

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: OCWD Asphalt Pavement Rehabilitation Project

Project Location: The project will occur at six separate facilities operated by the Orange County Water District (OCWD). The locations include OCWD's Fountain Valley campus located at 18700 Ward Street in City of Fountain Valley, as well as locations at the Green Acres Project's Santa Ana Reservoir in the City of Santa Ana, and recharge facility sites at Burris, Riverview, Five Coves, and Kraemer Basins in the City of Anaheim.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The Project consists of the rehabilitation of existing asphalt at facilities utilized for OCWD administrative and operational activities. The rehabilitation will only occur within existing paved areas and does not require any new excavations or expansion of any facilities.

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 1, Section 15301)

☐ Not to be approved (Section 15270)

Reasons why project is exempt: The proposed project falls under the Exemption for Existing Facilities (Class 1) because it consists of the replacement or reconstruction of existing streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity.

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: Shawn A

Date: January 27, 2026

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 1.

Signature: Shawn A

Contact Person: Shawn Nevill, Principal Planner

Date: January 27, 2026