ORANGE COUNTY
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CEQA FILING COVER SHEET

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Project Title

RATTLESNAKE RESERVOIR FENCING PROJECT

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- [ ] Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
- [ ] Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) or Negative Declaration (ND)
- [x] Notice of Exemption (NOE)
- [ ] Other (Please fill in type):

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BY: MG. DEPUTY

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 Land Use and Climate Innovation 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: Rattlesnake Reservoir Fencing Project

PROJECT LOCATION - Specific: IRWD Rattlesnake Reservoir (APN 104-118-02) - see attached Figure 1.

PROJECT LOCATION - City/County: Irvine, Orange County

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD) owns and operates Rattlesnake Reservoir in Irvine, California, which is an uncovered reservoir containing recycled water produced by IRWD for industrial and commercial purposes throughout its service area. Rattlesnake Reservoir continues to experience security breaches, and the purpose of the project is to provide security upgrades to Rattlesnake Reservoir and its associated facilities. The project involves the construction of 3,900 linear feet of 6-foot high, black vinyl-coated chain link fence (1,400 feet on the north side of the reservoir and 2,500 feet on the south side of the reservoir) and the replacement of two existing fence gates with 6-foot high chain link fence gates. The replacement security structures will be installed on the same site and will have the same purpose as the existing security infrastructure. Upon completion of construction, any disturbed pavement and landscaping would be restored.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT: Irvine Ranch Water District

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

EXEMPT STATUS:

☑ Categorical Exemption: Class 2, "Replacement or Reconstruction", Section 15302
Class 3, "New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures", Section 15303

☐ Statutory Exemption: _____

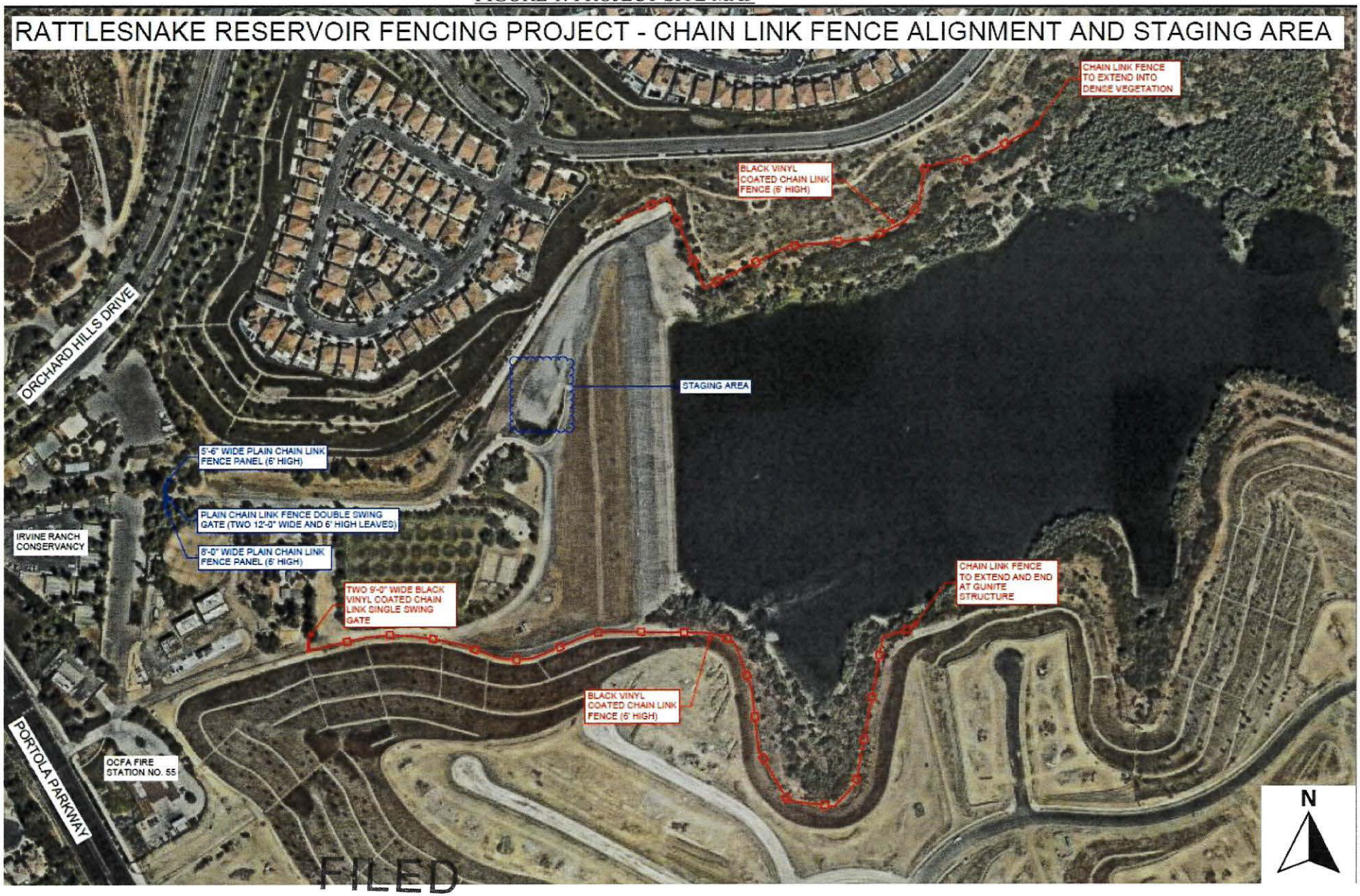
☐ Other:

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: The proposed project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because the action involves 1) the installation of replacement structures on the same site as the existing security infrastructure where the replacement infrastructure will have substantially the same purpose as the existing security infrastructure and 2) the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small structures at the existing Rattlesnake Reservoir. These exemptions are authorized under California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, Sections 15302 and 15303 (Class 2 "Replacement or Reconstruction" and Class 3 "New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures"). 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. Class 3 exempts from CEQA review any project involving the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure. 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.

STAFF CONTACT PERSON: Emily Le, Environmental Compliance Analyst **PHONE:** 949-453-5384

Christine Compton	Assistant District Secretary	November 11, 2025
Authorized Signature	Title	Date

FIGURE 1: PROJECT SITE MAP



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2025 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT

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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER *(If applicable)*

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LEAD AGENCY	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE
IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT		11/12/2025
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING		DOCUMENT NUMBER
ORANGE COUNTY		202585001082

PROJECT TITLE

RATTLESNAKE RESERVOIR FENCING PROJECT

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL		PHONE NUMBER
IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT			(949) 453-5384
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
15600 SAND CANYON AVENUE	IRVINE	CA	92619-7000

PROJECT APPLICANT *(Check appropriate box)*

☐ Local Public Agency ☐ School District ☒ Other Special District ☐ State Agency ☐ Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	$ 4,123.50	$
☐ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	$ 2,968.75	$
☐ Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	$ 1,401.75	$

☒ Exempt from fee
- ☒ Notice of Exemption (attach)
- ☐ CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)

☐ Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

☐ Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	$ 850.00	$
☐ County documentary handling fee	$ 50.00	$
☐ Other		$

PAYMENT METHOD:

☐ Cash ☐ Credit ☐ Check ☐ Other **TOTAL RECEIVED** $ 0.00

SIGNATURE	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE
X L Gomez	Melissa Gomez Deputy Clerk

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