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Exempt per Gov't Code 6103

RETURN TO: Natalie Palacio
Irvine Ranch Water District
P.O. Box 57000
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
County Administration South
601 N. Ross Street
Santa Ana, CA 92701

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

Project Name: Domestic Water Reservoirs Air Vent and Miscellaneous Retrofits
Project Location: (see Exhibit "A")
County: Orange

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD) owns, operates and maintains 36 drinking water reservoirs throughout its service area in Orange County, California. A recent Division of Drinking Water (DDW) inspection of IRWD's water system facilities found that the air vents at certain reservoirs do not meet DDW requirements. Five drinking water reservoirs located in Lake Forest were found to have air vents with screens that were too coarse and without windscreens. The project will retrofit the air vents at the following drinking water reservoirs: Lake Forest Canada Zone 4, Lake Forest El Toro Road #1 Zone 4, Lake Forest El Toro Road #2 Zone 4, Lake Forest El Toro Zone 5 East, and Lake Forest El Toro Zone 5 West Reservoirs.

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Name of Public Agency Approving
and Carrying out this Project:

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

Contact Person: Natalie Palacio, Water Resources Specialist

Area Code 949

Phone 453-5499

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:

Work to be performed includes the retrofit of air vents at existing IRWD drinking water reservoirs and will not change the purpose of the facilities or expand their current capacities. This work is exempt under Categorical Exemption 15301. 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.

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Natalie Palacio
Staff Member Responsible for Preparation

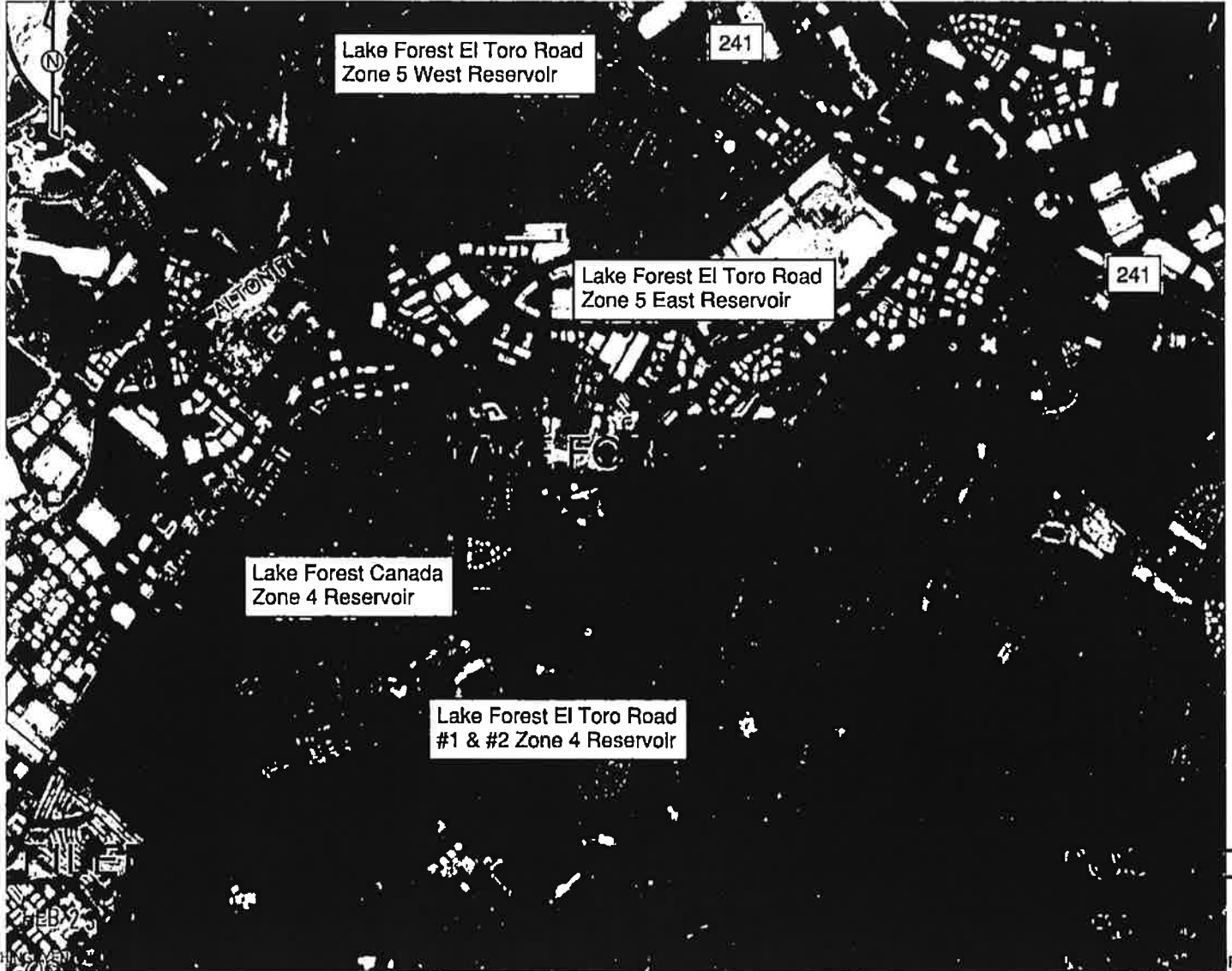
Leslie Bonkowski
District Secretary

Leslie Bonkowski

Date

2/23/2022

Exhibit "A" - Domestic Water Reservoirs Air Vent and Miscellaneous Retrofits



Lake Forest El Toro Road
Zone 5 West Reservoir

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Lake Forest El Toro Road
Zone 5 East Reservoir

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Lake Forest Canada
Zone 4 Reservoir

Lake Forest El Toro Road
#1 & #2 Zone 4 Reservoir

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