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Irvine Ranch Water District  
Notice of Exemption

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

Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121  
Sacramento, CA 95814

From: Irvine Ranch Water District  
P.O. box 57000  
15600 Sand Canyon Avenue  
Irvine, CA 92619-7000

**PROJECT TITLE:** Well ET-1 Rehabilitation

**PROJECT LOCATION - Specific:** Well ET-1 is located at the corner of Irvine Center Drive and Jeffrey Road  
See Figure 1: Project Site Map for detailed project site location.

**PROJECT LOCATION - City/County:** City of Irvine, Orange County, California

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Well ET-1 is part of the El Toro Groundwater Remediation Program, which is designed to clean up the trichloroethylene (TCE) found in portions of the groundwater basin beneath the former El Toro Marine Corps Air Station and central Irvine. The well has experienced decreased production over the years and needs to be rehabilitated.

Work to be performed on the existing well involves mechanical cleaning, including wire brushing, scrubbing the well wall, repair of any wall defects, swabbing and airlifting. The well will be redeveloped, chemically treated and tested.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT:** Irvine Ranch Water District

**PROJECT APPLICANT:** Irvine Ranch Water District **PHONE:** (949) 453-5300

**EXEMPT STATUS:**  Categorical Exemption: Class 1, "Existing Facilities", Section 15301  
 Statutory Exemption: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other:

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**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** The effects of the proposed project are Categorically Exempt from the requirements to prepare additional environmental documentation per California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, Section 15303, Class 1 (Existing Facilities). The Class 1 Exemption consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. The proposed project is part of the El Toro Groundwater Remediation Program, which is designed to clean up the TCE found in portions of the groundwater basin. The well has experienced decreased production over the years and needs to be rehabilitated. Activities as part of this rehabilitation include mechanical cleaning, including wire brushing, scrubbing the well wall, repair of any wall defects, swabbing and airlifting. The well will be redeveloped, chemically treated and tested. The proposed project would result in existing facility improvements used to serve public utility services and the proposed rehabilitation is regular operational repair and maintenance that would not expand its current uses. In addition, pursuant to Section 15300.2 (c) and 15301 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, there are no unusual circumstances in respect to the proposed project for which staff would anticipate a significant effect on the environment.

**STAFF CONTACT PERSON:** Andy Uk, Environmental Compliance Analyst **PHONE:** 949-453-5326

Leshi Bonkashki District Secretary December 28, 2022  
Authorized Signature Title Date

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

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