



Irvine Ranch Water District
Notice of Exemption

To: [checked] Orange County Clerk Recorder [checked] Office of Land Use and Climate
County Administration South Innovation
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Santa Ana, CA 92701 Sacramento, CA 95814
From: Irvine Ranch Water District
P.O. Box 57000
15600 Sand Canyon Avenue
Irvine, CA 92619-7000

PROJECT TITLE: Coastal Zone 1-2 and Zone 2-4 Pump Station Rehabilitation

PROJECT LOCATION - Specific: Public right-of-way along Newport Coast Drive between Pacific Coast Highway and North Pelican Hill Road - see attached Figure 1.

PROJECT LOCATION - City/County: Newport Beach, Orange County, CA

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project involves rehabilitation of the belowground Coastal Zone 1-2 and 2-4 Pump Stations to return them to operational condition, providing a redundant water supply source to the Newport Coast area. Rehabilitation would involve in-kind replacement of the vertical turbine pumps, equipment (e.g., fans, sump pumps), electrical wiring, and other appurtenances (e.g., couplings, valves, pressure gauges, pressure transmitters, flow meters) within each pump station. No expansion of the existing or former use of these two pump stations is proposed, and the pump stations would continue to have the same capacity upon project completion.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT: Irvine Ranch Water District

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

EXEMPT STATUS: [checked] Categorical Exemption: Class 1 "Existing Facilities", Section 15301
Class 2, "Replacement or Reconstruction", Section 15302
[] Statutory Exemption:
[] Other:

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: The proposed project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because the action involves 1) the repair, maintenance, and minor alteration of existing public utility facilities and mechanical equipment involving no expansion of existing or former use and 2) the installation of replacement facilities, equipment, and appurtenances on the same sites as the existing infrastructure and the replacement infrastructure will have the same purpose and capacity as the existing infrastructure, as authorized under the California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, Sections 15301 and 15302 (Class 1 "Existing Facilities" and Class 2 "Replacement or Reconstruction"). Class 1 exempts from CEQA review any project involving 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, such as existing facilities of publicly owned utilities used to provide public utility services. Class 2 exempts from CEQA review any project involving replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced, such as the replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity. In addition, pursuant to Section 15300.2 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, none of the exceptions to the use of a categorical exemption under CEQA are applicable.

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District Secretary
Title

June 10, 2025
Date

FIGURE 1: PROJECT SITE MAP

