

**Exempt per Gov't Code 6103**

RETURN TO: Kellie Welch  
Irvine Ranch Water District  
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Irvine, CA 92619-7000

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  
15600 Sand Canyon Ave.  
Irvine, CA 92619-7000

Project Name: Modjeska Canyon Road Domestic Water Pipeline Relocation

Project Location: Modjeska Canyon Road  
Unincorporated County of Orange, CA (See Figure 1)

County: Orange

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The County of Orange has been improving the existing storm drain culverts along Modjeska Canyon Road. In June 2012, the County began construction of a reinforced concrete box storm drain system in Modjeska Canyon Road, near Olive Grove Lane. During the utility research phase of the design of the storm drain, it was found that its alignment conflicted with the alignment of an existing 8-inch domestic water line. To avoid interference with the new storm drain box, IRWD will need to relocate the 8-inch diameter domestic water pipeline in Modjeska Canyon Road and abandon the existing pipeline. Work will be performed within existing paved roads.

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)

Ministerial (State Guidelines §15268)

Declared Emergency (State Guidelines §15269(a))

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

Categorical Exemption (State Guidelines §15301)

Statutory Exemption State code number (State Guidelines §15302)

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 includes the replacement of an existing domestic water pipeline and abandonment of the old pipeline. This activity is exempt under State Guidelines §15302 which provides exemption for projects requiring the replacement or reconstruction of existing facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure being replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure to be replaced.

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

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District Secretary

August 21, 2012

Date

FIGURE 1

