



Notice of Exemption

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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Exemption in compliance with Section 21108, 21152, and 21152.1 of the Public Resources Code.

Project Title/File No.: UT1097 – Western Trunk Sewer Interim Diversion Project

Project Applicant (name, address, phone): City of Ontario Municipal Utilities Company (OMUC),
303 East B Street, Ontario, CA 91764 | (909) 395-2678

Specific Project Location (Identify street address and cross street or attach a map showing project site): Along Riverside Drive between Whispering Lakes Ln and Vineyard Avenue; Along Vineyard Avenue between Intersection of Riverside Drive & Vineyard Avenue and 200 feet South of the intersection; At the intersection of Chino Avenue and Champions Avenue

Project Location: The project site is generally located in southwestern San Bernardino County, approximately 40 miles from downtown Los Angeles, 20 miles from downtown San Bernardino, and 30 miles from Orange County, within the City of Ontario. More specifically, the project site is located Along Riverside Drive between Whispering Lakes Ln and Vineyard Avenue; Along Vineyard Avenue between Intersection of Riverside Drive & Vineyard Avenue and 200 feet South of the intersection; At the intersection of Chino Avenue and Champions Avenue.

Project Description: The UT1097 Western Trunk Sewer Interim Diversion Project consists of constructing new sewer trunk improvements, diversion structures, and manholes to enhance wastewater conveyance capacity and operational reliability within the western Ontario service area. The project includes open-cut trench or trenchless installation of vitrified clay pipe, manhole construction, temporary bypass pumping, and pavement restoration. The improvements are coordinated with the Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA) and designed in accordance with City of Ontario Design Standards and the Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction. No significant grading or expansion of existing utility corridors will occur beyond previously disturbed public rights-of-way.

Exempt Status (check one):

- (1) ☐ Ministerial project (Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(1); State CEQA Guidelines Section 15268).
- (2) ☐ Not a project.
- (3) ☐ Emergency Project (Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(4); State CEQA Guidelines Section 15269(b) & (c)).

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- (4) ☒ Categorical Exemption: **Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1 – Existing Facilities**
- (5) ☐ Declared Emergency (Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(3); State CEQA Guidelines Section 15269(a)).
- (6) ☐ Statutory Exemption. State Code section number: Click to enter section no.
- (7) ☐ Other. Explanation: Click to enter explanation.

Reasons Why Project Was Exempt: The project involves construction of minor utility extensions within existing public rights-of-way, replacing or supplementing existing municipal infrastructure with negligible expansion of capacity. All work will occur within previously disturbed urban roadway corridors and will not impact sensitive environmental resources.

Lead Agency Contact: Name: Luke Qu Title: Engineer, Ontario Municipal Utilities Company (OMUC) Phone: (909) 395-2676 | Email: lqu@ontarioca.gov

Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?


☒ Yes ☐ No

Was a public hearing held by the Lead Agency to consider the exemption?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, the date of the public hearing was: Click or tap to enter a date.

NOTE! Attach Preliminary Exemption Assessment (Form "A") before filing.

Signature: 		Date: 01/06/2026
Name: Luke Zhipeng Qu	Title: Senior Associate Engineer	
Date Received for Filing: Click or tap to enter a date.		

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

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