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Project Title

Harding Canyon Dam Valve Replacement

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Irvine Ranch Water District
Notice of Exemption

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To: [X] Orange County Clerk Recorder [X] Office of Planning and Research
County Administration South 1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
601 N Ross Street Sacramento, CA 95814
Santa Ana, CA 92701
From: Irvine Ranch Water District
P.O. box 57000
15600 Sand Canyon Avenue
Irvine, CA 92619-7000

PROJECT TITLE: Harding Canyon Dam Valve Replacement

PROJECT LOCATION - Specific: See attached Figure 1 - Project Site map.

PROJECT LOCATION - City/County: Orange County

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD) owns, operates, and maintains the Harding Canyon Dam. IRWD needs to replace the discharge valve at the toe of Harding Canyon Dam. To conduct repairs, IRWD will release water from the silted in reservoir to a level that allows replacement of the valve. Additionally, IRWD's contractors will tap into the existing exposed 6-inch water line located immediately downstream of the dam that connects to the Manning treatment plant. The tap will occur within 150-feet of the dam and include the installation of a valve and tee to allow downstream discharges to provide operational flexibility in releasing water from the dam. Temporary scaffolding, hand tools, and light equipment will be used to complete the improvements within the footprint of the base of the dam.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT: Irvine Ranch Water District

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

EXEMPT STATUS: [X] Categorical Exemption: Class 1, "Existing Facilities", Section 15301
[ ] 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 15301, Class 1 (Existing Facilities). The Class 1 Exemption consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. The proposed project includes discharging water from the dam into the creek and replacing the existing discharge valve and making minor alterations, in order to maintain operational integrity, flexibility and function at the Harding Canyon Dam. 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

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Authorized Signature

District Secretary
Title

September 11, 2024
Date

