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: Turtle Rock – Rocky Knoll Recycled Water Pipeline Replacement

PROJECT LOCATION - Specific: Rocky Knoll between Concordia and Rockview – see attached Figure 1: Project Site Map.

PROJECT LOCATION - City/County: Irvine, Orange County

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project involves the removal and replacement of an 8-inch AC recycled water pipeline with an 8-inch PVC recycled water pipeline and associated appurtenances. Upon completion of construction, curbs, gutters, pavement, and landscaping would be restored. The purpose of the project is to replace the existing pipeline which is experiencing leaks and has reached the end of its useful life.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT: Irvine Ranch Water District

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

EXEMPT STATUS:
- ☑ 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 California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because the action involves 1) the maintenance and minor alteration of existing public infrastructure, involving no expansion of existing or former use and 2) the relocation and replacement of existing recycled water pipelines where the new structures will be located on the same site as the structures replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structures replaced, as authorized under the California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, Sections 15301 (Class 1 "Existing Facilities") and 15302 (Class 2 "Replacement or Reconstruction"). Class 1 exempts 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 the 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, including 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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Authorized Signature	Title	Date

FIGURE 1: PROJECT SITE MAP