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IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT  
15600 SAN CANYON AVENUE  
IRVINE, CA 92618

Office of the Orange County Clerk-Recorder  
**Memorandum**

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

The attached notice was received, filed and a copy was posted on 02/09/2022

**It remained posted for 30 (thirty) days.**

Hugh Nguyen  
Clerk - Recorder  
In and for the County of Orange

By: Selina Gallegos Deputy

Public Resource Code 21092.3

The notice required pursuant to Sections 21080.4 and 21092 for an environmental impact report shall be posted in the office of the County Clerk of each county \*\*\* in which the project will be located and shall remain posted for a period of 30 days. The notice required pursuant to Section 21092 for a negative declaration shall be so posted for a period of 20 days, unless otherwise required by law to be posted for 30 days. The County Clerk shall post notices within 24 hours of receipt.

Public Resource Code 21152

All notices filed pursuant to this section shall be available for public inspection, and shall be posted **\*\*\* within 24 hours of receipt** in the office of the County Clerk. Each notice shall remain posted for a period of 30 days.

\*\*\* Thereafter, the clerk shall return the notice to the local lead agency \*\*\* within a notation of the period it was posted. The local lead agency shall retain the notice for not less than nine months.

Additions or changes by underline; deletions by \*\*\*



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Exempt per Gov't Code 6103

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

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FEB 09 2022

HUGH NGUYEN, CLERK-RECORDER

BY:  DEPUTY

County Clerk's Filing Stamp

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION  
(State Guidelines 15062)

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 Avenue  
Irvine, CA 92619-7000  
(949) 453-5300

ORANGE COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER DEPARTMENT  
BY:  DEPUTY

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Project Name: Santiago Canyon Manning Pump Station Project

Project Location: Manning pump station located in the Santiago Canyon area of IRWD.  
(see Exhibit A)

County: Orange

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD) merged with the previous Santiago County Water District in 2006 and inherited approximately 2,500 customers and 29,450 acres of land. This area is now known as the Santiago Canyon service area of IRWD. The Santiago Canyon area's potable distribution system includes seven pressure zones, eight reservoirs, and seven pump stations that serve water to residents in Santiago, Silverado, Williams and Modjeska Canyons. IRWD conducted a fire flow hydraulic analysis to evaluate the system for proposed improvements, which resulted in the need for the proposed project.

This project will improve the pumping capacity at the Manning pump station to provide redundancy and include additional improvements to ensure that Manning pump station is operational during fire events. In order to improve the pump capacity, the Manning pump station will employ a 2-pump configuration (one duty pump and one standby) such that the existing 50-horsepower pumps will be replaced with two 75-horsepower pumps. In addition to the new pumps, the project will replace the existing piping at the pump

station and increase the fuel tank size for an existing emergency generator on the project site. Due to the condition of the existing electrical service switchboards and motor control centers (MCC), the pump station will require modifications to the existing pump control sections. A new pressure reducing valve will be installed at the pump station between Zones 10B and 9 to utilize the surplus capacity in Zone 10B to feed Zone 9 during fire events. Two new surge tanks will be added to protect the pump station from damage due to hydraulic surge events. The existing retaining wall will be extended to make room for the new surge tanks.

The construction of the project improvements is planned to begin in Spring 2022 and is expected to end late 2023.

Name of Public Agency Approving  
and Carrying out this Project:

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

Contact Person: Natalie Palacio, Water Resources Specialist

Area Code 949

Phone 453-5499

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:

The proposed improvements to the Manning pump station, located in the Santiago Canyon service area of IRWD, are minor alterations to existing water facilities. The facility will have substantially the same purpose and the improved pumping capacity will not expand the use of the existing facility but will provide redundancy in the event a pump fails. The addition of surge tanks to improve the resiliency of the facility will not change the purpose of the facility and the extension of the retaining wall is within the approved easement area and is a minor alteration.

This project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as authorized under the California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, Section 15301 which provides exemption for minor alterations of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that previously existing.

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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.

Natalie Palasio  
Staff Member Responsible for Preparation

Leslie Bonkowski  
District Secretary

February 9, 2022  
Date

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BY: SG DEPUTY

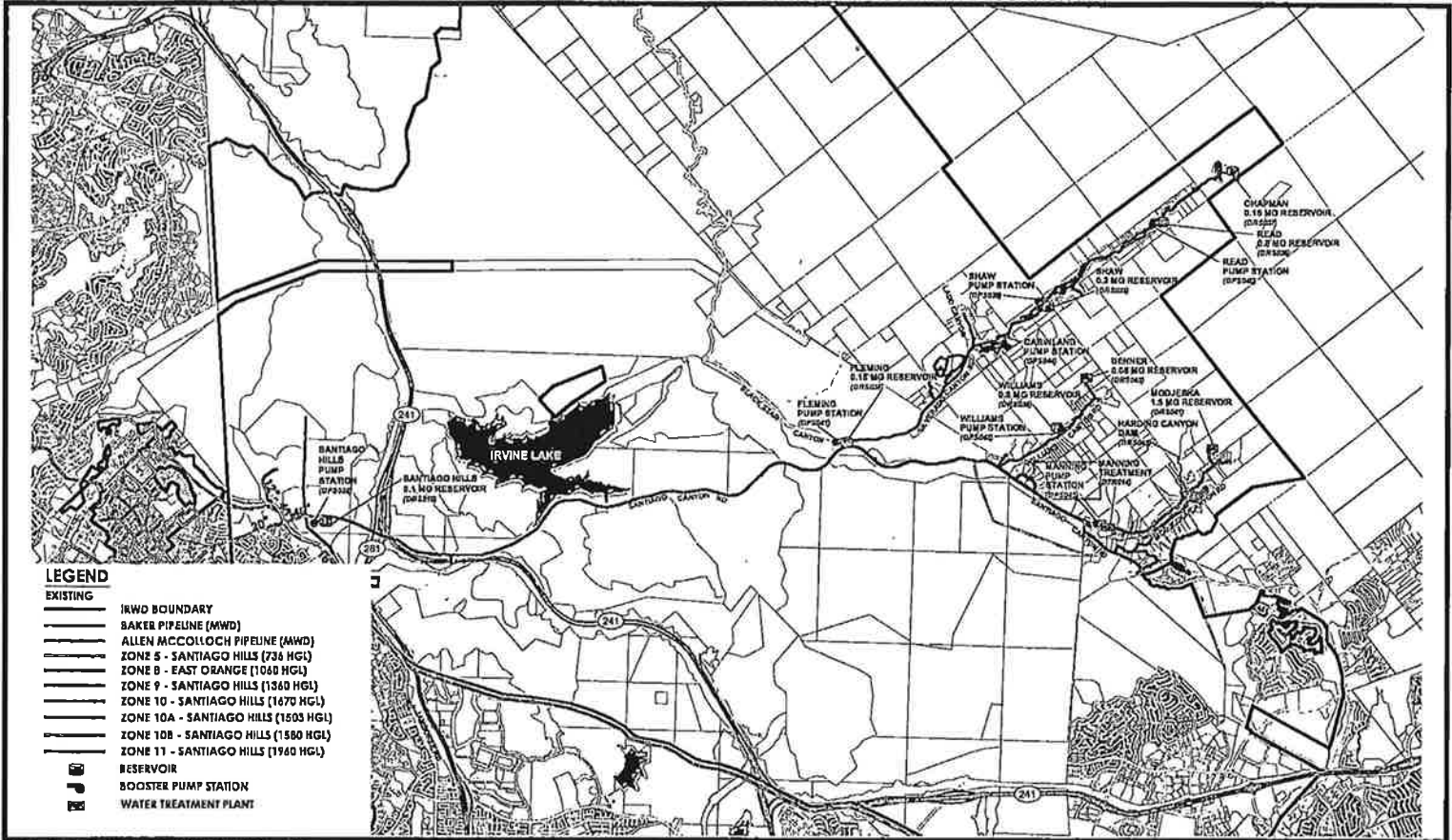
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EXHIBIT "A"-SANTIAGO CANYON MANNING PUMP STATION IMPROVEMENTS LOCATION MAP



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IRWD SANTIAGO AREA DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM  
POTABLE WATER AREA MAP



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