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PROJECT TIT		Syphon Reservoir - Irvine Lake North P		
				the north side of Irvine Lake, east of State Route
		Illy APNs 105-361-07, -09. Refer to the a		
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**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The proposed project would be the acquisition of unimproved land located at APNs 105-361-07 and 105-361-09. The acquisition, preservation, and any potential restoration of these parcels would support the fulfillment of mitigation requirements for the Irvine Ranch Water District's previously approved Syphon Reservoir Improvement Project.

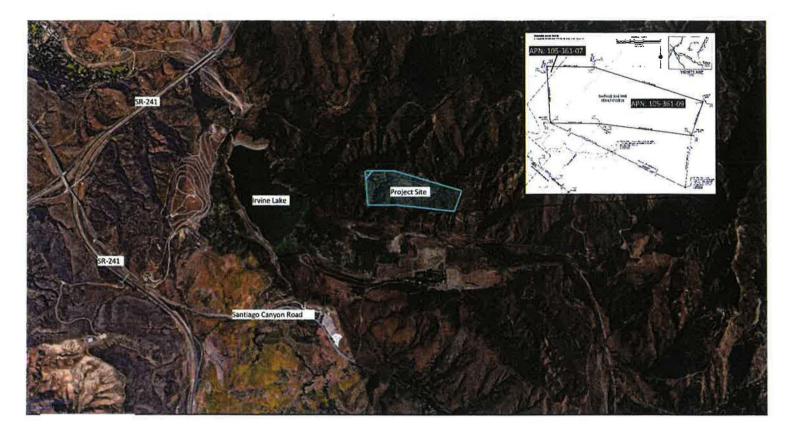
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EXEMPT STATUS:	M	Categorical Exemption: Section 15325, Class 25 "Transfers of Ownership of Interest Land To Preserve Existing Natural Conditions and Historical Resources"			
		Statutory Exemption:			
V		Other:			

**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 15325, Class 25 ("Transfers of Ownership of Interest In Land To Preserve Existing Natural Conditions and Historical Resources"). The Class 25 Exemption consists of the transfers of ownership of interests in land in order to preserve open space, habitat, or historical resources. This includes acquisition, sale, or other transfer to allow restoration of natural conditions, including plant or animal habitats. The proposed project would be the acquisition of unimproved real property located at APNs 105-361-07 and 105-361-09. The acquisition of these parcels would be used to support the fulfillment of mitigation requirements for the Irvine Ranch Water District's previously- approved Syphon Reservoir Improvement Project. The proposed project would be consistent with the Class 25 Exemption because Irvine Ranch Water District would be acquiring these parcels to fulfill mitigation obligations, where it will ultimately preserve and/or restore existing open space, habitat or natural conditions which includes plant and animal habitats including native coastal sage scrub and other vegetation communities with preservation value. In addition, pursuant to Section 15300.2 (c) and 15325 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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## Figure 1 - Project Location Map



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