

Exempt per Gov't Code 6103

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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION
(State Guidelines §15062)

County Clerk's Filing Stamp

TO: County Clerk
Laguna Hills Civic Center
24031 El Toro Road
Suite 150
Laguna Hills, CA 92653

FROM: Irvine Ranch Water District
(Applicant/Lead Agency)
P.O. Box 57000
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Project Name: San Joaquin Marsh Outlet Pipe Valve Replacement Project
Project Location: Riparian Way adjacent to Michelson Water Reclamation Plant
Irvine, CA 92616 (See Figure 1)
County: Orange

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The San Joaquin Marsh Outlet Pipe Valve Replacement Project will replace an existing valve on an above ground pipeline near the San Joaquin Marsh (SJM) Campus. The valve will be replaced with a plug valve that is less susceptible to plugging as the water in the marsh outlet pipe contains some silt. The valve will be motor operated and controlled by IRWD's SCADA system. To provide electric power for the motor operated valve, an electrical conduit will be constructed from an existing power supply near the SJM Campus to a new electrical equipment pedestal adjacent to Riparian Way. This proposed conduit alignment will be down the center of the existing dirt road/trail. The project will require an approximately 5-foot wide work area along the alignment to complete the required work. Most of the conduit alignment falls within the disturbed dirt access path, with the exception of approximately 20 feet. The remainder 20 feet of conduit will be sited in a manner such that no vegetation will need to be removed.

Name of Public Agency Approving
and Carrying out this Project:

Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD)

Contact Person: Kellie Welch, Water Resources Manager

Area Code 949

Phone 453-5604

Exempt Status: (check one)

Declared Emergency (State Guidelines §15269(a))

Emergency Project (State Guidelines §15269(b) or (c))

Categorical Exemption (State Guidelines §15301)

Categorical Exemption (State Guidelines §15302)

Class 1 consists of 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.

Class 2 consists of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced.

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project will include the installation of electrical conduit to power the valve. This activity is exempt under State Guidelines §15301 which provides for minor alterations of existing facilities. The project also includes the replacement of the existing valve. This activity is exempt under State Guidelines §15302 which provides exemption for replacement of existing facilities.

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.

Kellie Welch

Staff Member Responsible for Preparation

Leslie Bonkowski

District Secretary

August 21, 2012

Date



Figure 1: Proposed alignment of new electrical conduit (red line) for the San Joaquin Marsh Outlet Pipe Valve Replacement Project.