

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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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: Urban Runoff Optimization Study, Project No. PS21-06

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

Project Location (specific): Drains/flood control channels **Cross Street:** N/A

Project Location - City: Within Service Area **Project Location County:** Orange

Description of Project: The project will conduct a comprehensive study of the feasible opportunities for cooperative projects for urban runoff diversions to Orange County Sanitation District (OC San) to improve water quality and increase water recycling by maximizing the useful capacity of local collection systems, OC San treatment systems, and Orange County Water District recycling and recharge systems by looking at storm drains/flood control channels in the County.

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
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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: _____
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: CEQA Guidelines § 15262

Reasons why project is exempt: The OC San as lead agency, has determined that the preparation of the proposed Study is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15262 [Feasibility and Planning Studies]. Specifically, "A project involving only feasibility or planning studies for possible future actions which the agency, board, or commission has not approved, adopted or funded does not require that preparation of an EIR or negative declaration but does require consideration of environmental factors."

The proposed Urban Runoff Optimization study is a planning tool for possible future actions which does not commit OC San to implement any specific project. It will analyze and make recommendations regarding implementing urban runoff diversions to OC San to improve water quality and increase water recycling.

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