



ORANGE COUNTY  
CLERK-RECORDER  
CEQA FILING COVER SHEET

202685000531

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May 7, 2026

HUGH NGUYEN  
CLERK - RECORDER

By H. Nguyen  
Deputy clerk

30-05/07/2026-0376

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Project Title

LAWRP PONDS BIOSOLIDS REMOVAL AND LAND APPLICATION

**Check Document being Filed:**

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

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**COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER ON 05/07/2026**

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Irvine Ranch Water District
Notice of Exemption

To: [checked] Orange County Clerk Recorder [checked] Office of Land Use and Climate
County Administration South Innovation
601 N Ross Street 1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
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: LAWRP Ponds Biosolids Removal and Land Application

PROJECT LOCATION - Specific: 22312 Muirlands Blvd. - see attached Figure 1

PROJECT LOCATION - City/County: Lake Forest, Orange County

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The maintenance project involves the removal, dewatering, and beneficial reuse of biosolids that have accumulated in the Los Alisos Water Recycling Plant (LAWRP) treatment ponds, which convert wastewater into recycled water for use within the IRWD service area. The purpose of the project is to perform regular maintenance on the ponds to maintain normal operation and prevent process treatment issues. No modification or expansion of the existing use of the ponds is proposed, and the ponds would continue to have the same operational 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
[ ] Statutory Exemption:
[ ] Other:

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: The proposed project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because the action involves the repair, maintenance, and minor alteration of existing public utility facilities and mechanical equipment involving no expansion of existing or former use, as authorized under the California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, Section 15301 (Class 1 "Existing Facilities"). 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. 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

[Signature]
Authorized Signature

District Secretary
Title

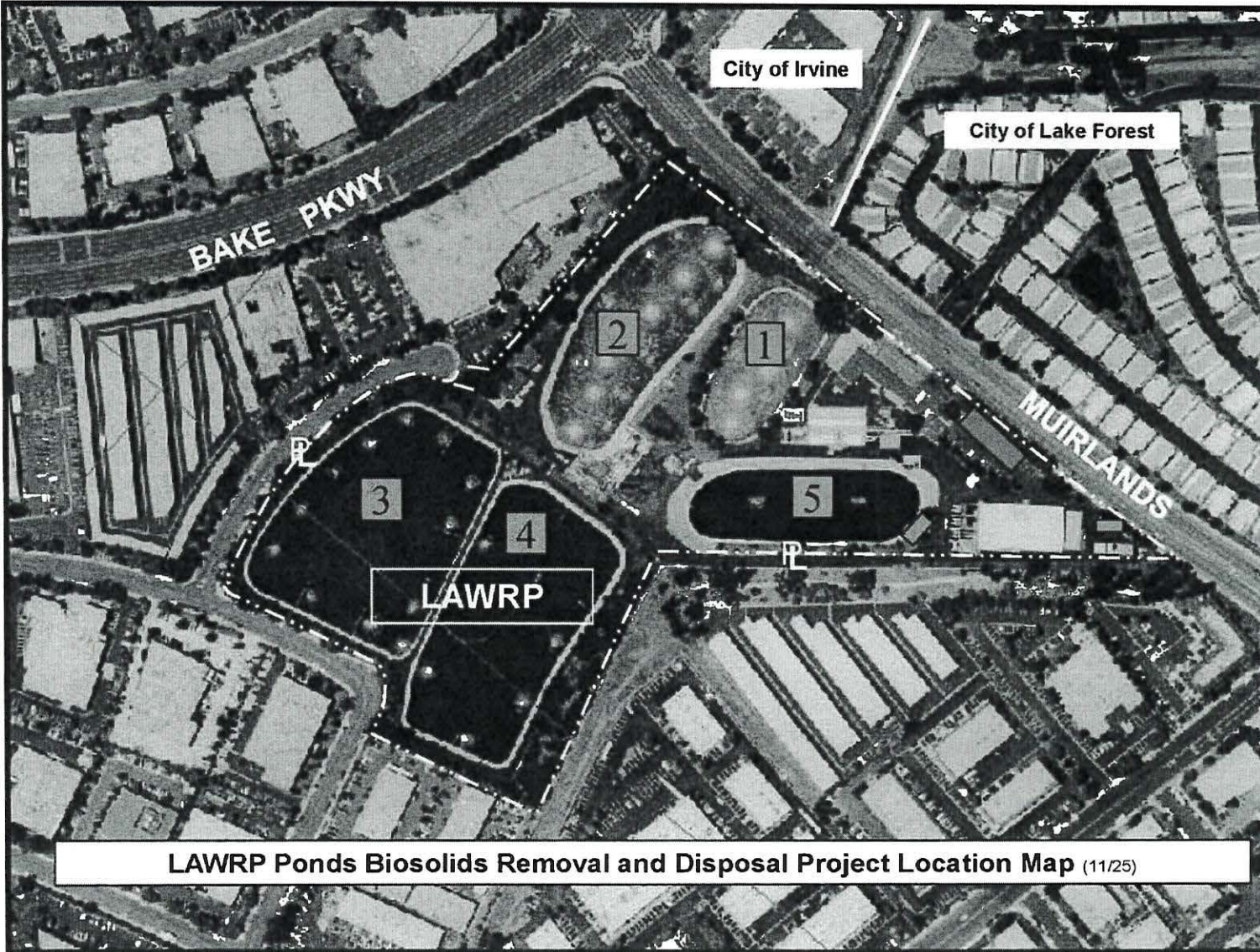
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FIGURE 1: PROJECT SITE MAP



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State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife  
**2026 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT**  
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/26) Previously DFG 753.5a

**Print**      **Signature**      **Save**

RECEIPT NUMBER:  
 30-05/07/2026-0376  
 STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

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LEAD AGENCY IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 05/07/2026
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING ORANGE COUNTY	DOCUMENT NUMBER 202685000531	

PROJECT TITLE  
 LAWRP PONDS BIOSOLIDS REMOVAL AND LAND APPLICATION

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (949) 453-5384
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS PO BOX 57000, 15600 SAND CANYON AVENUE	CITY IRVINE	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 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)      \$ 4,227.50      \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)      \$ 3,043.75      \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW      \$ 1,437.25      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- 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  X <i>Melissa Gomez</i>	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Melissa Gomez Deputy Clerk
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