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Exempt per Gov't Code 6103

RETURN TO: Jo Ann Corey
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: Orange County Clerk-Recorder
12 Civic Center Plaza, Room 101
Santa Ana, CA 92701

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

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Project Name: Portola Zone 9 Booster Pump Station Generator Project

Project Location: Saddleback Ranch Rd., Trabuco Canyon/Portola Hills CA (see Figure)

County: Orange

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The existing Portola Zone 9 Booster Pump Station was originally built in 1987 and serves the Zone 9 system in Portola Hills. During the 2007 Santiago Fire, the booster pump station was destroyed, and a replacement booster pump station was rebuilt in 2008. Since the pump station was rebuilt, IRWD has stationed a temporary generator in case of a power outage or another wildfire. This project will construct a permanent emergency generator at the booster pump station to improve reliability of the water system during power outages, particularly when the outages are caused by wildfires in the canyons.

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Name of Public Agency Approving
and Carrying out this Project:

Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD)

Contact Person: Jo Ann Corey, Engineering Technician III

Area Code 949

Phone 453-5326

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 Existing Facilities 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.

Reasons why project is exempt:

The Portola Zone 9 Booster Pump Station Generator project activities are exempt under State Guideline 15301 which provides for minor alterations 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.

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.

Staff Member Responsible for Preparation

District Secretary

November 21, 2012

Date

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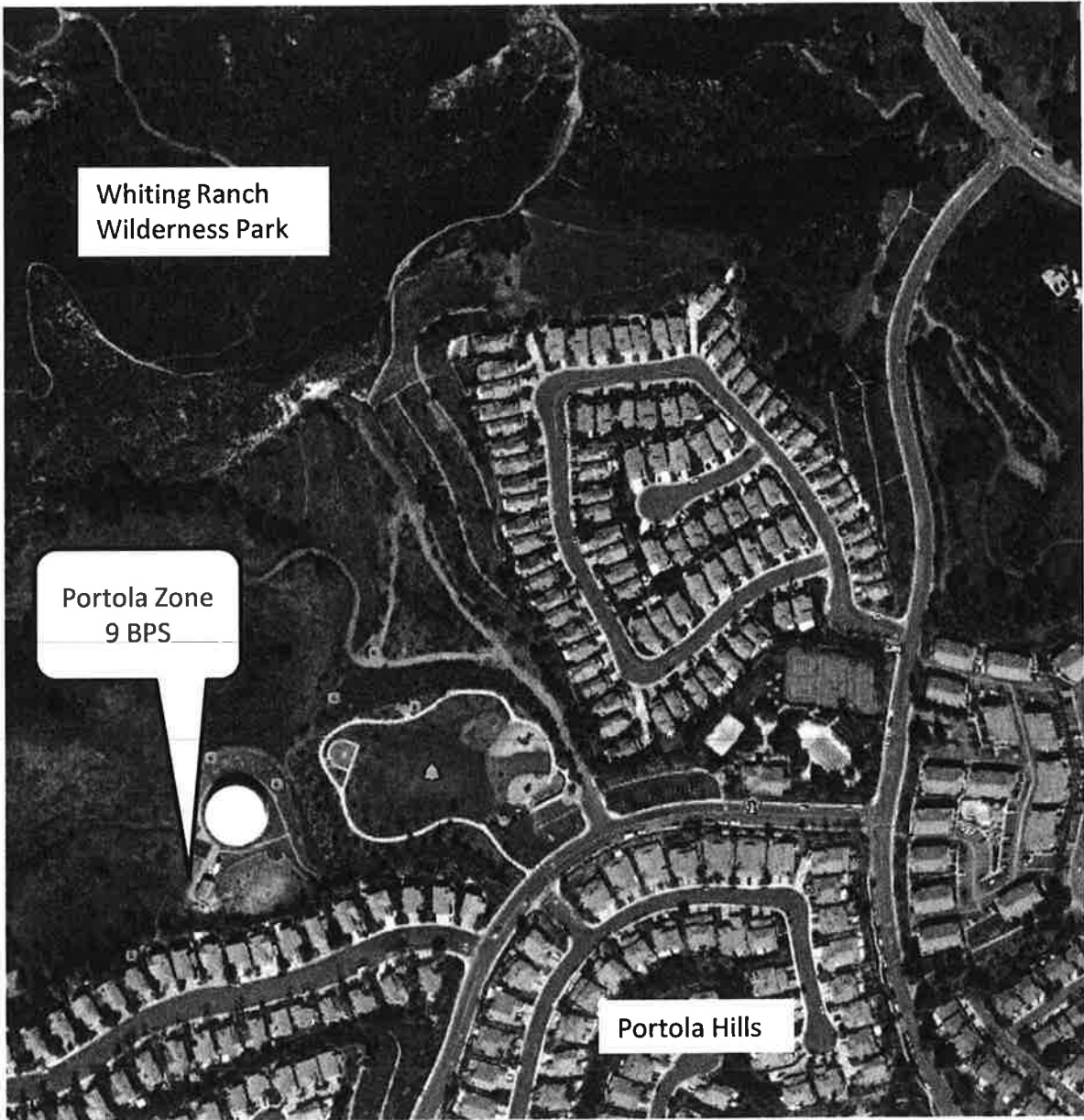
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