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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  
949-453-5300

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ORANGE COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER DEPARTMENT

BY: CF DEPUTY  
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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION  
(State Guidelines 15062)

TO: Orange County Clerk-Recorder  
County Administration South  
601 N. Ross Street  
Santa Ana, CA 92701

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FROM: Irvine Ranch Water District (Applicant & Lead Agency)  
P.O. Box 57000  
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(949) 453-5300

30-2020-0879  
6180-0202-0

Project Name: El Toro Road/Northcrest Aliso Creek Erosion Repair  
Project Location: Intersection of El Toro Road and Northcrest Drive in the City of Lake Forest (See Exhibit "A")  
County: Orange

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD) owns and operates a 16-inch recycled water pipeline, located in El Toro Road near Northcrest Drive in the City of Lake Forest. A leak occurred in a portion of the pipeline, which IRWD was able to repair. Unfortunately, the leak eroded portions of the unimproved area between the roadway shoulder of El Toro Road and Aliso Creek. The eroded area and Aliso Creek are under the jurisdiction of the County of Orange.

IRWD coordinated with Orange County Public Works (OCPW) to complete a temporary erosion repair. The repair included filling the eroded area (~1200 sq. ft) with crushed rock aggregate and placing straw waddles along the edge of the eroded zone to prevent further erosion. As a final effort to address OCPW's requirement, IRWD will re-establish the eroded area.

This project will fill, compact, and grade the area to mitigate erosion and lessen the direct surface runoff that flows to Aliso Creek. Project work will also include the removal of existing crushed rock aggregate and installation of a drain inlet to catch stormwater runoff, which will be connected to the City of Lake Forest's existing storm drain system. No work will occur in or near Aliso Creek. This work is planned for late 2020. In the event that work is delayed and occurs during nesting season (February 15-September 1), IRWD will conduct a bird survey seven days prior to construction commencement.

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, Environmental Compliance Specialist

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)

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Reasons why project is exempt:

This project constitutes a restoration and repair to existing facilities and is thereby exempt under Categorical Exemption §15301.

State Guideline §15301 provides 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.



Staff Member Responsible for Preparation

Leslie Bonkowski  
District Secretary

Date

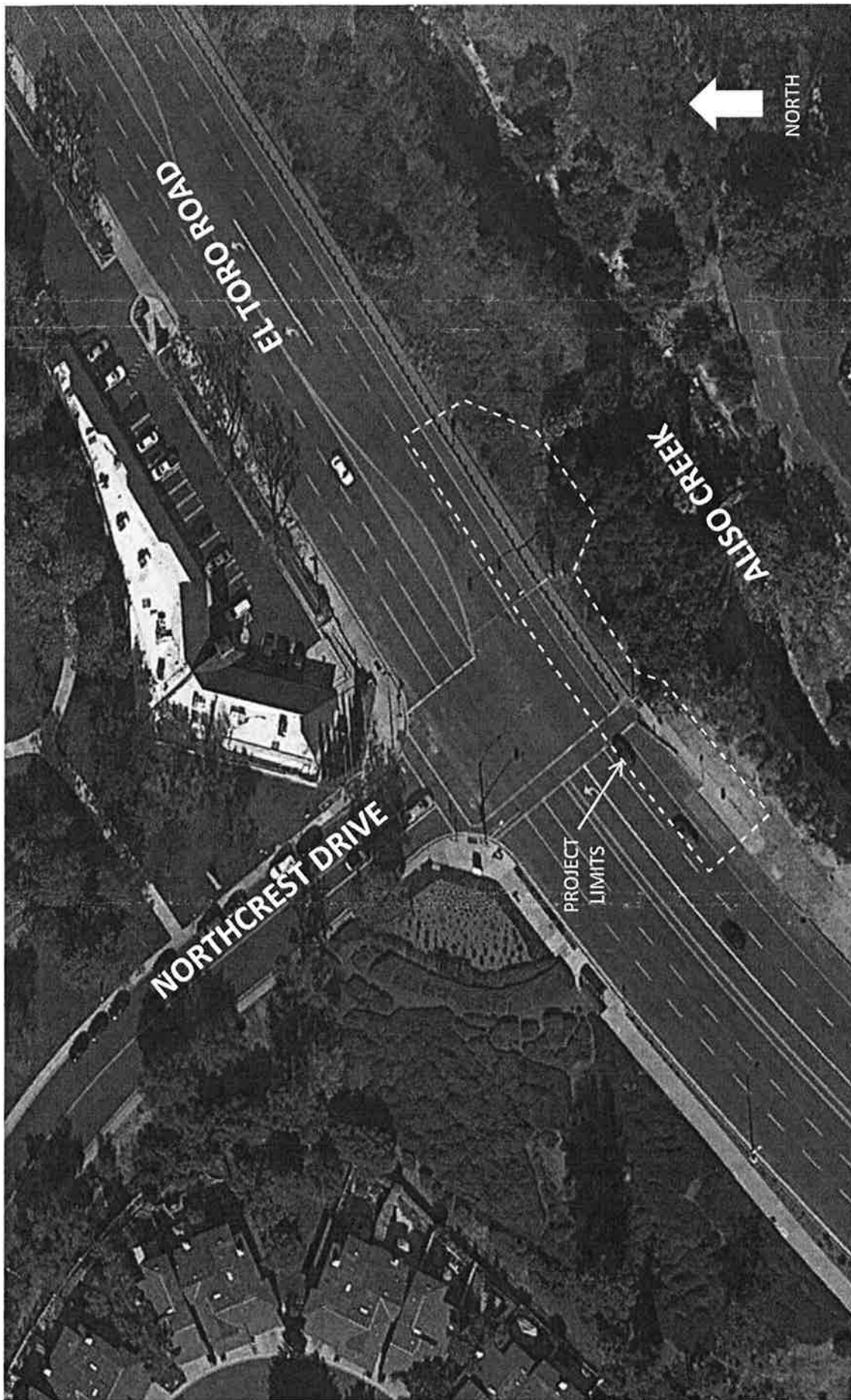
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EXHIBIT "A" - PROJECT LOCATION