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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 Avenue Irvine, CA 92619-7000

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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION (State Guidelines 15062)

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Orange County Clerk-Recorder

12 Civic Center Plaza, Room 101

Santa Ana, CA 92701

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Irvine Ranch Water District (Applicant/Lead Agency) BY:

P.O. Box 57000

15600 Sand Canyon Avenue Irvine, CA 92619-7000

Project Name:

FROM:

Initial Disinfection Facility (IDF) Sodium Hypochlorite Storage and Feed

System

Project Location Initial Disinfection Facility is located off South Susan Street, near

Central Avenue in the City of Santa Ana (see Exhibit "A")

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Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD) owns, operates and maintains several disinfection facilities used to disinfect water in its service area. Among these facilities is the Initial Disinfection Facility (IDF), located off South Susan Street in Santa Ana. IDF uses a chlorine gas system to control biological growth in the potable water distribution system and to control odors. Due to the maintenance involved with the various pieces of equipment at the facility, safety concerns for staff and to the public, and due to the ongoing Cal-ARP RMP and Cal/OSHA regulatory requirements, IRWD will replace the chlorine gas system.

This project will remove the existing chlorine gas system and related appurtenances, install liquid sodium hypochlorite storage and feed facilities, and install a new automatic gate for better site access. The project also includes the construction of a new surge tank at Well 16, which is located on the IDF property.

Name of Public Agency Approving Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD) and Carrying out this Project: 15600 Sand Canyon Avenue, Irvine, CA 92618 Jo Ann Corey, Engineering Technician III Contact Person: Phone 453-5326 949 Area Code 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)) x 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)

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Reasons why project is exempt:

Class I 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.

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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Staff Member Responsible for Preparation

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Exhibit "A"