



County of Riverside
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

October 19, 2022

Project Name: County of Riverside, Department of Environmental Health, Approval of Ordinance No. 650.7, an Ordinance of the County of Riverside Amending Ordinance No. 650 Regulating the Discharge of Sewage in the County of Riverside and Incorporating by Reference the Riverside County Local Agency Management Program (LAMP)

Project Location: County of Riverside (unincorporated portions and cities that are subject to the LAMP)

Description of Project: The County of Riverside (County), on behalf of the Department of Environmental Health, desires to amend Ordinance No. 650 Relating to Regulating the Discharge of Sewage in the County of Riverside and Incorporating by Reference the Riverside County Local Agency Management Program (LAMP). The purpose of this amendment is to update terminology and definitions to accord with the County's updated LAMP, remove the requirement that certain non-commercial alternative treatment systems obtain annual operating permits, streamline the application process, and standardize the enforcement language.

The State Water Resources Control Board's OWTS Policy requires that local agencies that wish to approve certain new and replacement OWTS submit management plans (LAMPs) for approval. The Colorado Regional Water Quality Control Board approved the County's LAMP in 2016, and the County amended Ordinance No. 650 to incorporate and comply with the LAMP and OWTS Policy. The County reviewed its LAMP for consistency with the OWTS Policy, has submitted a revised LAMP for approval, and is updating Ordinance No. 650 to accord with the revised LAMP and OWTS Policy.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Riverside

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: County of Riverside, Department of Environmental Health

Exempt Status: State California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, Section 15308, Class 8, Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment; Section 15061(b)(3), General Rule or "Common Sense" Exemption.

Reasons Why Project is Exempt: The Project is exempt from the provisions of CEQA specifically by the State CEQA Guidelines as identified below. The Project will not result in any specific or general exceptions to the use of the categorical exemption as detailed under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2. The Project will not cause any impacts to scenic resources, historic resources, or unique sensitive biological environments. Further, no unusual

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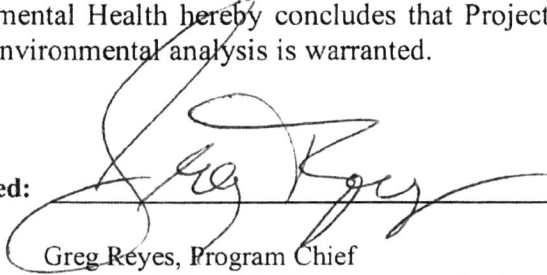
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circumstances or potential cumulative impacts would occur that may reasonably create an environmental impact. The amendment of a County ordinance is not anticipated to result in any significant physical environmental impacts and is subject to the following exemptions.

- Section 15308 – Class 8 Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment. This Project entails the County’s continued management of OWTS as the local regulatory agency in accordance with the OWTS Policy and approved LAMP. The OWTS Policy focuses on siting, design, operation and management of OWTS to protect water quality. Because the Project is undertaken to maintain consistency with the OWTS Policy and the County’s LAMP, the project meets the scope and intent Class 8 Exemption.
- Section 15061(b)(3) – “Common Sense” Exemption. In accordance with CEQA, the use of the Common Sense Exemption is based on the “general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.” State CEQA Guidelines, Section 15061(b)(3). The use of this exemption is appropriate if “it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment.” *Ibid.* There is no possibility that the Project may have a significant effect on the environment because it is limited to updating terminology such as abbreviations, removing the requirement that certain ATS obtain annual operating permits, streamlining the application process, and standardizing enforcement language to accord with other Ordinances. None of these changes are anticipated to cause an effect on the environment.

Based upon the identified exemptions above, the County of Riverside, Department of Environmental Health hereby concludes that Project as proposed is exempt under CEQA. No further environmental analysis is warranted.

Signed:



Date:

10/19/22

Greg Reyes, Program Chief

County of Riverside, Department of Environmental Health

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE CLERK & RECORDER

**AUTHORIZATION
TO BILL
BY JOURNAL VOUCHER**

-TO BE FILLED IN BY SUBMITTING AGENCY-

AUTHORIZATION NUMBER: 1000-4200420000-95100-526420

AMOUNT: \$50.00

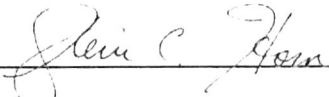
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AGENCY: Department of Environmental Health

THIS AUTHORIZES THE COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER TO ISSUE A VOUCHER FOR PAYMENT OF ALL FILING AND HANDLING FEES FOR THE ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENT(S).

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PRESENTED BY: Steve Horn, Deputy Director

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ACCEPTED BY: -

DATE: -

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