

# Notice of Exemption

To:  Office of Planning and Research  
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From (Applicant/Lead agency):  
Orange County Sanitation District  
18480 Bandilier Circle  
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

Orange County Clerk Recorder  
601 North Ross Street  
Santa Ana, CA 92701-0238

**Project Title:** Secondary Treatment Area Cable Replacement at Plant No. 1, FR1-0023

**Project Applicant:** Orange County Sanitation District

**Project Location (specific):** 10844 Ellis Ave. **Cross Street:** Ward Street

**Project Location - City:** Fountain Valley **Project Location — County:** Orange

### Description of Project:

The project will replace damaged cables for two systems at Plant No. 1, which are the Ground Water Recharge (GWR) Meter Vault and Effluent Junction Box (EJB).

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** Orange County Sanitation District  
18480 Bandilier Cir,  
Fountain Valley, CA10844

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Orange County Sanitation District  
18480 Bandilier Cir,  
Fountain Valley, CA10844

Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);  
 Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));  
 Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));  
 Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: CEQA Guidelines Class 1 § 15301  
 Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reasons why project is exempt:** This project is exempt from CEQA under the Class 1 categorical exemptions set forth in California Code of Regulations sections 15301. Section 15301 (Class 1) exempts from CEQA “the operation, repair, maintenance ... or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities ... involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency’s determination” including “(b) Existing facilities of both investor and publicly owned utilities used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility services.”

The project consists of repairing an existing meter vault and effluent junction box by replacing damaged cables. It will not increase the capacity or otherwise expand the current use of the systems.

### Lead Agency

**Contact Person:** Andrew Brown **Area Code/Telephone/Extension:** (714) 593-7052

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 3/11/26 Title: Engineering Supervisor

Signed by Lead Agency