

# Notice of Exemption

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From (Applicant/Lead agency):  
Orange County Sanitation District  
10844 Ellis Avenue  
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

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

**Project Title:** Sodium Bisulfite Station Rehabilitation at Plant No. 2, Project No. P2-135

**Project Applicant:** Orange County Sanitation District, 10844 Ellis Ave. Fountain Valley, CA 92708

**Project Location (specific):** 22212 Brookhurst Street **Cross Street:** Bushard Street

**Project Location - City:** Huntington Beach **Project Location — County:** Orange

**Description of Project:** The existing Sodium Bisulfite Station (Station) requires a rehabilitation to address changes in regulatory requirements and aged assets. This project will demolish the existing sodium bisulfite equipment including three tanks, chemical feed pumps, chemical feed piping/valves, electrical equipment, and a canopy roof. The project will install one new tank, two chemical feed pumps, chemical feed piping/valves, electrical equipment, and a canopy roof.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** Orange County Sanitation District  
10844 Ellis Avenue  
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Orange County Sanitation District  
10844 Ellis Avenue  
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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 1 § 15301  
 Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The project is categorically 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, [or] facilities ... involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use,” 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 rehabilitation and minor alterations to the Station. This will not increase the capacity of the Station or otherwise expand the current use of it. Section 15301(b) specifically contemplates the exemption of repairs, maintenance, or minor alterations to existing sewerage facilities and therefore applies to the project.

## Lead Agency

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

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 3/13/23 Title: Engineering Supervisor

Signed by Lead Agency