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RETURN TO: Jo Ann Corey  
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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION  
(State Guidelines 15062)

TO: Orange County Clerk-Recorder  
County Administration South  
601 N. Ross Street  
Santa Ana, CA 92701

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FROM: Irvine Ranch Water District (Applicant & Lead Agency)  
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Project Name: Michelson Water Recycling Plant Tertiary Filter Rehabilitation Project

Project Location: Located at 3512 Michelson Drive (see Exhibit "A")

County: Orange

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD) owns and operates the Michelson Water Recycling Plant (MWRP), located at 3512 Michelson Drive, Irvine, CA. MWRP has been IRWD's primary source of recycled water for more than half a century. Tertiary treatment of sewage at this location results in excellent-quality recycled water, which is used for landscape and agricultural irrigation and for industrial and commercial needs.

A recently completed assessment of MWRP's existing infrastructure and equipment indicated that portions of the tertiary system are in need of rehabilitation. This project will include the rehabilitation of the tertiary filters to improve performance and reliability by replacing deteriorating and obsolete infrastructure and equipment. The project will replace components at MWRP's tertiary filter tanks area, air scour blower area and at the backwash supply pumps area. A site plan is shown in Exhibit "A".

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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 Analyst

Area Code 949

Phone 453-5326

Exempt Status: (check all that apply)

- 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:

The project will improve the performance and reliability by replacing deteriorating and obsolete infrastructure and equipment at the MWRP.

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.

State Guideline §15302 provides exemption for 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 but not limited to: (b) replacement of a commercial structure with a new structure of substantially the same size, purpose and capacity.

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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District Secretary

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EXHIBIT "A"  
PROJECT SITE PLAN  
MICHELSON WATER RECYCLING PLANT TERTIARY FILTER IMPROVEMENTS

