

Notice of Exemption

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

Project Title: Energy and Digester Gas Master Plan, Project PS21-04

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

Project Location (specific): Plant 1-10844 Ellis Ave./Plant 2-22212 Brookhurst St (Cross St: Ward St/ Bushard St)

Project Location - City: Plant 1-Fountain Valley/Plant 2-Huntington Beach **Project Location - County:** Orange

Description of Project: The main purpose of this planning study project is to prepare a road map for the options available to Orange County Sanitation District (OC San) if the existing internal combustion (IC) engines cannot be repaired or SCAQMD imposes regulations that the existing IC engines cannot meet in the medium future. Other 2 outcomes are defining the Standby Power Policy for Plants 1 and 2 and addressing how to achieve energy independence.

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

Reasons why project is exempt: The Sanitation District, 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 Energy and Digester Gas Master Plan is a planning tool for possible future actions which does not commit OC San to implement any specific project. The proposed Study will analyze and make recommendations regarding the existing IC and energy independence.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Adam Nazaroff Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (714) 593-7854

Signature: Adam Nazaroff Date: 7/19/22 Title: Engineering Supervisor

Signed by Lead Agency