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Irvine Ranch Water District
Notice of Exemption

To: [X] Orange County Clerk Recorder County Administration South 601 N Ross Street Santa Ana, CA 92701 [] Office of Planning and Research 1400 Tenth Street, Room 121 Sacramento, CA 95814

From: Irvine Ranch Water District P.O. box 57000 15600 Sand Canyon Avenue Irvine, CA 92619-7000

PROJECT TITLE: Serrano Creek Raw Water Pipeline Replacement
PROJECT LOCATION - Specific: The project site is located at the intersection of Peachwood and Trabuco Road and through the Serrano Highlands Master Association, specifically along Almondwood and Elderwood. See Figure 1: Project Site Map.

PROJECT LOCATION - City/County: City of Lake Forest, Orange County, California
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed project will replace a portion of an existing 8-inch asbestos cement pipe (ACP) used in IRWD's raw water distribution system within the City of Lake Forest. Approximately 650 linear feet of the 8-inch ACP will be abandoned-in-place that will also be slurry filled. Approximately 1,200 linear feet of new pipe in a new alignment will be installed to replace the abandoned portion, connecting to the existing raw water mains at the easement area and the intersection of Peachwood and Trabuco Road. The proposed project will remove and replace the existing pavement along the new alignment through Elderwood; Almondwood; Peachwood; and the intersection of Peachwood and Trabuco Road. Installation of the new raw water pipeline will restore IRWD's raw water distribution system.

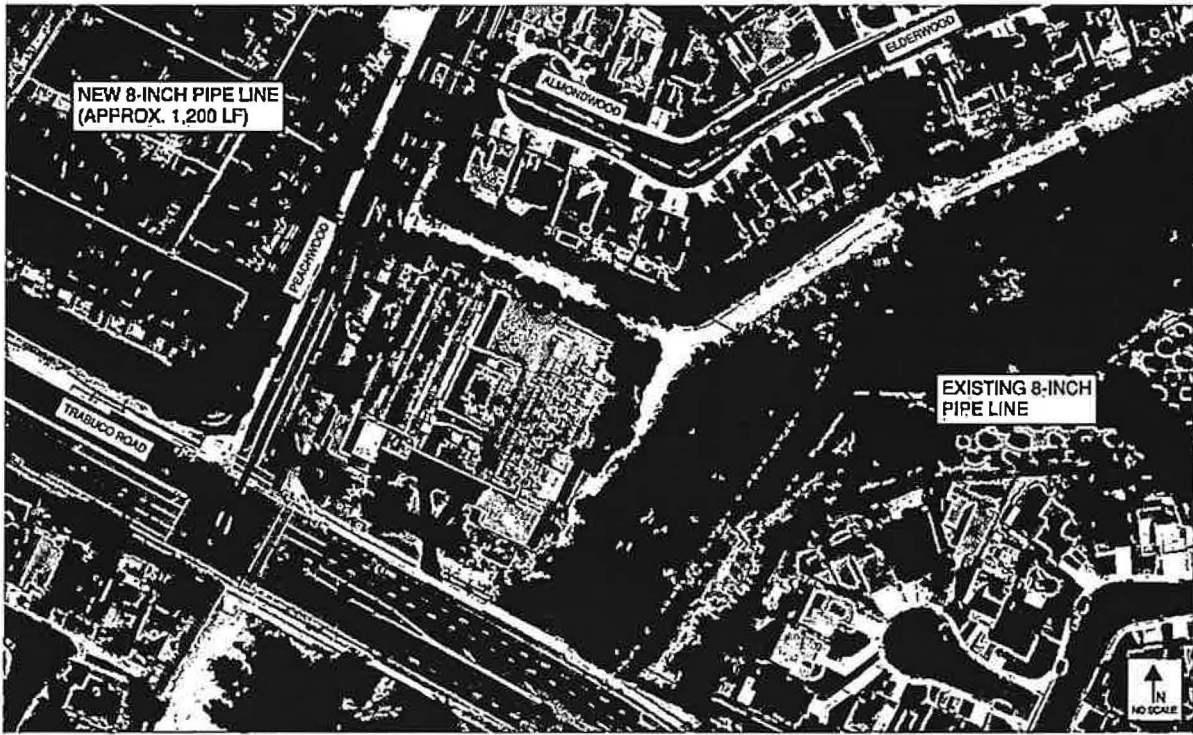
PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT: Irvine Ranch Water District
PROJECT APPLICANT: Irvine Ranch Water District PHONE: (949) 453-5300
EXEMPT STATUS: [X] Categorical Exemption: Class 1, "Existing Facilities", Section 15301 [] Statutory Exemption: [] Other:

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: The effects of the proposed project are Categorically Exempt from the requirements to prepare additional environmental documentation per California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, Section 15301, Class 1 (Existing Facilities). The Class 1 Exemption consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. The proposed project will replace a portion an existing 8-inch asbestos cement pipe (ACP) used in IRWD's raw water system within the City of Lake Forest and will abandon approximately 650 linear feet of the 8-inch ACP in-place that will also be slurry filled. The proposed project will then demolish existing pavement and trench a path where 1,200 linear feet of new pipeline for raw water conveyance will be installed and connected to raw water mains to restore raw water flow to IRWD's raw water distribution system. The proposed project would be the maintenance and alteration of existing public infrastructure, that will ultimately enhance recycled water service and would not be an expansion of the existing use. In addition, pursuant to Section 15300.2 (c) and 15302 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, there are no unusual circumstances in respect to the proposed project for which staff would anticipate a significant effect on the environment.

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Kristine Swan Authorized Signature Asst. District Secretary Title November 14, 2023 Date

FIGURE 1: PROJECT SITE MAP



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