

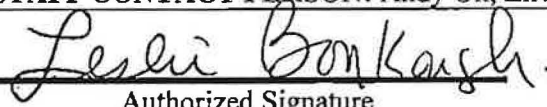
PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT: Irvine Ranch Water District

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

EXEMPT STATUS: Categorical Exemption: Class 6, "Information Collection", Section 15306
 Statutory Exemption: _____
 Other: _____

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 15306, Class 6 (Information Collection). The Class 6 Exemption consists of basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. These may be strictly for information gathering purposes, or as part of a study leading to an action which a public agency has not yet approved, adopted, or funded. The proposed project consists of 10 exploratory test pits and 4 laydown of geophysical lines which would require some degree of ground clearing. This geotechnical investigation is important as it would inform a larger project's design and is strictly for information gathering purposes which would lead to an action taken by IRWD and SWD that has not been approved, adopted or funded. Additionally, IRWD and SWD would obtain any additional permits needed from the Regional Water Quality Board, US Fish and Wildlife Service, California Department of Fish and Wildlife and Army Corps of Engineers. Therefore, the proposed project would meet the criteria of the Class 6 exemption in that it consists of basic data collection and research and would not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. In addition, pursuant to Section 15300.2 (c) and 15306 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



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District Secretary

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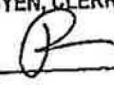
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