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Irvine Ranch Water District
Notice of Exemption

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PROJECT TITLE: Rattlesnake Dam Geotechnical Investigation Work Plan

PROJECT LOCATION - Specific: Located at the Rattlesnake Dam/Reservoir on the eastern parcel at the intersection of Portola Parkway and Orchard Hills Drive. (APN 104-118-02)

PROJECT LOCATION - City/County: City of Irvine Orange County, California

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: IRWD recently completed a Dam Safety Program Implementation Plan that identified dam safety actions and recommendations to reduce uncertainties and risks associated dams. The implementation plan identifies specific action items for Rattlesnake Dam including the recommendation to completed an Issue Evaluation Study (IES) to improve the understanding of seismic performance. Pursuant to the study, IRWD prepared a Geotechnical Investigation Working Plan (GIWP) to gather technical information from the field. The GIWP includes a detailed scope for the exploration program, which generally consists of soil borings, cone penetration tests, rock coring and test pit locations on and around the dam.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT: Irvine Ranch Water District

PROJECT APPLICANT: Irvine Ranch Water District PHONE: (949) 453-5300

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EXEMPT STATUS: Categorical Exemption: Class 6, Information Collection, Section 15306

Statutory Exemption: _____

Other: _____

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: The effects of the proposed project are Categorically Exempt from the requirements to prepare additional environmental documentation per California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, Section 15306, Class 6 (Information Collection). The Class 6 exemption consists of basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. These may be strictly for information gathering purposes, or as part of a study leading to an action which a public agency has not yet approved, adopted or funded. The proposed project is a Geotechnical Investigation Working Plan (GIWP), that includes boring, cone penetrations test, rock coring and test pit locations that would satisfy recommended actions identified in an Issue Evaluation Study (IES), as a result of a recently completed Dam Safety Program Implementation Plan for IRWD. In addition, pursuant to Section 15300.2 (c) and 15301 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, there are no unusual circumstances in respect to the proposed project for which staff would anticipate a significant effect on the environment.

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Leslie Bonkarter
Authorized Signature

District Secretary

Title

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Date

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

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