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Project Name: Rattlesnake Reservoir Spillway Vegetation
Project Location: Located off Portola Parkway, between Orchard Hills and Jeffrey Rd in Irvine, CA (see Figure 1)
County: Orange

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Irvine Ranch Water District owns and operates Rattlesnake Reservoir in Irvine, CA. The reservoir is used to store water for agricultural uses. A recent Division of Safety of Dams (DSOD) conducted inspection of the reservoir found that vegetation located at the spillway could potentially block water draining from the reservoir in a storm event. DSOD requested IRWD to remove the vegetation and to keep the spillway clear of vegetation in the future. The riparian vegetation (willow riparian scrub and mulefat scrub) developed overtime, making this vegetation jurisdictional to California Department of Fish and Wildlife Services (CDFW). The area that requires clearing of vegetation and maintenance in the future totals approximately 0.5 acres, and 0.22 acres of the total amount is CDFW jurisdictional riparian vegetation, which would be permanently impacted. Following discussions with CDFW, IRWD applied for a Streambed Alteration Agreement from CDFW to clear the impacted vegetation. The impacted vegetation would require a one-time cutting and removal. The trees and shrubs will be cut to ground level and any remaining vegetation will be mowed. Long-term, this area will be mowed (twice per year) to maintain the site free of trees and shrubs. All work will be conducted using hand tools, mowers and will occur outside the bird nesting season.

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FIGURE 1



Figure 1: Rattlesnake Reservoir, Irvine, California. Source: Google Earth, Inc.

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FIGURE 1



Figure 1: Rattlesnake Reservoir, Irvine, California. Source: Google Earth, Inc.

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