NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

FROM: Orange County Water District, 18700 Ward Street, Fountain Valley, CA 92708

TO: California State Clearinghouse, 1400 Tenth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

Project Title: City of Orange Well 29 PFAS Water Treatment Systems Project

Project Location: The proposed treatment system will be located 1715 W Struck Ave, Orange, CA 92867. The land is owned by the City of Orange and has been developed and operated as city of Orange Well 29 (which replaced an earlier Well 8 at the site), an existing groundwater extraction well. The site is located in a heavily urbanized area with commercial, industrial and multifamily residential uses occurring on nearby properties. The coordinates for the site are 33.80625049754713, -117.870544659894.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The Project consists of the installation of a small treatment plant at an existing groundwater production well site for the treatment of PFAS contaminants. The City of Orange Well 29 PFAS Treatment Systems Project will include installing IX vessel systems and all pre-filtration, site piping, well modifications, electrical upgrades, and other appurtenances The proposed Project would occur within areas that were previously disturbed by well, treatment plant and pipeline installations at the same site.

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, 18700 Ward Street, Fountain Valley, CA 92708

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, Section 15303)

____ Not to be approved (Section 15270)

Reasons why project is exempt: The proposed project falls under the Exemption for New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures (Class 3) because it consists of the

construction and operation of a small treatment plant at a previously disturbed site representing the development of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures.

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding

2. Has a notice of exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?

__X_ Yes ____ No.

Signature: _____

Date: December 19, 2025

Contact Person: Shawn Nevill

Principal Planner

Date Received for Filing: _____

Exhibit 1

PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

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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, 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

Date: December 19, 2025