(7) ☐ Other. Explanation:

Reasons Why Project Was Exempt: The City council finds that the administration, operation, maintenance, and improvements of the City's water, sewer, and solid waste systems, which are to be funded by the Charges, and set forth herein, are necessary to maintain service within the City's existing water, sewer, and solid waste service areas as described herein. The City Council further finds that the administration, operation, maintenance and improvements of the City's water, sewer, and solid waste systems, to be funded by the Charges, will not expand the City's water, sewer and solid waste systems. The City Council further finds that the adoption of the Charges is necessary and reasonable to Fund the administration, operation, maintenance and improvements of the City's water, sewer, and solid waste systems.

Lead Agency Contact: Dennice Raygoza, Departmental Administrator, Draygoza@ontarioca.gov, (909) 395-2616

Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?
☒ Yes ☐ No

Was a public hearing held by the Lead Agency to consider the exemption?
☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, the date of the public hearing was: October 7, 2025

Signature: Dennice Raygoza	**Date** 11/24/2025
Name: Dennice Raygoza	**Title:** Departmental Administrator
Date Received for Filing: Click or tap to enter a date.	

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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CITY OF ONTARIO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Preliminary Exemption Assessment

303 East B Street, Ontario, California 91764 Phone: 909.395.2036 / Fax: 909.395.2420

(Certificate of Determination When Attached to Notice of Exemption)

Project Title/File No.: Water, Sewer, and Integrated Waste Utility Rates Resolution No. 2023-125

Project Applicant: Ontario Municipal Utilities Company, Dennice Raygoza – Departmental Administrator, 1425 South Bon View Ave, Ontario, California 91761, (909) 395-2616

Project Location: City Wide, City of Ontario, California, 91764, County of San Bernardino

Project Description: Establish a schedule of rates for water, sewer and integrated waste user fees, in order to generate revenues in an amount sufficient to cover the City's ongoing costs of operations, maintenance, and capital facilities for its water, sewer and integrate waste systems.

Staff Determination: The Lead Agency's Staff, having undertaken and completed a preliminary review of this project in accordance with the Lead Agency's "Local Guidelines for Implementing the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)," has concluded that this project does not require further environmental assessment for the reasons listed below:

1. ☐ The proposed action does not constitute a project under CEQA.

2. ☐ The project constitutes a feasibility or planning study.

3. ☐ The project is categorically exempt.

   Applicable Exemption Class:

   - ☐ Class 1 – Existing Facilities
   - ☐ Class 3 – New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures
   - ☐ Class 4 – Minor Alterations to Land
   - ☐ Class 5 – Minor Alterations to Land Use Limitations
   - ☐ Class 11 – Accessory Structures
   - ☐ Class 15 – Minor Land Divisions
   - ☐ Class 31 – Historical Resource Restoration/Rehabilitation
   - ☐ Class 32 – In-Fill Development Projects
   - ☐ Class Click to enter class # – Click to enter class description

   Justification/Explanation: Click to enter text

4. ☐ The application of a categorial exemption is not barred by one of the exceptions set forth in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2, summarized below:

   a. Location – Classes 3, 4, 5, 6, and 11 are qualified by consideration of where the project is to be located. These classes are considered to apply all instances, except where the project may impact on an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern

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where designated, precisely mapped, and official adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies.

b. Cumulative Impact – The cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time is significant.

c. Significant Effect – There is a reasonable possibility that an activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances.

d. Scenic Highways – A project which may result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees, historical buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway.

e. Hazardous Waste Sites – A project on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

f. Historical Resources –A project which may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

5. ☒ The project is statutorily exempt.

Applicable Exemption:

☐ Feasibility and Planning Studies
☐ Ministerial Project
☐ Emergency Project
☒ Other: 15273 (a). Rates, Tolls, Fares and Charges

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6. ☐ The project is otherwise exempt on the following basis: Click to enter reason.

7. ☐ The project involves another public agency which constitutes the Lead Agency.
Name of Lead Agency: City of Ontario

Signature: Dennice Raygoza	**Date:** 11/24/2024
Name: Dennice Raygoza	**Title:** Departmental Administrator