

Exempt per Gov't Code 6103

RETURN TO: Christian Kessler
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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION
(State Guidelines §15062)

County Clerk's Filing Stamp

TO: County Clerk
County of Kern
1115 Truxtun Ave
Bakersfield, CA 93301-4639

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

Project Name: APN 160-020-12 and 160-020-23 Land Acquisition

Project Location: Kern County, California
North half of Section 3, Township 30 South, Range 25 East, MDBM
(Figure 1)

County: Kern

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD) is entering into a purchase agreement for 325.49 acres of land (Property) and associated mineral rights in Kern County California. The Property is located on the north half of Section 3, Township 30 South, Range 25 East MDBM and is referenced as APN 160-020-12 and APN 160-020-23. IRWD is not presently contemplating changes in the existing use of the land. Environmental impacts associated with the Property acquisition are not expected.

Reasons why project is exempt:

Since IRWD is not presently contemplating changes in the existing uses of the Property, environmental impacts associated with the Property acquisition are not expected. Pursuant to Section 15004(b) (2)(A) of the CEQA Guidelines, IRWD specifically conditions any proposed future change in use of the Property on subsequent CEQA compliance actions.

Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial (State Guidelines §15268)
- Declared Emergency (State Guidelines §15269(a))
- Guideline for Implementation (State Guidelines §15004 (b)(2)(A))
- Feasibility or Planning Study (State Guidelines §15262)
- Categorical Exemption (State Guidelines §§15303)

California Public Resources Code Section 15004 (b) (2) (A) Time of Preparation:

“Agencies shall not: Formally make a decision to proceed with the use of a site for facilities which would require CEQA review, regardless of whether the agency has made any final purchase of the site for these facilities, except that agencies may designate a preferred site for CEQA review and may enter into land acquisition agreements when the agency has conditioned the agency’s future use of the site on CEQA compliance.”

Name of Public Agency Approving
and Carrying out this Project:

Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD)

Contact Person: Paul Weghorst, Principal Water Resource Manager

Area Code 949

Phone 453-5632

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.

Christian Kessler

Staff Member Responsible for Preparation

Wanda Sanchez
ASST District Secretary

11/8/10
Date

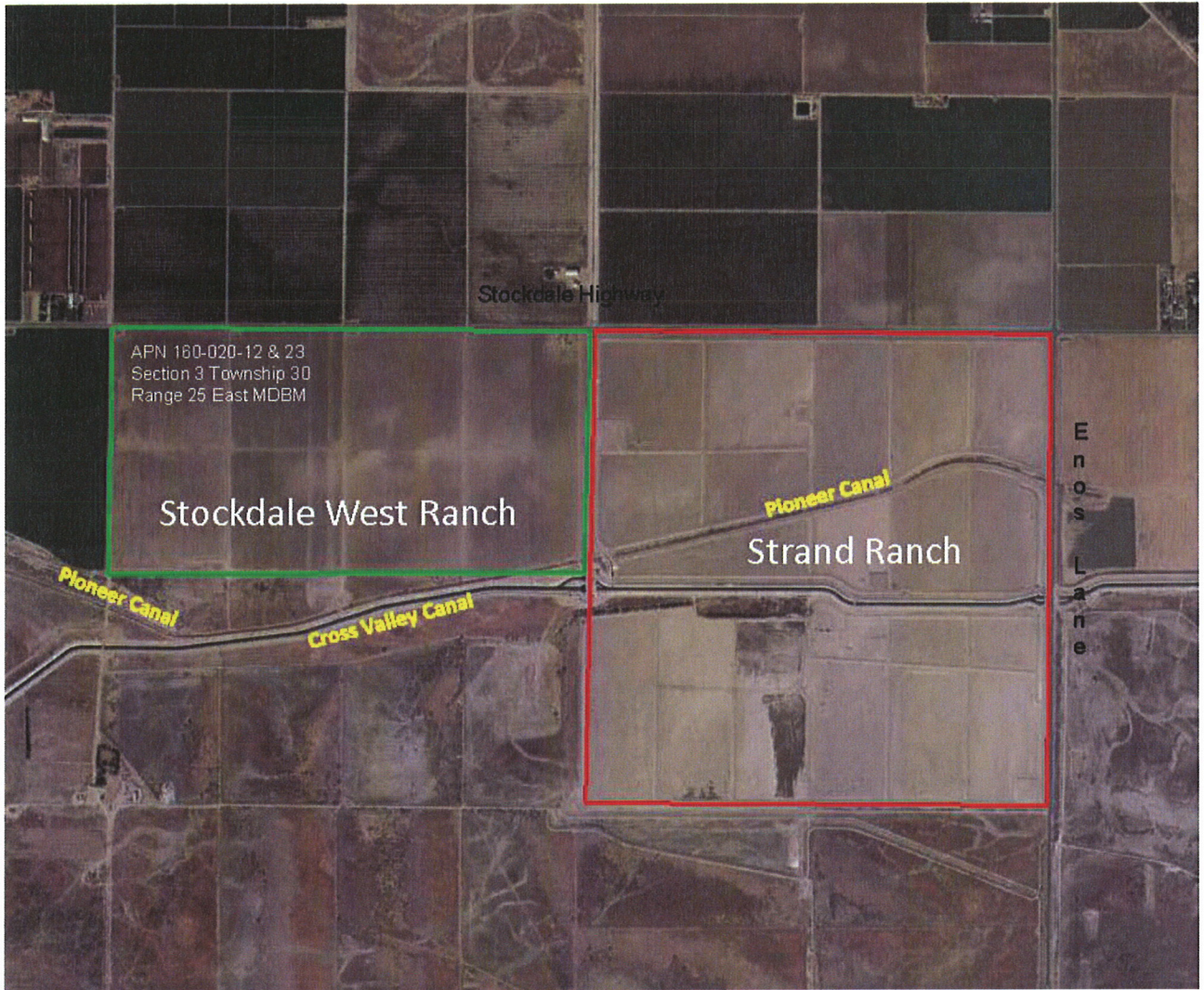


Figure 1