



ORANGE COUNTY
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HUGH NGUYEN
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By *H. Nguyen*
Deputy clerk

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Project Title

RELOCATION OF 36-INCH RECYCLED WATER PIPELINE AT I-5 SEGMENT 2 AND CULVER
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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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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: Relocation of 36-inch Recycled Water Pipeline at I-5 Segment 2 and Culver Dr

PROJECT LOCATION - Specific: Culver Drive at I-5 - see Figure 1

PROJECT LOCATION - City/County: Irvine, Orange County

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project involves the relocation and replacement of approximately 400 linear feet of a recycled water pipeline and two existing air valves on Culver Drive at I-5. Upon completion of construction, curbs, gutters, pavement, and landscaping would be restored. The purpose of the project is to accommodate construction activities at the I-5 Freeway bridge by the Orange County Transportation Authority.

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 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 an existing recycled water service pipeline 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, 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.

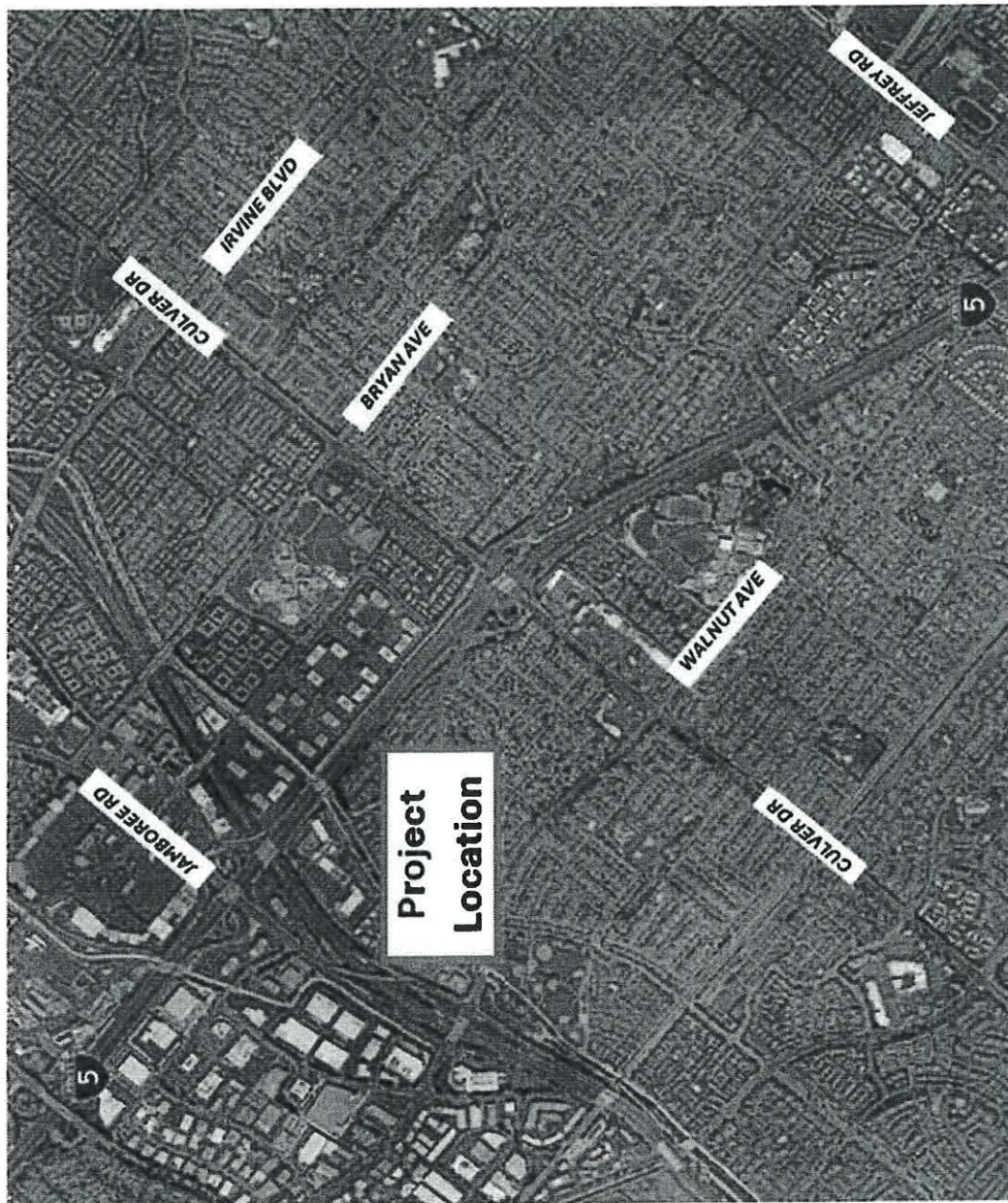
STAFF CONTACT PERSON: Emily Le, Environmental Compliance Analyst PHONE: 949-453-5384

Kristine Swain
Authorized Signature

District Secretary
Title

May 7, 2026
Date

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

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RECEIPT NUMBER:
30-05/07/2026-0377

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 202685000532	

PROJECT TITLE
RELOCATION OF 36-INCH RECYCLED WATER PIPELINE AT I-5 SEGMENT 2 AND CULVER DR

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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