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Exempt per Gov't Code 6103

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15600 Sand Canyon Avenue
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ORANGE COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER DEPARTMENT

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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

FROM: Irvine Ranch Water District (Applicant & Lead Agency)
P.O. Box 57000
15600 Sand Canyon Avenue
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Project Name: Williams Canyon Pipeline Protection

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Project Location: Williams Canyon Road/Pleasant Avenue/Concord Street
(see Exhibit A)

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Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD) owns and operates an existing 8-inch domestic water pipeline, located in Williams Canyon Road and adjacent to Williams Canyon Creek. This pipeline services residents in the Williams Canyon area. IRWD conducts routine inspections on all of its facilities. Recent inspections revealed that the bank of the Williams Canyon Creek's channel and two sections of Williams Canyon Road have been compromised and eroded during recent storm events. The pipeline, located within Williams Canyon Road, is not fully protected at these two locations and is vulnerable to further damage from future storm events.

To address the existing erosion and to minimize the potential for future exposure of the pipeline, IRWD plans to restore Williams Canyon Road to its pre-existing condition and to protect the banks of the channel by installing rip-rap at the two locations within Williams Canyon Road (see Exhibit A). Work for the first area (Section A) would be approximately 100 feet and would include installing rip-rap along the creek banks and repairing a 30-foot section of Williams Canyon Road. Work in the second area (Section B) would be approximately 90 feet and would include installing rip-rap along the creek

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banks and repairing a 40-foot section of Williams Canyon Road. In both sections, the rip-rap would be un-grouted, ¼ ton (2-foot diameter rock), installed at a ¾ slope. The depth of the rip-rap would vary from approximately 6 to 15 feet, depending on the existing slope. Crushed rock (approximately ¾-inch) would be used at the top of the slope in the two locations where Williams Canyon Road needs to be repaired/restored to its original width. While all work will be done from Williams Canyon Road and no equipment will enter the creek, IRWD may be in the creek to direct the placement of rip-rap. IRWD has submitted the necessary applications to the US Army Corps of Engineers, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. IRWD anticipated that permits will be issued in summer 2021 and construction is scheduled for September 2021.

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 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))
- x 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:

According to Section 15061 of the CEQA Guidelines, a project is exempt if it is pursuant to a categorical exemption and the application of that categorical exemption is not barred by one of the exceptions set forth in Section 15300.2. This project is exempt per State Guidelines §15301.

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.

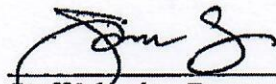
Submission of this form is optional. Local agencies may file this form with the county clerk pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21152(b). The filing of the notice starts a 35-day statute of limitations on court challenges to the approval of the project under Public Resources Code Section 21167(d).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

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Staff Member Responsible for Preparation

Leslie Bonkowski

District Secretary

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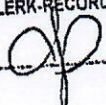
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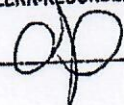
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Exhibit "A" Williams Canyon Pipeline Location

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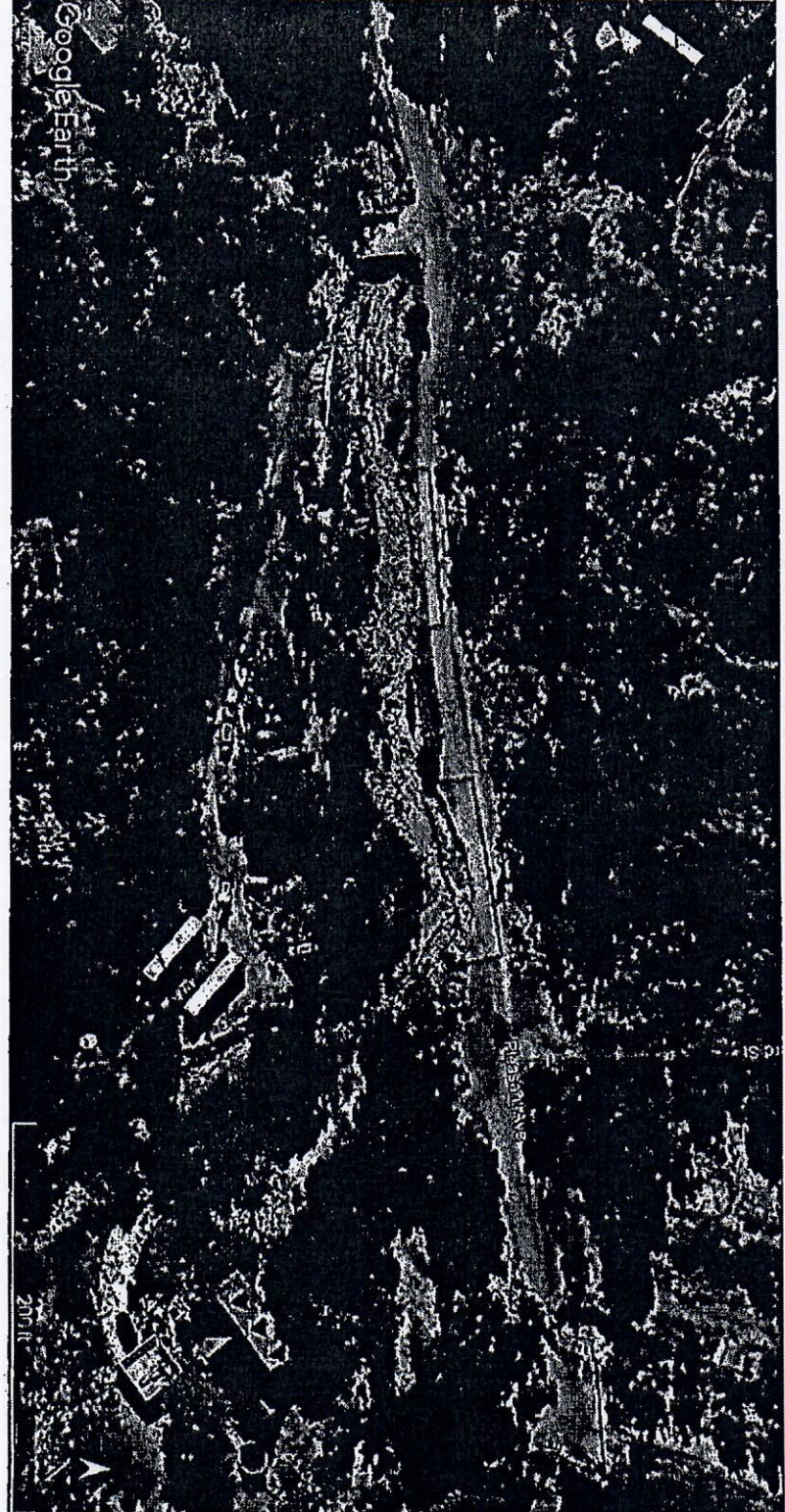


Figure 3: Location of the Williams Canyon Pipeline Repair project work area (in red). Source: Google Earth, Inc.