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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
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Project Name: Lake Forest Well 2 Treatment and Sewer Bypass
Project Location: 20844 Osterman Road, Lake Forest CA 92630
See Figure
County: Orange

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD) owns and operates the existing Lake Forest Well 2, located in Lake Forest on Osterman Road. Lake Forest Well 2 was reconstructed in 2011 and is permitted for use as a potable water supply. The well was shut down in 2019 due to increased color resulting from iron and manganese.

The Project will install a new treatment system at the existing wellhead for removal of the iron and manganese. Additionally, the Project will include rehabilitation of the existing well, pilot testing, construction of a waste discharge pipeline for off-specification and backwash waters, and all ancillary piping, electrical, and instrumentation.

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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))
- 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:

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. State Guidelines §15302 consists of replacement of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity.

This project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as authorized under State Guidelines §15301 and §15302. Work to be performed includes the installation of a new treatment system, construction of a waste discharge pipeline, and ancillary facilities. This work will not change the purpose of the facility and will not expand the well's existing recovery capacities.

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

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District Secretary

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Lake Forest Well 2 Treatment and Sewer Bypass Project Location

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