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Exempt per Gov't Code 6103

RETURN TO: Christian Kessler
Lead Agency / Irvine Ranch Water District
Applicant P.O. Box 57000
15600 Sand Canyon Ave
Irvine, CA 92619-7000

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION
(State Guidelines §15062)

County Clerk's Filing Stamp

TO: County Clerk
Laguna Hills Civic Center
24031 El Toro Road
Suite 150
Laguna Hills, CA 92653

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FROM: Irvine Ranch Water District
(Applicant/Lead Agency)
P.O. Box 57000
15600 Sand Canyon Ave
Irvine, CA 92619-7000

Project Name: Vault Lids Replacement Design Project


Intersection of Culver Dr. and Farwell
Intersection of Gurley and Bryan.
27989 Modjeska Canyon Road
On Harvard Ave., north of Barranca Pkwy.
Santiago Canyon Road and Canyon Heights Dr. - Irvine Ranch Water
District & Trabuco Canyon Water District (TCWD) intertie

Project Locations: Orange County, Ca. (Figure 1 Vicinity Map)

County: Orange

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Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD) owns and operates various facilities located within underground vaults located at the locations listed above. After years of service the lids of these vaults have corroded and require replacement. Replacement of the lids will require minor modifications to the vault lid system. IRWD will also take this opportunity to make minor space saving modifications to the layout of the vaults. These modifications will make it easier for operators to perform maintenance activities within the vaults. The work shall take approximately 3 months to complete.

Exempt Status:

Categorical Exemption (State Guidelines §§15301)

Categorical Exemption (State Guidelines §§15302)

The project is exempt from CEQA through the following Categorical Exemption:

15301. Existing Facilities

Class 1 consists of 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 use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination.

15302. Replacement or Reconstruction

Class 2 consists of 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:

Reasons why project is exempt:

The work will include minor alterations to the vault lid system, modifications to the layout of the vaults and replacement of vault lids and will not result in an expansion of use. These are activities exempt under Categorical Exemption 15301 and 15302 which provide exemptions for minor alterations to existing facilities and replacement or reconstruction of existing facilities.

Submission of this form is optional. Local agencies may file this form with the county clerk pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21152(b). The filing of the notice starts a 35-day statute of limitations on court challenges to the approval of the project under Public Resources Code Section 21167(d). Failure to file the notice results in the statute of limitations being extended to 180 days.

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Name of Public Agency Approving
and Carrying out this Project:

Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD)

Contact Person: Christian Kessler, Assistant Engineer/Planner

Area Code 949

Phone 453-5441

If filed by applicant (and applicant is other than Irvine Ranch Water District):

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project:
Yes _____ No _____

Christian Kessler

Staff Member Responsible for Preparation

Lisli Bonkowski

District Secretary

Date

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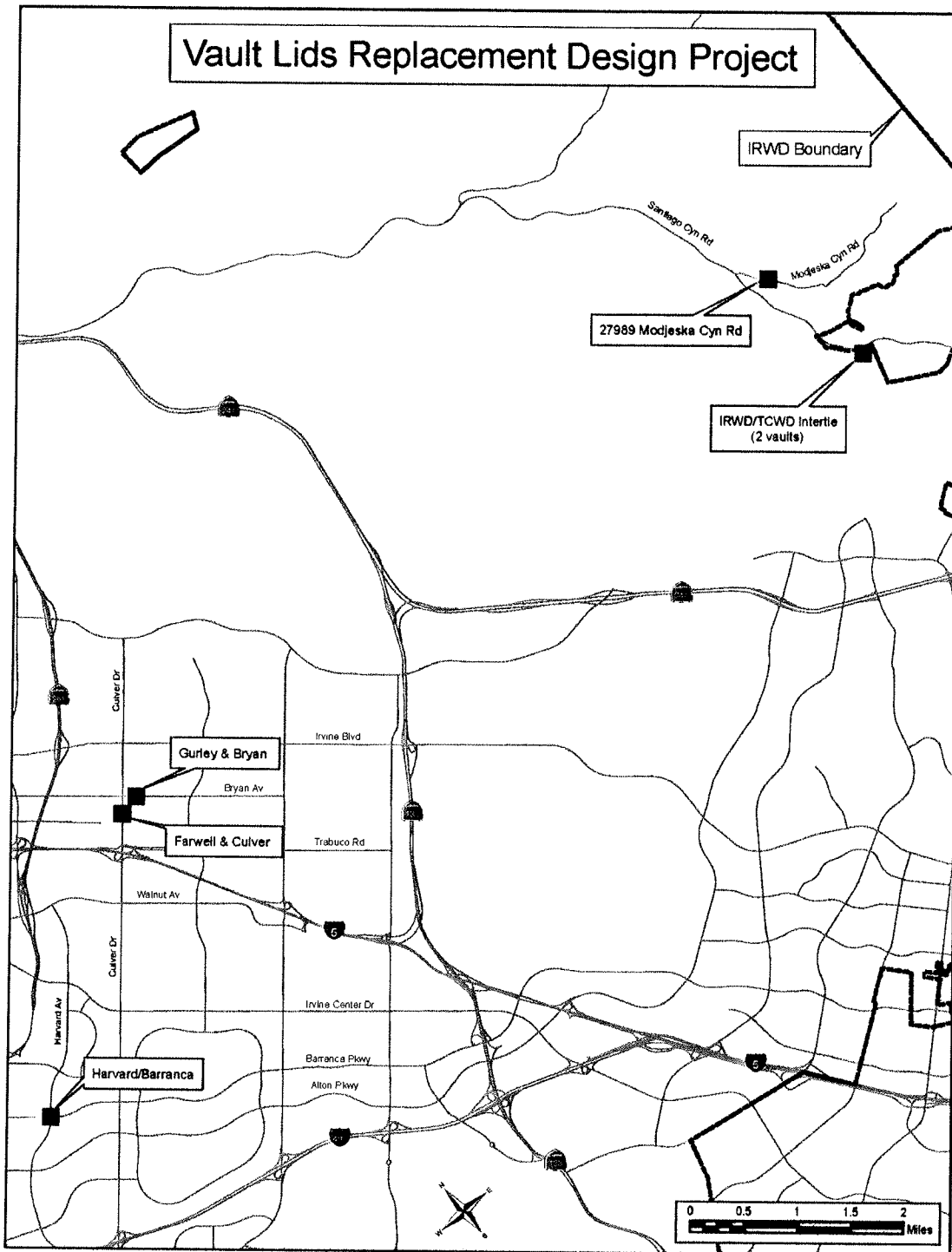


Figure I Vicinity Map

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