

Notice of Exemption

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From (Public Agency):

Robert Morales, Ontario City Hall, Planning Department, 303 E. B Street, Ontario CA 91764
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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.: PCUP22-0002 – Agromin Compost Facility

Project Applicant (name, address, phone): Bill Camarillo 201 Kinetic Dr. Oxnard, CA 93030

Specific Project Location (identify street address and cross street or attach a map showing project site): Grove Avenue and Edison Avenue



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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 at 8292 Edison Avenue Ontario CA 91761.

Project Description: A modification to Conditional Use Permit (File No. PCUP21-007) to redesign an existing composting facility on 19 acres of land, including two composting areas totaling five acres, at 8292 Edison Avenue, within the Specific Plan Zoning District and AG Overlay District.

Name of Public Agency approving the Project: City of Ontario

Name of Person or Agency undertaking the project, including any person undertaking an activity that receives financial assistance from the Public Agency as part of the activity or the person receiving a lease, permit, license, certificate, or other entitlement of use from the Public Agency as part of the activity: City of Ontario

Exempt Status (check one):

- (1) ☐ Ministerial project (Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(1); State CEQA Guidelines Section 15268).
- (2) ☐ Not a project (State CEQA Guidelines 15050(c)(2)-(3).
- (3) ☐ Declared Emergency (Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(3); State CEQA Guidelines Section 15269(a)).
- (4) ☐ Emergency Project (Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(4); State CEQA Guidelines Section 15269(b), (c))
- (5) ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Section 15332 (Class 32, Infill Development Projects)
- (6) ☐ Statutory Exemption. State Code section number: Click to enter section no.
- (7) ☐ Other. Explanation: Click to enter explanation.

Reason Why Project Was Exempt: The Project is consistent with the applicable general plan designation and all applicable general plan policies, as well as with applicable zoning designation and regulations. The Project is located within the Low Density Residential (2.1-5 du/ac), Medium Density Residential (11.1-25 du/ac), and Open-Space Non-Recreation land use districts of the Policy Plan (General Plan) Land Use Map, and the SP (Specific Plan)/AG (Agriculture Overlay) zoning districts. The Proposed development occurs within city limits on a Project site of no more than 5 acres substantially surrounded by urban uses. The Project site is comprised of a 5-acre portion of two lots totaling 19 acres of land that is developed on two sides (east and west) by agriculture land uses and on one side (north) by a Southern California Edison utility corridor. Abutting the Project site to the south is a fully improved public street (Edison Avenue). The Project site has no value as habitat for endangered, rare, or threatened species, as the site is previously disturbed and is regularly disked for weed abatement purposes. Approval of the Project would not result in any significant effects relating to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality. The site can be adequately served by all required utilities and public services.

Lead Agency Contact: Robert Morales, Associate Planner

If filed by Applicant: Attach Certificate of Determination (Form "B") before filing.

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, the date of the public hearing was: May 19, 2025

Signature: 		Date: 5/22/2025
Name: Robert Morales		Title: Associate Planner
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Signed by Lead Agency		<input type="checkbox"/> Signed by Applicant
Date Received for Filing: Click or tap to enter a date.		

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Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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Preliminary Exemption Assessment

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Staff Determination: The Lead Agency's Staff, having undertaken and completed a preliminary review of this project in accordance with the Lead Agency's "Local Guidelines for Implementing the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)," has concluded that this project does not require further environmental assessment for the reasons listed below:

1. ☐ The proposed action does not constitute a project under CEQA.
2. ☐ The project constitutes a feasibility or planning study.
3. ☒ The project is categorically exempt.

Applicable Exemption Class:

- ☐ Class 1 – Existing Facilities
- ☐ Class 3 – New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures
- ☐ Class 4 – Minor Alterations to Land
- ☐ Class 5 – Minor Alterations to Land Use Limitations
- ☐ Class 11 – Accessory Structures
- ☐ Class 15 – Minor Land Divisions
- ☐ Class 31 – Historical Resource Restoration/Rehabilitation
- ☒ Class 32 – In-Fill Development Projects
- ☐ Class Click to enter class # – Click to enter class description

Justification/Explanation: The Project is consistent with the applicable general plan designation and all applicable general plan policies, as well as with applicable zoning designation and regulations. The Project is located within the Low Density Residential (2.1-5 du/ac), Medium Density Residential (11.1-25 du/ac), and Open-Space Non-Recreation land use districts of the Policy Plan (General Plan) Land Use Map, and the SP (Specific Plan)/AG (Agriculture Overlay) zoning districts. The Proposed development occurs within city limits on a Project site of no more than 5 acres substantially surrounded by urban uses. The Project site is comprised of a 5-acre portion of two lots totaling 19 acres of land that is developed on two sides (east and west) by agriculture land uses and on one side (north) by a Southern California Edison utility corridor. Abutting the Project site to the south is a fully

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4. ☐ The application of a categorical exemption is not barred by one of the exceptions set forth in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2, summarized below:

- a. Location – Classes 3, 4, 5, 6, and 11 are qualified by consideration of where the project is to be located. These classes are considered to apply all instances, except where the project may impact on an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and official adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies.
- b. Cumulative Impact – The cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time is significant.
- c. Significant Effect – There is a reasonable possibility that an activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances.
- d. Scenic Highways – A project which may result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees, historical buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway.
- e. Hazardous Waste Sites – A project on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.
- f. Historical Resources – A project which may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

5. ☐ The project is statutorily exempt.

Applicable Exemption:

- ☐ Feasibility and Planning Studies
- ☐ Ministerial Project
- ☐ Emergency Project
- ☐ Other: Click to enter exemption.

6. ☐ The project is otherwise exempt on the following basis: Click to enter reason.

7. ☐ The project involves another public agency which constitutes the Lead Agency.
Name of Lead Agency: City of Ontario

Signature: 		Date: 5/22/2025
Name: Robert Morales		Title: Associate Planner

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