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Irvine Ranch Water District
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15600 Sand Canyon Avenue
Irvine, CA 92619-7000
949-453-5300

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION
(State Guidelines 15062)

County Clerk's Filing Stamp

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: Michelson Water Recycling Plant Headworks Area Modifications

Project Location: The Michelson Water Recycling Plant is located at 3512 Michelson Drive, Irvine, CA (see Exhibit "A")

County: Orange

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD) owns and operates the Michelson Water Recycling Plant (MWRP), located at 3512 Michelson Drive in Irvine. MWRP converts an average of 28 million gallons of sewage each day into recycled water. The water is used for landscape irrigation, industrial uses and toilet flushing. MWRP, built in 1961, is IRWD's primary source of recycled water. IRWD performs routine inspections on all its facilities. Recent inspections of the MWRP indicated that minor alterations were necessary at the facility's headworks area. The headworks' function is to remove debris, sand, rocks and grit from the sewage as it enters MWRP.

This project will correct a screening and grit material imbalance collection issue at the existing screening area. Older equipment will be removed and replaced with new structural equipment and minor structural modifications to the existing diverter chutes. The project will also construct two access platforms at the existing air scrubbers, which

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will provide for safe access for chemical deliveries at the existing odor control system for the sedimentation tanks.

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)

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project involves minor alterations at the existing Michelson Water Recycling Plant.

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

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