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RETURN TO: Jo Ann Corey
Irvine Ranch Water District
P.O. Box 57000
15600 Sand Canyon Avenue
Irvine, CA 92619-7000
949-453-5300

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
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(949) 453-5300

Project Name: Reservoir Ladder Fall Protection Project

Project Location: 15 reservoirs located in Irvine, Lake Forest and Santiago Canyon
(see Exhibit "A")

County: Orange

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD) has above-ground domestic water and recycled water reservoirs with ladders in its service area. In order to protect its employees when they access the top of the reservoirs, IRWD uses fall protection equipment that attaches to the reservoir ladder. In 2016, IRWD installed new equipment (LAD-SAF system) at two of its reservoirs. The LAD-SAF uses a cable and a harness sleeve, which grips the cable and stops traveling when weight is pulled down on the sleeve. The LAD-SAF allows the operator to have a more continual grip on the ladder.

This project will install LAD-SAF ladder fall protection system at 13 domestic water reservoirs and two recycled water reservoirs. The 13 domestic reservoirs include Lomas Valley Zone 3, Quail Hill Zone 4, Orchard Hills Zone 5, Portola Springs Zone 6, Foothill Zone 6, Foothill Zone 6A, Portola Zone 8, Portola Zone 9, El Toro Zone 4 No.1, El Toro Zone 4 No.2, Canada Zone 4, Shaw and Benner reservoirs. The two recycled water reservoirs are Portola Springs Zone D and Lake Forest Zone C No.2.

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Name of Public Agency Approving
and Carrying out this Project:

Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD)
15600 Sand Canyon Avenue, Irvine, CA 92618

Contact Person: Jo Ann Corey, Engineering Technician III

Area Code 949

Phone 453-5326

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))
- 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)

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project will make minor alterations to the ladders at 15 IRWD reservoirs. State Guidelines Sec. §15301 provides an exemption for 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.

Jo Ann Corey, Engineering Technician III
Staff Member Responsible for Preparation

Leslie (Joan) Ashby
District Secretary

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Date

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EXHIBIT "A" - Reservoir Fall Protection Site Locations



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