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Exempt per Gov't Code 6103

RETURN TO: Christian Kessler
Lead Agency / Irvine Ranch Water District
Applicant P.O. Box 57000
15600 Sand Canyon Ave
Irvine, CA 92619-7000

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION
(State Guidelines §15062)

County Clerk's Filing Stamp

TO: County Clerk
Laguna Hills Civic Center
24031 El Toro Road
Suite 150
Laguna Hills, CA 92653

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By [Signature] DEPUTY

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(Applicant/Lead Agency)
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Project Name: Santiago Creek Dam (Irvine Lake) Liquefaction Study BY: [Signature] DEPUTY

Project Location: Toe of the Santiago Creek Dam at Irvine Lake
Orange, Ca. 92869 (See Figure 1- Project Vicinity)

County Orange

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD) and Serrano Water District (SWD) jointly operate the Santiago Creek Dam which impounds Irvine Lake. The Division of Safety of Dams has requested a seismic stability review for the Santiago Creek Dam that would evaluate the potential for streambed alluvium under the dam to liquefy during a design earthquake and the status of a fault that passes under the dam, referred to as the Terrace Fault. The investigation of the alluvium will require sonic drilling in four locations, and the Terrace Fault investigation will require 160 feet of exploratory trench. Both investigations will be conducted at the toe of the dam. The project will last approximately 3 weeks.

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Exempt Status:

X Categorical Exemption (State Guidelines §§15306)

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The project is exempt from CEQA through two Categorical Exemptions.

15306. Information Collection

Class 6 consists of basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. These may be strictly for information gathering purposes, or as part of a study leading to an action which a public agency has not yet approved, adopted, or funded.

15309. Inspections

Class 9 consists of activities limited entirely to inspections, to check for performance of an operation, or quality, health, or safety of a project, including related activities such as inspection for possible mislabeling, misrepresentation, or adulteration of products.

Reasons why project is exempt:

Work performed will include boring and trenching which will allow for data collection and performance inspection. These are activities exempt under Categorical Exemption 15306 and 15309.

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.

Name of Public Agency Approving and Carrying out this Project:

Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD)

Contact Person: Christian Kessler, Engineering Technician

Area Code 949

Phone 453-5441

If filed by applicant (and applicant is other than Irvine Ranch Water District):

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project:
Yes _____ No _____

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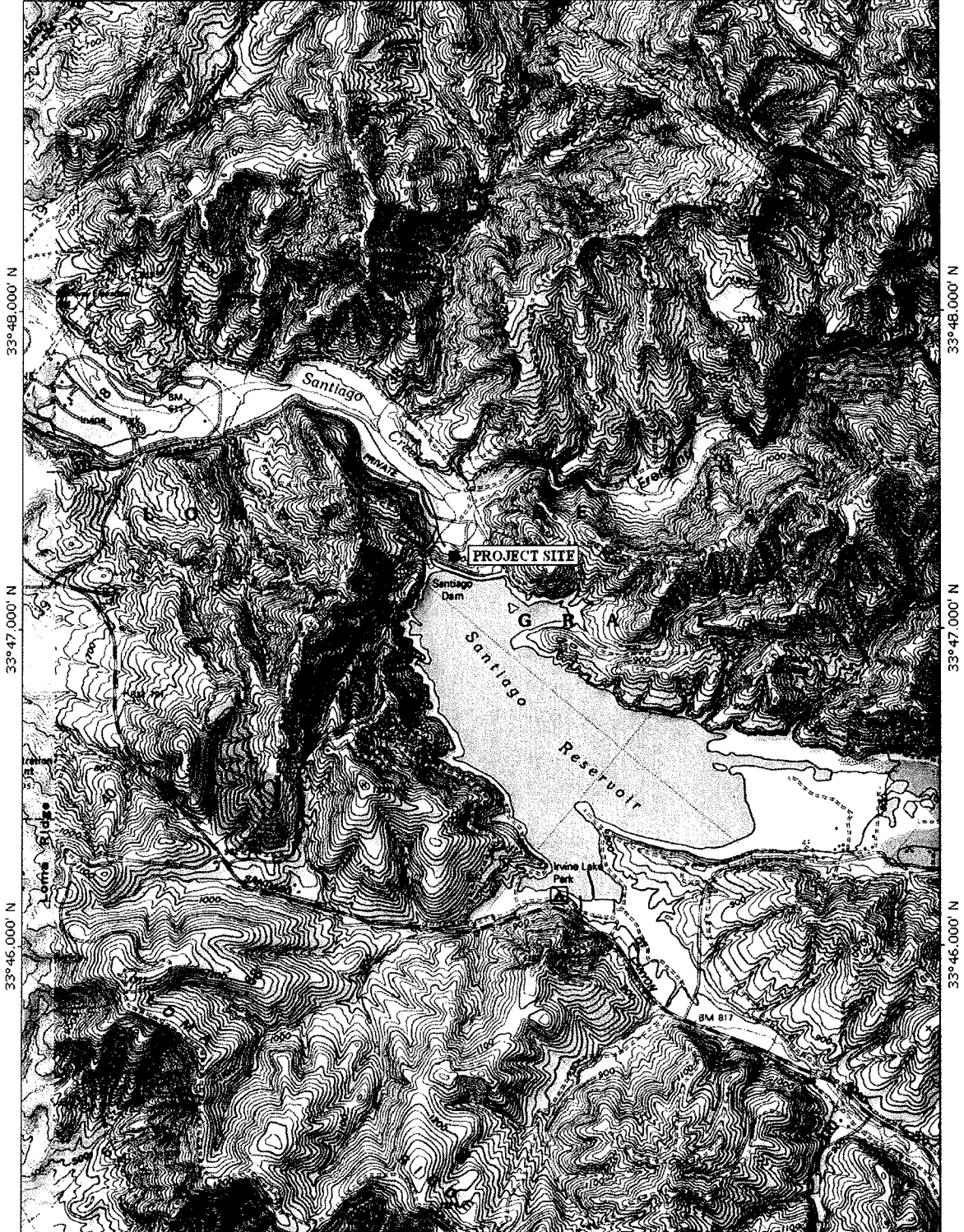
Christian Kessler

Staff Member Responsible for Preparation

Leslie Bonkowski
District Secretary

6/13/11

Date



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Figure 1: Project vicinity, Orange County, California.

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