works

CEQA NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: County Clerk, County of Orange

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BY: _____ DEPUTY

From: County of Orange
OC Public Works, Development Services/Planning

Public Project Number (PP): PP-25-0041

Project Title: Adopt Ordinance for Battery Energy Storage Systems

Project Location(s): Unincorporated Areas, Orange County, CA

Project Description: The proposed project, Zoning Code Amendment CA 24-03, is an adoption of an Ordinance to add the Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Facilities in the County Zoning Code. The BESS Ordinance will establish guidelines and standards for BESS facilities to support public health and safety and ensure compatibility with surrounding land uses in the unincorporated areas of Orange County.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Board of Supervisors

Name of County Agency Carrying-Out Project: OCPW/OC Development Services

Address of County Agency: 601 North Ross Street, Santa Ana, CA 92701

Exempt Status:

☐ Ministerial (Guidelines Section No. 15268)
☐ Emergency Project (Guidelines Section No. 15269)
☒ Common Sense (Guidelines Section No. 15061(b)(3))
☐ Statutory Exemption: State Code number:
☐ Categorical Exemption:
☐ Other Exemption:

Reason(s) why project is exempt: The proposed Zoning Code Amendment CA 24-03 is exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) since there is no possibility that the addition of regulations for BESS Facilities to the Zoning Code, may have a significant effect on the environment.

Date of Decision: 11/04/2025

CEQA Contact Person: Virginia Gomez, Senior Planner Phone: 714-667-1614

Project Manager Signature: _____

Name: Scarlet Duggan

Title: Land Use Manager

Fish & Game Fees: Pursuant to Section 711.4 (c) (2)(A) of the California Fish and Game Code, this project is exempt from the required fees, as it is exempt from CEQA. Filing Fee is exempt per Government Code Section 6103.

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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

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RECEIPT NUMBER:
30-11/06/2025-0848

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER *(If applicable)*

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LEAD AGENCY	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE
OCPW, DEVELOPMENT SERVICES		11/06/2025
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING		DOCUMENT NUMBER
ORANGE COUNTY		202585001064

PROJECT TITLE

ADOPT ORDINANCE FOR BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL		PHONE NUMBER
OCPW / OC DEVELOPMENT SERVICES			(714) 667-1614
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
601 NORTH ROSS STREET	SANTA ANA	CA	92701

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	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE
X	Sarah Luna Deputy Clerk

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