Exhibit 1
PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

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

Name of Project: Golden State Water Company La Jolla Plant and Fern Plant PFAS Treatment Systems Project

Location: The Project would occur at the existing Gold State Water Company Wells La Jolla Plant Well and Fern Plant Well sites. The La Jolla Plant well site is located 911 Vista Ave, Placentia, CA 92870. The coordinates are 33.85911337473711, -117.87754563328231. The existing site consists of Golden State Water Company well facilities with residential uses nearby. The site is highly urbanized with no natural open space areas in the vicinity. The Fern Plant site is located at 12761 Fern St, Garden Grove, CA 92841. The coordinates are 33.7770414994103, -117.9886172321266. The existing site consists of Golden State Water Company well facilities with residential uses nearby. The site is highly urbanized with no natural open space areas in the vicinity.

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.
__X_ 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: March 20, 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 La Jolla Plant and Fern Plant PFAS Treatment Systems Project will installing IX vessel systems and all pre-filtration, site piping, well modifications, electrical upgrades, and other appurtenances at two existing production well sites.

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)
__X__ 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.

Signature:

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