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**Exempt per Gov't Code 6103**

RETURN TO: Jo Ann Corey  
Irvine Ranch Water District  
P.O. Box 57000  
15600 Sand Canyon Avenue  
Irvine, CA 92619-7000  
949-453-5300

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION  
(State Guidelines 15062)

County Clerk's Filing Stamp

TO: Orange County Clerk-Recorder  
12 Civic Center Plaza, Room 101  
Santa Ana, CA 92701

FROM: Irvine Ranch Water District (Applicant & Lead Agency)  
P.O. Box 57000  
15600 Sand Canyon Avenue  
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Project Name: Rockfield Automated Valve Project

Project Location: Located on Rockfield Boulevard, north of Lake Forest Dr. (see Figure 1)

County: Orange

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD) maintains a valve vault, located on Rockfield Boulevard, north of Lake Forest Drive in the City of Lake Forest, which controls the flow of water between two IRWD pressure zones. This project will provide a new automated control valve in the vault. The valve will provide the ability to send water from the recently constructed Baker Water Treatment Plant to portions of Lake Forest and Irvine. In addition to the automated valve, this project also includes the addition of a communication antenna. The antenna will connect to IRWD's Supervisor Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system, which allows IRWD to remotely control and monitor the distribution of water throughout its system.

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Name of Public Agency Approving  
and Carrying out this Project:

Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD)  
15600 Sand Canyon Avenue, Irvine, CA 92618

Contact Person: Jo Ann Corey, Environmental Compliance Specialist

Area Code 949 Phone 453-5326

Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial (Sec 21080(b)(1); (State Guidelines Sec. §15268)
- Declared Emergency (Sec 21080(b)(3); State Guidelines Sec. §15269(a))
- Emergency Project (Sec 21080(b)(4); (State Guidelines Sec. §15269(b)(c))
- Categorical Exemption (State Guidelines Sec. §15301)
- Categorical Exemption (State Guidelines Sec. §15302)
- Categorical Exemption (State Guidelines Sec. §15303)
- Categorical Exemption (State Guidelines Sec. §15306)
- Statutory Exemption State code number (State Guidelines §15282)

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project will provide minor alterations to an existing IRWD facility. State Guideline §15301 provides exemption for the operation, repair, maintenance, 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.

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.

Jo Ann Corey, Environmental Compliance Specialist  
Staff Member Responsible for Preparation

Lislu Bonkowski  
District Secretary

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Date

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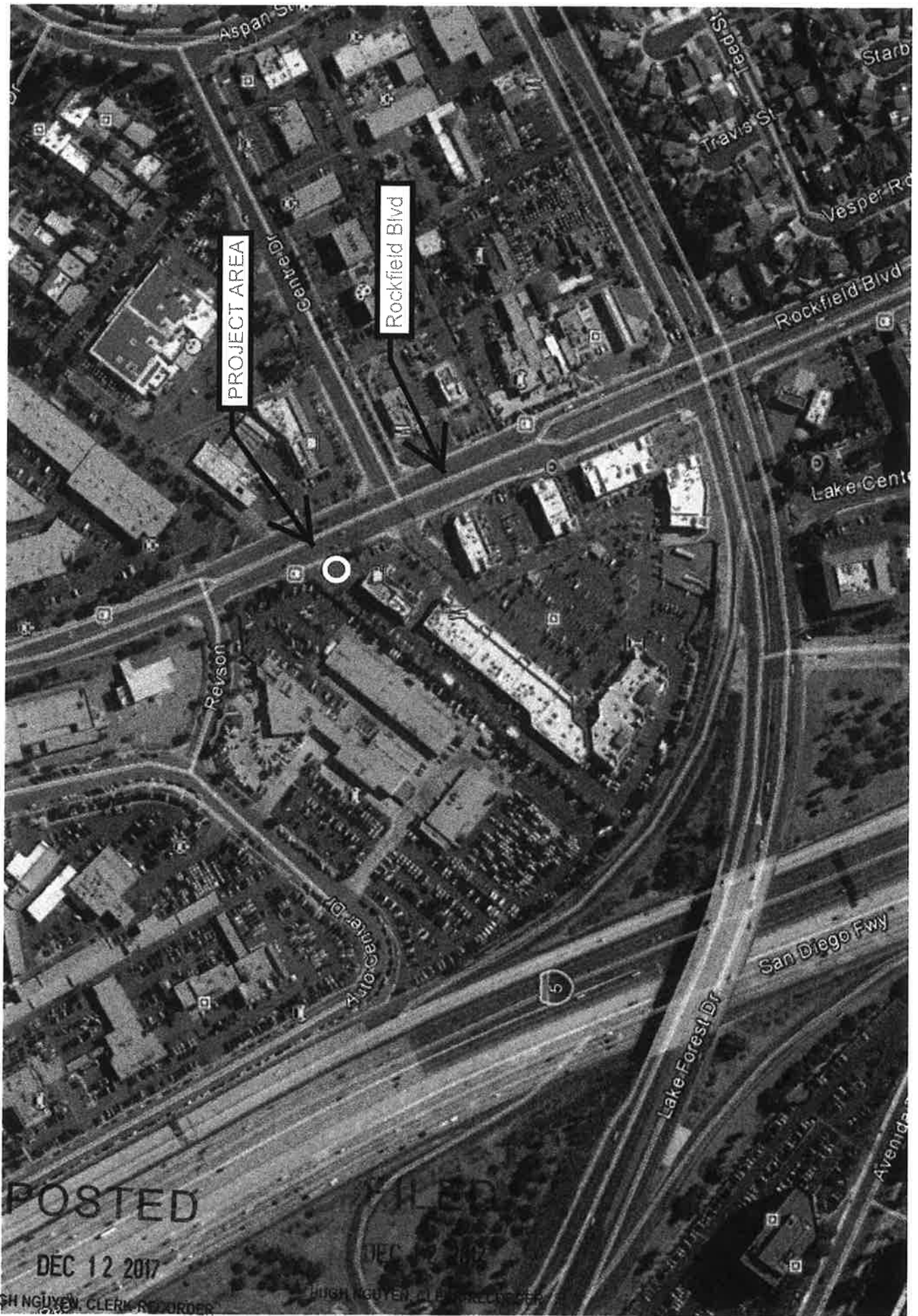
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FIGURE 1 - ROCKFIELD AUTOMATED VALVE PROJECT



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