

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
County Clerk
County of: Orange
601N.RossStreet
Santa Ana, CA 92701

From: (Public Agency): Exempt from Fees per Government Code Section 5103
Harvery De La Torre, General Manager
Municipal Water District of Orange County
18700 Ward Street, Unit B
Fountain Valley, CA 92708
Phone: 714-593-5006

Project Title: 2025 Urban Water Management Plan ("UWMP") and Water Shortage Contingency Plan ("WSCP")

Project Applicant: Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC)

Project Location - Specific:

(See attached map showing the District's Service Area)

Project Location - City: N/A Project Location - County: Orange

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

On May 20, 2026 the MWDOC Board of Directors approved the 2025 UWMP and 2025 WSCP. The UWMP is a short and long-term water supply planning document. The WSCP provides a roadmap for how to proceed in cases of water shortages.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Municipal Water District of Orange County

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Municipal Water District of Orange County

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:
Statutory Exemptions. State code number: California Water Code § 10652

Reasons why project is exempt:

The Project is statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to California Water Code § 10652 because CEQA does not apply to the preparation and adoption of an urban water management plan and water shortage contingency plan or to the implementation of the actions taken pursuant to such plans. Because this Project is comprised of the adoption and implementation of the Agency's 2025 urban water management plan and water shortage contingency plan, the Project is statutorily exempt from CEQA under California Water Code § 10652.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Harvey De La Torre Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 714-593-5006

If filed by applicant:

- 1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

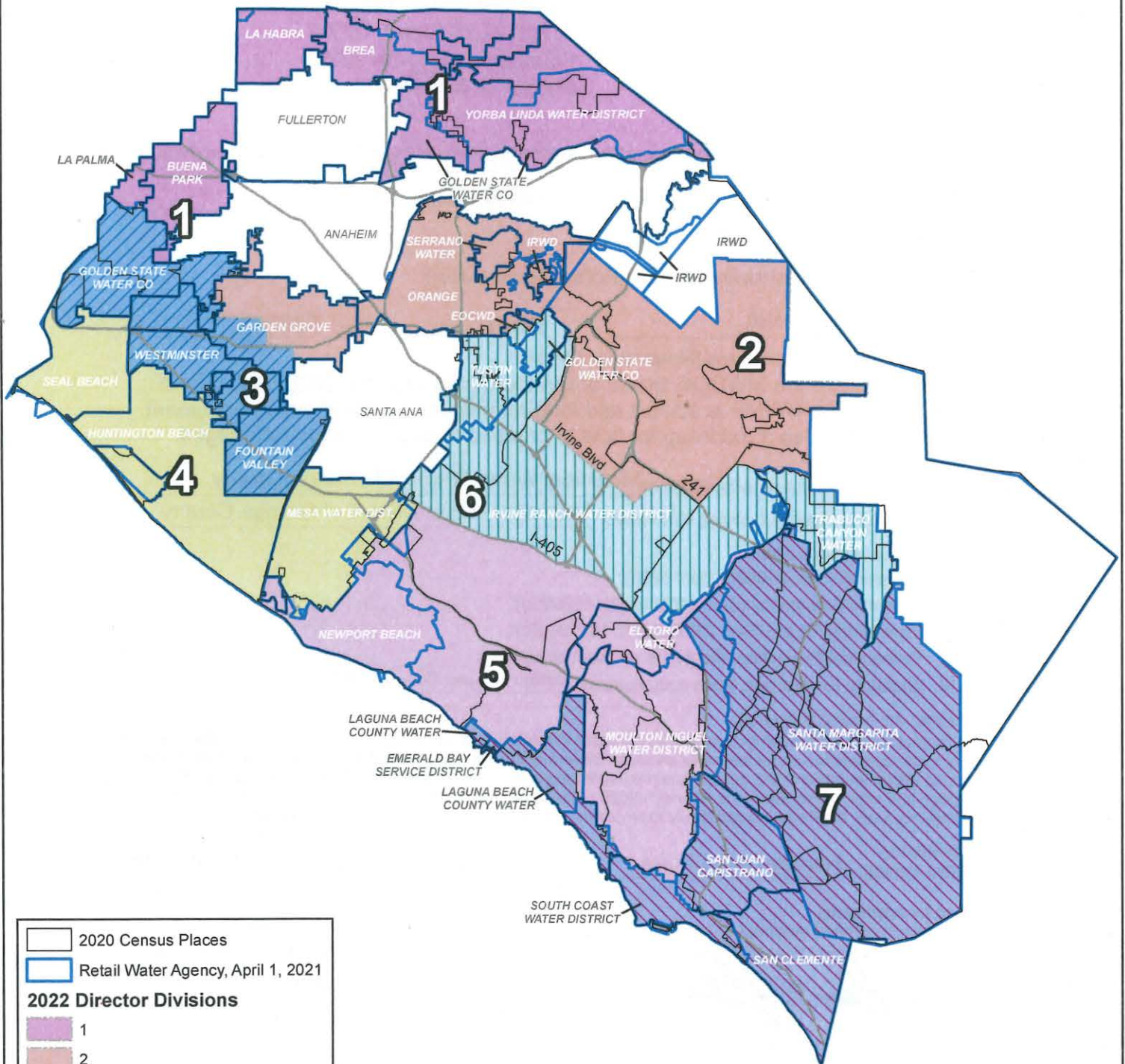
Signature: Harvey De La Torre Date: 5/21/2026 Title: Harvey De La Torre, General Manager

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

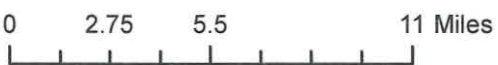
Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR:

Municipal Water District of Orange County  
 Director Divisions  
 Adopted February 2022



2020 Census Places  
 Retail Water Agency, April 1, 2021  
**2022 Director Divisions**  
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Prepared by the Center for Demographic Research, February 2022  
 The Cities of Anaheim, Fullerton, and Santa Ana are not within MWD OC.