

Notice of Exemption

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

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601 North Ross Street
Santa Ana, CA 92701-0238

Project Title: MacArthur Force Main Improvements, Project No. 7-68

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

Project Location (specific): MacArthur Boulevard **Cross Street:** Birch Street

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

Description of Project: This project will abandon and replace a force main. In addition, it will add a parallel force main for the purpose of maintenance and reliability. Approximately 2100-feet of new dual force mains will be installed from the MacArthur Pump Station along MacArthur Blvd. to Birch Street. The project will also install a new manhole at Birch Street, rehabilitate an existing manhole, replace a valve vault.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Orange County Sanitation District
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Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Orange County Sanitation District
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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,
§ 15302 (Class 2), § 15303 (Class 3)
 Statutory Exemptions. State code number: Public Resources Code § 21080.21

Reasons why project is exempt: The project is categorically exempt from CEQA under the Class 1, 2, and 3 categorical exemptions set forth in California Code of Regulations sections 15301, 15302 and 15303. 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.” Section 15302 (Class 2) exempts from CEQA the “replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced, including but not limited to: . . . (c) Replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity.” Section 15303 (Class 3) exempts from CEQA the “construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; ...” including “(d) Water main, sewage electrical, gas, and other utility extensions, including street improvements, of reasonable length to serve such construction.”

The project is statutorily exempt from CEQA under Public Resources Code section 21080.21 for projects of less than one mile in length within a public street or highway or any other public right-of-way for the installation of a new

pipeline or the maintenance, repair, restoration, reconditioning, relocation, replacement, removal, or demolition of an existing pipeline. For purposes of this section, "pipeline" includes subsurface facilities but does not include any surface facility related to the operation of the underground facility.

The project consists of abandoning and installing OCS force mains, a new manhole and maintenance activities for rehabilitating a manhole and valve vault. The project will not increase the capacity of the force main or otherwise expand the current use of it.

Lead Agency

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

Signature: _____ Date: 7/18/23 Title: Engineering Supervisor

Signed by Lead Agency