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Irvine Ranch Water District
P.O. Box 57000
15600 Sand Canyon Avenue
Irvine, CA 92619-7000
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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION
(State Guidelines 15062)

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County Administration South
601 N. Ross Street
Santa Ana, CA 92701

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FROM: Irvine Ranch Water District (Applicant & Lead Agency)
P.O. Box 57000
15600 Sand Canyon Avenue
Irvine, CA 92619-7000
(949) 453-5300

Project Name: Michelson Water Recycling Plant Primary Clarifiers 1-5 Covers Replacement Project

Project Location: Located at 3512 Michelson Drive, Irvine, CA (see Figure 1)

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 in Irvine, CA. MWRP has been IRWD's primary source of recycled water since 1967. In order to keep all of its facilities in good working order, IRWD routinely performs maintenance inspections on each facility. Recent inspections of MWRP indicated that some of the plant's existing components require replacement.

This proposed project will replace the existing aluminum covers for the Primary Clarifiers 1 through 5, which were initially installed in 1996. The project also involves replacement of the existing aluminum covers for the influent and effluent channels and two junction boxes. The project will also perform structural repairs to the influent and effluent channels as well as structural repairs to the existing Primary Sludge Pumps Gallery.

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)

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Reasons why project is exempt:

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; and (c) replacement of or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of 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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Staff Member Responsible for Preparation

Leslie Bonkowski
District Secretary

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FIGURE 1 – PROJECT LOCATION MAP
MICHELSON WATER RECYCLING PLANT (MWRP) PRIMARY CLARIFIERS 1-5 COVERS REPLACEMENT

