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Exempt per Gov't Code 6103

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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

(State Guidelines §15062)

County Clerk's Filing Stamp

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TOM DALY, CLERK-RECORDER

By *TW* DEPUTY

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

FROM: Irvine Ranch Water District
(Applicant/Lead Agency)
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Project Name: Syphon Reservoir Dam Slope Repair

Project Location: North Side of Portola Parkway between Bee Canyon Road and Sand Canyon Ave (Figure 1 Project Location Map)

County: Orange

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD) owns, maintains and operates the Syphon Reservoir Dam (Dam) located in the City of Irvine within Orange County California. Localized surficial sloughing occurred on the bench on the downstream slope of the Dam and requires repair. Repair activities will include backfilling and compacting soil over the bench of the Dam. The repairs are expected to take approximately three weeks and will occur outside of the bird nesting season (February 15 through August 15).

Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial (State Guidelines §15268)
- Declared Emergency (State Guidelines §15269(a))
- Categorical Exemption (State Guidelines §§15301)

Class 1 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 use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination.

Reasons why project is exempt:

Repair work performed will include backfilling, compaction and hydro seeding. Repair work is exempt under Categorical Exemption 15301.

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

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

Selvi Bonkarsli
District Secretary

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Figure 1 Project Location Map

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