



ORANGE COUNTY
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Deputy clerk

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Project Title

SANTIAGO HILLS ZONE 5 TANK LEAK REPAIR

Check Document being Filed:

- ☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
- ☐ Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) or Negative Declaration (ND)
- ☒ Notice of Exemption (NOE)
- ☐ Other (Please fill in type):

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Irvine Ranch Water District
Notice of Exemption

To: ☒ Orange County Clerk Recorder ☒ Office of Land Use and Climate
County Administration South Innovation
601 N Ross Street 1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Santa Ana, CA 92701 Sacramento, CA 95814

From: Irvine Ranch Water District
P.O. Box 57000
15600 Sand Canyon Avenue
Irvine, CA 92619-7000

PROJECT TITLE: Santiago Hills Zone 5 Tank Leak Repair

PROJECT LOCATION - Specific: 1802 Santiago Canyon Road – see attached Figure 1

PROJECT LOCATION - City/County: Irvine, Orange County

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project involves rehabilitation of a buried prestressed concrete potable water storage tank. The purpose of the project is to address a known leak in the tank and restore the tank to operational capacity. Rehabilitation would involve the spray application of NSF 61 compliant coating systems over the interior floor and wall joints of the tank. No expansion of the existing or former use of the tank is proposed, and the tank would continue to have the same capacity upon project completion.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT: Irvine Ranch Water District

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

EXEMPT STATUS: ☒ Categorical Exemption: Class 1, "Existing Facilities", Section 15301
☐ Statutory Exemption: _____
☐ Other: _____

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: The proposed project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because the action involves the repair, maintenance, and minor alteration of existing public utility facilities and mechanical equipment involving no expansion of existing or former use, as authorized under the California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, Section 15301 (Class 1 "Existing Facilities"). Class 1 exempts from CEQA review any project involving the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use, such as existing facilities of publicly owned utilities used to provide public utility services. In addition, pursuant to Section 15300.2 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, none of the exceptions to the use of a categorical exemption under CEQA are applicable.

STAFF CONTACT PERSON: Emily Le, Environmental Compliance Analyst **PHONE:** 949-453-5384

Kristine Soan

Authorized Signature

District Secretary

Title

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Date

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FIGURE 1: PROJECT SITE MAP



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BY: KD DEPUTY



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2025 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE
CASH RECEIPT
DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/25) Previously DFG 753.5a

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RECEIPT NUMBER:
30-09/24/2025-0724
STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (if applicable)

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LEAD AGENCY IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 09/24/2025
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING ORANGE COUNTY	DOCUMENT NUMBER 202585000916	
PROJECT TITLE SANTIAGO HILLS ZONE 5 TANK LEAK REPAIR		

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (949) 453-5384
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 15600 SAND CANYON AVENUE	CITY IRVINE	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 92619

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

☐ Local Public Agency ☐ School District ☒ Other Special District ☐ State Agency ☐ Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR) \$ 4,123.50 \$ _____
☐ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) \$ 2,968.75 \$ _____
☐ Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW \$ 1,401.75 \$ _____

☒ Exempt from fee
 ☒ Notice of Exemption (attach)
 ☐ CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)
☐ Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

☐ Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) \$ 850.00 \$ _____
☐ County documentary handling fee \$ 50.00 \$ _____
☐ Other \$ _____

PAYMENT METHOD:

☐ Cash ☐ Credit ☐ Check ☐ Other

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 0.00

SIGNATURE X 	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Kalci Do Deputy Clerk
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