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Irvine Ranch Water District
Notice of Exemption

To: Orange County Clerk Recorder
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601 N Ross Street
Santa Ana, CA 92701

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1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
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From: Irvine Ranch Water District
P.O. box 57000
15600 Sand Canyon Avenue
Irvine, CA 92619-7000

PROJECT TITLE: District-Wide Emergency Generator Fuel Storage Project

PROJECT LOCATION - Specific: 10 locations throughout IRWD service area (see Exhibit "A")

PROJECT LOCATION - City/County: Orange County, California

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD) owns and operates many of its important water and sewer facilities with onsite emergency generators to provide electricity during power outages. These facilities include water pump stations and sewage lift stations. Currently, these emergency generators generally have enough fuel to power each facility for approximately 24 hours.

This project will increase the capacity of diesel fuel storage for emergency generators serving three domestic water pump stations to allow for 72 hours of operations during power outages and emergency situations. The three domestic water pump stations and sewage lift stations are Portola Zone 8-9 Pump Station and Portola Zone 6-8 Pump Station in Portola Hills, Lake Forest Zone 5-6 West Pump Station.

This project will also replace seven existing emergency generators with new generators and fuel tanks sized to provide 72 hours of operational storage at the Santiago Zone 5-6 Pump Station in Santiago Canyon, Cabinland Pump Station in Silverado Canyon, University Lift Station in Irvine, Newport Coast Lift Station in Newport Coast, Coyote Canyon Lift Station in Newport Beach, and Canada Lift Station in Lake Forest. These seven generators are either located in areas that have frequent red-flag winds, fire and power outage occurrences or require frequent maintenance.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT: Irvine Ranch Water District

PROJECT APPLICANT: Irvine Ranch Water District **PHONE:** (949) 453-5300

EXEMPT STATUS: Categorical Exemption: Class 1, "Existing Facilities", Section 15301;
Class 2, "Replacement or Reconstruction", Section 15302
 Statutory Exemption: _____
 Other: _____

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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) and CEQA Guidelines, Section 15302, Class 2 (Replacement or Reconstruction). The Class 1 Exemption provides 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. The Class 2 Exemption provides for replacement 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. IRWD will make minor alterations to three existing domestic water pump stations and sewage lift stations so that sufficient fuel is available to provide 72 hours of operation during power outages or other emergency situations. Additionally, IRWD will replace seven existing emergency generators with new generators and fuel tanks to provide 72 hours of operational storage. Each of the seven new generators and fuel tanks will be located on the same site as the structure it replaced and each will have the same purpose as the structure it replaced. In addition, pursuant to Section 15300.2 (c) and 15301 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.

STAFF CONTACT PERSON: Andy Uk, Environmental Compliance Analyst **PHONE:** 949-453-5326



Authorized Signature

District Secretary

Title

December 06, 2022

Date

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

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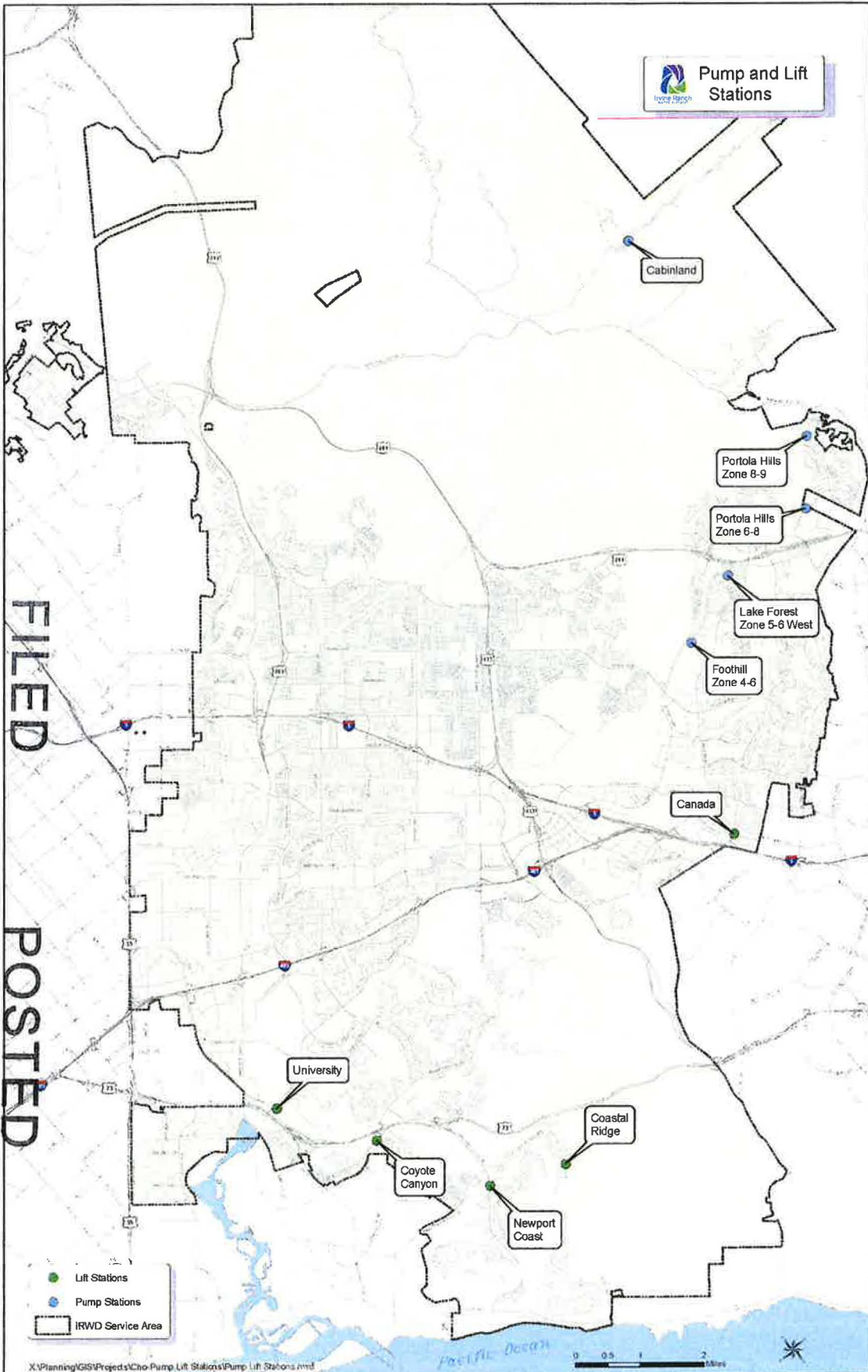
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Exhibit "A"



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