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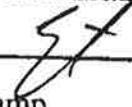
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RETURN TO: Jo Ann Corey
Irvine Ranch Water District
P.O. Box 57000
15600 Sand Canyon Avenue
Irvine, CA 92619-7000
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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION
(State Guidelines 15062)

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

FROM: Irvine Ranch Water District (Applicant & Lead Agency)
P.O. Box 57000
15600 Sand Canyon Avenue
Irvine, CA 92619-7000
(949) 453-5300

Project Name: Lake Forest Zone B East Reservoir Floating Cover
Project Location: Located off Regency Lane near Osterman Rd., in Lake Forest
(see Exhibit "A")
County: Orange

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD) owns, operates and maintains several facilities as a part of its recycled water system. Among these facilities is the Lake Forest Zone B East Reservoir, located on Regency Lane in the City of Lake Forest. The Lake Forest Zone B East Reservoir is a 40,000 square foot concrete lined open reservoir that was constructed in 1963. The reservoir supplies recycled water to IRWD's Zone B system in the Lake Forest service area of its district. Recent inspections have noted that the reservoir experiences algae growth promoted by warm conditions, during the summer months. Algae growth contributes to the decline of the recycled water's water quality.

This project will install a new floating cover to deter algae growth by blocking sunlight, as well as minimize debris from entering the reservoir. Appurtenant cover improvements will include drainage pipes and water level sensors. Related necessary site improvements include a domestic water pipeline for maintaining the floating cover, improvements to

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facilitate access to the reservoir inlet/outlet valve and replacement of the existing reservoir perimeter asphalt paving.

Name of Public Agency Approving and Carrying out this Project:

Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD)
15600 Sand Canyon Avenue, Irvine, CA 92618

Contact Person: Jo Ann Corey, Environmental Compliance Specialist

Area Code 949

Phone 453-5326

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))
- x 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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Reasons why project is exempt:

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This project will provide minor alterations to an existing recycled water reservoir, such that a new floating cover will be added and minor site alterations will be made.

State Guideline §15301 provides exemption for the operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, 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.

Jo Ann Corey, Environmental Compliance Specialist
Staff Member Responsible for Preparation

Leslie Bankowski
District Secretary

12/18/18
Date

EXHIBIT "A"
LAKE FOREST ZONE B EAST RESERVOIR
FLOATING COVER PROJECT LOCATION MAP

