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Irvine Ranch Water District
Notice of Exemption

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

Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

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

PROJECT TITLE: Michelson Water Recycling Plant – New Warehouse, Canopy and Water Quality Storage Building Project

PROJECT LOCATION - Specific: The approximately 43,000 square foot project site is located west of Riparian Way, on the same parcel as Irvine Ranch Water District’s (IRWD) existing Michelson Water Recycling Plant Operations Center. (APN 445-061-34) See Figure 1: Project Site Map for detailed project site location.

PROJECT LOCATION - City/County: City of Irvine, Orange County, California

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: IRWD intends to expand warehouse capacity at its Michelson Water Recycling Plant (MWRP) and reconfigure various components of the existing site use, for efficient storage and retrieval of warehoused materials. The proposed project would construct an approximately 6,100 square feet (sq. ft.) unconditioned storage warehouse building, approximately 3,300 sq. ft. canopy cover structure and approximately 1,500 sq. ft. water quality storage building. Additionally, the proposed project would include reconfiguration of existing storage racks and storage containers within the project site.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT: Irvine Ranch Water District

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

EXEMPT STATUS: Categorical Exemption: Class 3, “New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures”, Section 15303

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 15303, Class 3 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures). The Class 3 Exemption consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure. The proposed project would construct an approximately 6,100 square feet (sq. ft.) unconditioned storage warehouse building, an approximately 3,300 sq. ft. canopy cover structure and an approximately 1,500 sq. ft. water quality storage building. Additionally, the proposed project would include reconfiguration of existing storage racks and water quality storage containers within the project site. The proposed project would result in construction of small facilities and structures that would expand IRWD's MWRP's warehouse capacity and allow for efficient storage and retrieval of warehouse materials. 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

Lesli Bonkash
Authorized Signature

District Secretary
Title

December 06, 2022
Date

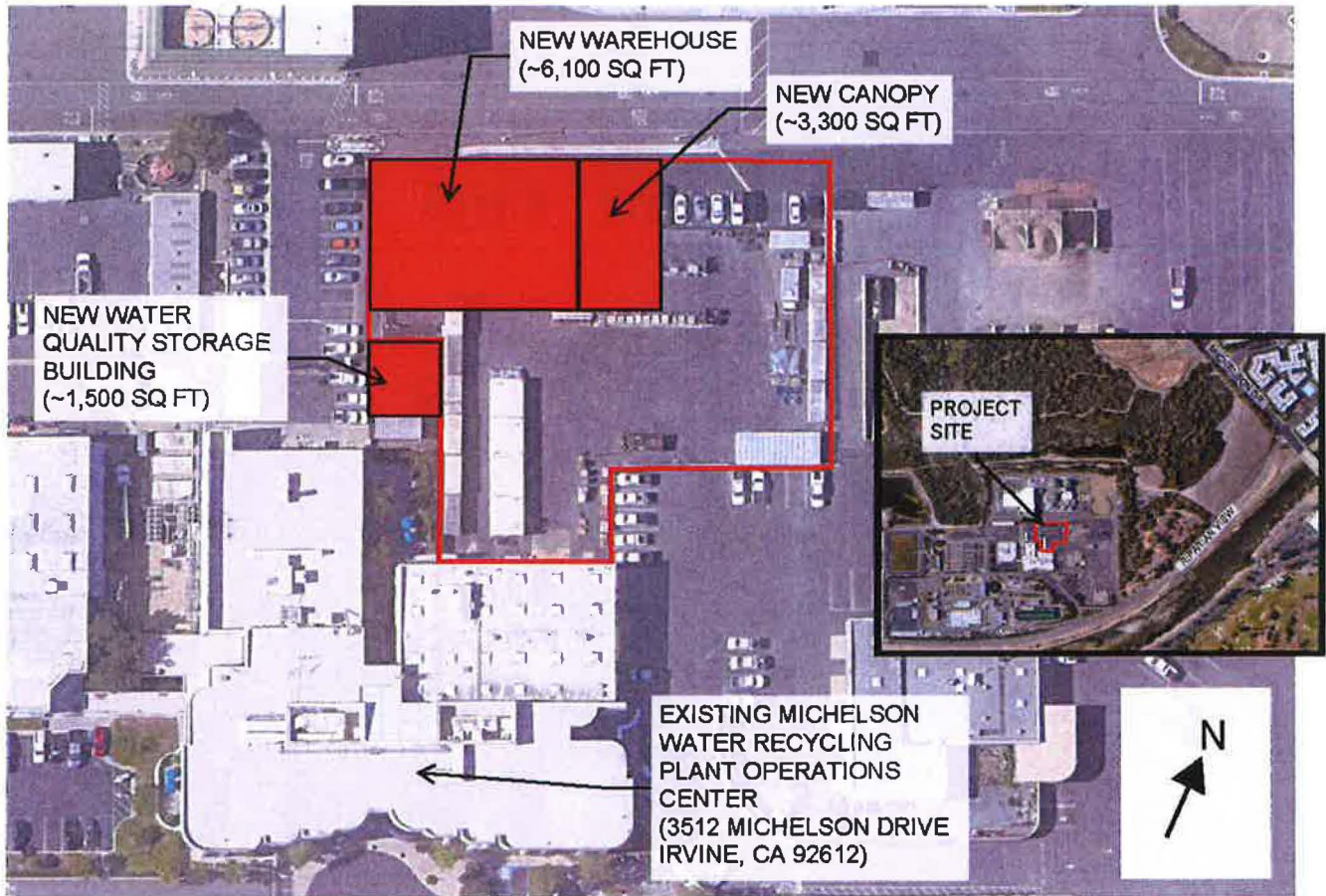
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FIGURE 1: PROJECT SITE MAP
MICHELSON WATER RECYCLING PLANT – NEW WAREHOUSE, CANOPY AND WATER QUALITY STORAGE BUILDING



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