

**NOTICE OF DETERMINATION**

**TO:**  Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121  
Sacramento, California 95814

**FROM:** Department of Water Resources  
Division of Safety of Dams  
2720 Gateway Oaks Drive, Suite 300  
Sacramento, California 95833

County Clerk  
County of [County]  
[Address]

**LEAD AGENCY:** Irvine Ranch Water District  
15600 Sand Canyon Avenue  
Irvine, California 92618  
Fiona Sanchez  
(949) 453-5325

**SUBJECT:** Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code

Syphon Reservoir Improvement Project (Syphon Dam, 1029-5) 2019080009  
**Project Title** **State Clearinghouse Number**

Kevin Burton (949) 453-5300  
**Project Applicant** **Phone Number**

City of Irvine County of Orange  
**Project Location - City** **County**

The proposed work includes the replacement of the existing 59-foot-high Syphon Canyon Dam with a new 138-foot-high dam, along with the construction of new outlet works and spillway.

**Project Description**

This is to advise that the DWR Division of Safety of Dams has approved the above described project as

Lead Agency  Responsible Agency

and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

1. The Project [ will  will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2.  An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.  
 A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures [ were  were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [ was  was not] adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations [ was  was not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings [ were  were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

**This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the negative Declaration, is available to the General Public at:**

15600 Sand Canyon Avenue, Irvine, CA 92618

**Date received for filing at the OPR: October 29, 2025**

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**Title**

January 28, 2026

**Date**