

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 Rancho Santa Margarita
22112 El Paseo

Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688

(Address)

Project Title: Stormwater Treatment BMPs

Project Applicant: City of Rancho Santa Margarita

Project Location - Specific:

Three locations on the sidewalk of Vista Drive in Trabuco Canyon

Project Location - City: Rancho Santa Margarita Project Location - County: Orange

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

BMP maintenance including tree removal, filter media refresh, tree replacement in accordance with an existing WQMP.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Rancho Santa Margarita

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Rancho Santa Margarita

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: 15301 - Class 1 (c)
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Maintenance and repair of an existing Best Management Practice (BMP).

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Andrea Brahm Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (949) 635-1800

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: 10/16/2026 Title: Environ. Prog. Coordinator

☒ 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: _____