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Exempt per Gov't Code 6103

RETURN TO: Ray Bennett
Irvine Ranch Water District
P.O. Box 57000
15600 Sand Canyon Ave
Irvine, CA 92619-7000

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION
(State Guidelines 15062)

County Clerk's Filing Stamp

TO: County Clerk
Laguna Hills Civic Center
24031 El Toro Road
Suite 150
Laguna Hills, CA 92653

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JUL 27 2012

TOM DALY, CLERK-RECORDER
By DCC DEPUTY

FROM: Irvine Ranch Water District
(Applicant/Lead Agency)
P.O. Box 57000
15600 Sand Canyon Ave
Irvine, CA 92619-7000

Project Name: Portola Hills Sewage Lift Station Abandonment and Glenn Ranch Road Sewer

Project Location: Lake Forest, Ca. 92630 (See Figure 1)

County: Orange

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The existing Portola Hills Sewage Lift Station (PHSLS) is located on the southwest corner of the Glenn Ranch Road and Saddleback Ranch Road intersection. It was constructed in 1989 as a temporary facility to serve the Portola Hills area because the Glenn Ranch Road did not exist west of Saddleback Ranch Road. The PHSLS is the first of several lift stations used to lift the wastewater to Santa Margarita Water District's Chiquita Wastewater Treatment Plant. This project will abandon the existing PHSLS and redirect wastewater to the Michelson Water Recycling Plant through a new gravity system within Glenn Ranch Road. The proposed 4,000 ft. Glenn Ranch Road sewer will be located in the existing public right of way and connect to the existing Bake Parkway trunk sewer and the San Diego Creek Interceptor.

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Name of Public Agency Approving
and Carrying out this Project:

Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD)

Contact Person: Ray Bennett, Water Resources and Energy Planner

Area Code 949

Phone 453-5608

Exempt Status: (check one)

Ministerial (State Guidelines Sec. 15268)

Declared Emergency (State Guidelines Sec. 15269(a))

Emergency Project (State Guidelines Sec. 15269(b) or (c))

Categorical Exemption (State Guidelines Sec. 15301)

Statutory Exemption State code number (State Guidelines 15282)

Section 15301 consists of 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.

Section 15282 (k) includes the installation of new pipeline or maintenance, repair, restoration, removal, or demolition of an existing pipeline, as set forth in Section §21080.21 of the Public Resources Code, as long as the project does not exceed one mile in length.

Reasons why project is exempt:

The existing lift station will be abandoned which represents no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agencies determination.

The new pipeline will be approximately 4,000 ft which is less than the one mile limitation in length.

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.


Ray R. Bennett

Staff Member Responsible for Preparation


Leslie Bonkowski
District Secretary

Date July 26, 2012

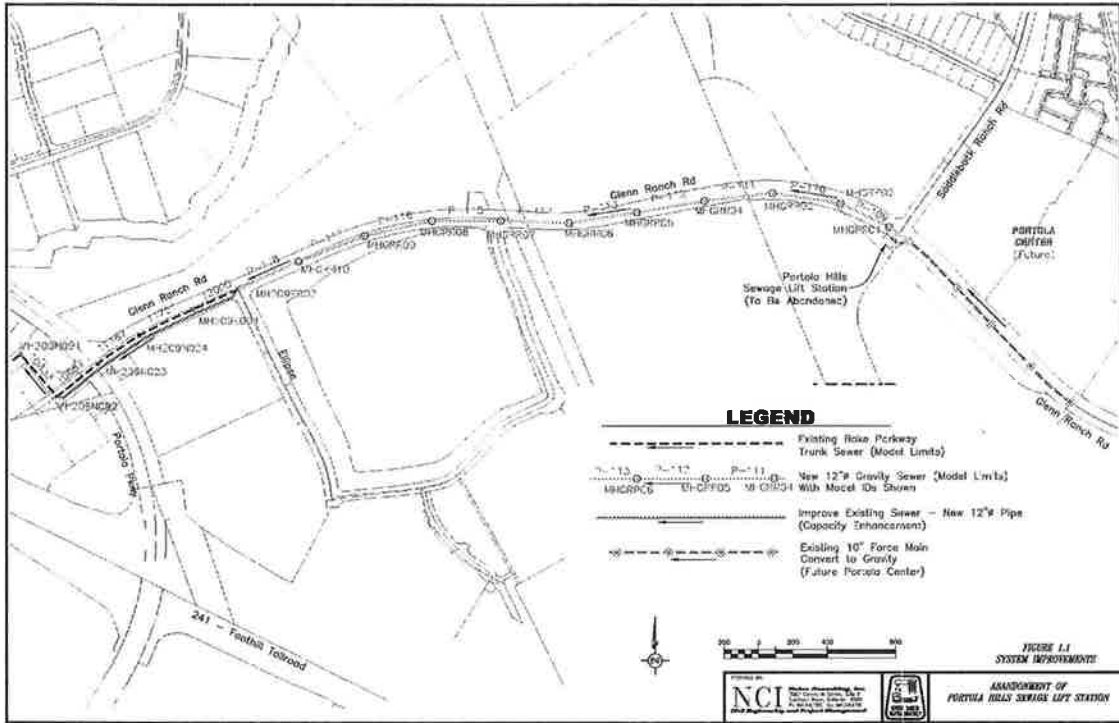


Figure 1 Glenn Ranch Road Sewer and Portola Hills Sewage Lift Station Abandonment