

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Orange

601 N. Ross Street

Santa Ana CA 92701

From: (Public Agency): City of Cypress

5275 Orange Avenue

Cypress, Ca 90630

(Address)

Project Title: Myra Avenue Storm Drain, Pump Station No. 1

Project Applicant: City of Cypress

Project Location - Specific:

5111/5121 Myra Ave, Cypress, CA, 90630

Project Location - City: City of Cypress

Project Location - County: Orange

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The City of Cypress proposes the Myra Pump Station No. 1 (MYRA PS-1) Upgrade Project, located at 5111 Myra Avenue, within a 0.145-acre site in Cypress, California (APN 241-044-01). The project site lies just south of the Orange County Flood Control District's Carbon Creek Channel, bordered by single-family residences. Constructed in 1961, MYRA PS-1 was designed to provide 25-year storm flood protection with a capacity of 90 cubic feet per second (cfs). However, updated hydrological standards require 133 cfs, rendering the existing infrastructure inadequate and contributing to drainage inefficiencies and upstream flooding. The proposed project aims to address these deficiencies by constructing a new pump station adjacent to the current site. The project would upgrade storm drain systems, increase pumping capacity, and ensure compliance with current hydrological standards.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Cypress

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Cypress

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: Section 15303
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15303, Class 3, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures, specifically §15303(d), which applies to utility extensions and related street improvements of reasonable length. The project consists of constructing a replacement public stormwater pump station on an adjoining, already-developed City-owned parcel and installing associated storm-drain improvements to convey flows to the Carbon Creek Channel. The existing Myra Pump Station No. 1 was constructed in 1961, serves an approximately 86-acre developed watershed, and no longer meets the current OCFCD hydrologic standard for 25-year storm protection. The project would replace outdated stormwater infrastructure serving the same existing watershed and would not introduce a new land use or expand the service area. The project site and improvement areas are located within a fully urbanized setting and consist of previously developed and disturbed areas. Supporting technical analyses found that air quality, noise/vibration, and transportation/VMT impacts would be less than significant, and the cultural resources and hazardous materials reviews did not identify conditions that would preclude use of the exemption. None of the exceptions to categorical exemptions set forth in CEQA Guidelines §15300.2 apply. Therefore, the project is exempt from further environmental review under CEQA.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Alicia Velasco

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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:  Date: 07/08/2026 Title: Community Development Director

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■ 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.

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