

Exempt per Gov't Code 6103

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Irvine Ranch Water District
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Irvine, CA 92619-7000

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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION
(State Guidelines 15062)

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TO: Orange County Clerk-Recorder
12 Civic Center Plaza, Room 101
Santa Ana, CA 92701

FROM: Irvine Ranch Water District
(Applicant/Lead Agency)
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Project Name: Strand Ranch Wells Optimization and Monitoring Project

Project Location: The Strand Ranch Wells are located off Stockdale Highway in Kern County. (see Exhibit "A") Water from these wells would be delivered to IRWD's service area, located in Orange County, CA

County: Orange and Kern

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD) has six wells at its Strand Ranch Integrated Banking Project, located off Stockdale Highway in Kern County. The Strand Ranch Integrated Banking Project utilizes the wells for recovery of water from storage in the bank for delivery to IRWD's service area in Orange County. Static water levels in the area around the Strand Ranch are declining and approaching record lows due to the severe drought in the Central Valley. In order to maximize the wells' recovery rate under low water level conditions, six Strand Ranch well pumps will be lowered. Wellhead monitoring and telemetry equipment will be installed in order to efficiently operate the Strand Ranch facility.

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Name of Public Agency Approving
and Carrying out this Project:

Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD)

Contact Person: Ray Bennett, Engineer

Area Code 949

Phone 453-5608

Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial (Sec 21080(b)(1); (State Guidelines Sec. §15268)
- Declared Emergency (Sec 21080(b)(3); State Guidelines Sec. §15269(a))
- Emergency Project (Sec 21080(b)(4); (State Guidelines Sec. §15269(b)(c))
- Categorical Exemption (State Guidelines Sec. §15301)**
- Categorical Exemption (State Guidelines Sec. §15302)
- Categorical Exemption (State Guidelines Sec. §15303)
- Categorical Exemption (State Guidelines Sec. §15306)
- Statutory Exemption State code number (State Guidelines §15282)

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Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination.

Reasons why project is exempt: Static water levels in the area around the Strand Ranch are declining and approaching record lows due to the severe drought in the Central Valley. In order to maximize the six Strand Ranch wells, the existing pumps will be lowered. This activity is exempt under State Guidelines Sec. §15301 which provides for minor alteration of existing public facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination.

Submission of this form is optional. Local agencies may file this form with the county clerk pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21152(b). The filing of the notice starts a 35-day statute of limitations on court challenges to the approval of the project under Public Resources Code Section 21167(d). Failure to file the notice results in the statute of limitations being extended to 180 days.

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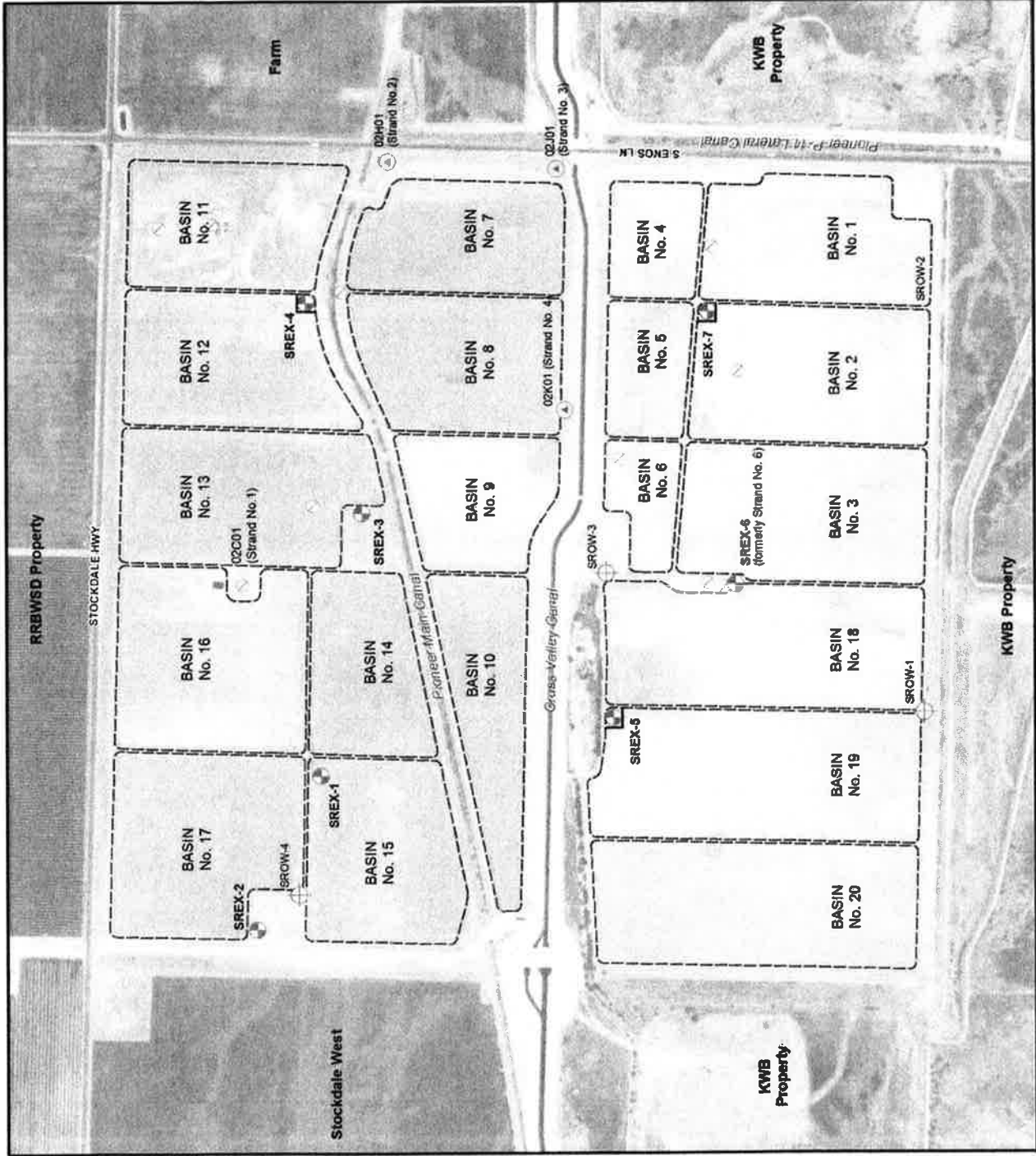
Leslie Bonkowski

District Secretary

3/11/14

Date

Exhibit "A"



Main Features

- Strand Ranch Recharge Basins

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- Observation Well - Nested
- Existing Strand Ranch Well
- Destroyed Strand Ranch Well

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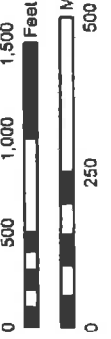


Detailed Well Location Map
 Strand Ranch Integrated Banking Project

Figure 1



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