

# Notice of Exemption

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

**Project Title:** Cengen and 12kV Service Center Switchgear Battery System Upgrades at Plant No. 1,  
Project No. FR1-00005

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

**Project Location (specific):** 10844 Ellis Ave. Fountain Valley, CA 92708 (Cross Street: Bushard Street)

**Project Location - City:** Fountain Valley      **Project Location — County:** Orange

**Description of Project:** Will replace and upgrade the existing switchgear battery systems at the Cengen and 12kV Service Center buildings at Plant No. 1 (replace in-kind 4 existing Lead Acid battery systems and upgrading from 1 set of Nickel-Cadmium to 2 sets of Lead Acid battery systems), add one new exhaust fan and replace and add necessary conduits and cables.

**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  
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

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 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, 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 is exempt because it involves maintenance and minor modification of existing facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use or capacity.

## Lead Agency

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

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 9/8/23 Title: Engineering Supervisor

Signed by Lead Agency