

Notice of Exemption

To: ☒ Office of Planning and Research
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601 North Ross Street
Santa Ana, CA 92701-0238

From (Applicant/Lead agency):
Orange County Sanitation District
18480 Bandilier Circle
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

Project Title: Siphon Assessments in Anaheim, Newport Beach, and Orange, Project PS25-01

Project Applicant: Orange County Sanitation District, 18480 Bandilier Circle, Fountain Valley, CA 92708

Project Location/Cross Street/City (see attached map):

Orangethorpe Ave between N Glenview Ave and N Holbrooke Ave in Anaheim

E Orangethorpe Ave between S State College Blvd and S Dupont Dr in Anaheim

Fifth Ave between Heliotrope Ave and Larkspur Ave in Newport Beach

Old Newport Blvd and Coast Hwy W in Newport Beach

W Taft Ave between N Leslie Way and N Neville St in Orange

Through the Santa Ana River Channel next to Theo Lacy Jail in the city of Orange

Through the River View Golf Course and Santa Ana River Channel in Orange

Project Location — County: Orange

Description of Project: A planning study will be performed to assess seven OC San's inverted siphons.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project:

Orange County Sanitation District
18480 Bandilier Circle
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:

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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 6 § 15306
☒ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: CEQA Guidelines § 15262

Reasons why project is exempt: The project will be collecting basic data and is exempt from CEQA under the Class 6 categorical exemptions set forth in California Code of Regulations section 15306. Section 15306 (Class 6) exempts from CEQA "basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. ..."

The project will analyze and make recommendations and be used as a planning tool for possible future action. The district, as lead agency, has therefore determined that the proposed Siphon Assessments Study is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15306 [Information Collection] and 15262 [Feasibility and Planning Studies].

Lead Agency

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Date: 9/14/26

Title: Engineering Supervisor

☒ Signed by Lead Agency

