



Irvine Ranch Water District
Notice of Exemption

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

PROJECT TITLE: Serrano Water District Transfer of Irvine Lake and Howiler Water Treatment Plant to Irvine Ranch Water District

PROJECT LOCATION - Specific: See Figure 1: Irvine Lake Property and Conveyance Facilities

PROJECT LOCATION - City/County: Unincorporated Orange County, CA (Irvine Lake)

City of Orange, Orange County, CA (Howiler Water Treatment Plant)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD) has entered into a Purchase and Sale Agreement (PSA) with Serrano Water District (SWD), for the purchase and sale of all of SWD's Irvine Lake property rights to IRWD, including all rights appurtenant to the property (water, mineral, and recreation rights and all associated infrastructure and related easements). The PSA also transfers to IRWD the Howiler Water Treatment Plant (HWTP) and SWD's rights in any untreated water conveyance facilities between Irvine Lake and the HWTP, including associated easements and rights of way.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT: Irvine Ranch Water District

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

EXEMPT STATUS: [checked] Categorical Exemption: Class 1, "Existing Facilities", Section 15301
[] Statutory Exemption:
[] Other:

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: The transfer of the properties and related rights from SWD to IRWD as contemplated in the PSA described above is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because the actions will involve the continued use of existing facilities, with negligible or no expansion of use beyond that currently existing, as authorized under the California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, Section 15301 (Class 1 "Existing Facilities"). Class 1 exempts from CEQA review any project for 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 beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination. The PSA will transfer and assign to IRWD all of SWD's property rights in Irvine Lake (Santiago Creek Reservoir) land, water in storage, reservoir facilities, water rights, storage rights and recreation rights, and in the HWTP and its related facilities. IRWD will maintain the existing operations with negligible or no expansion of existing or former uses. 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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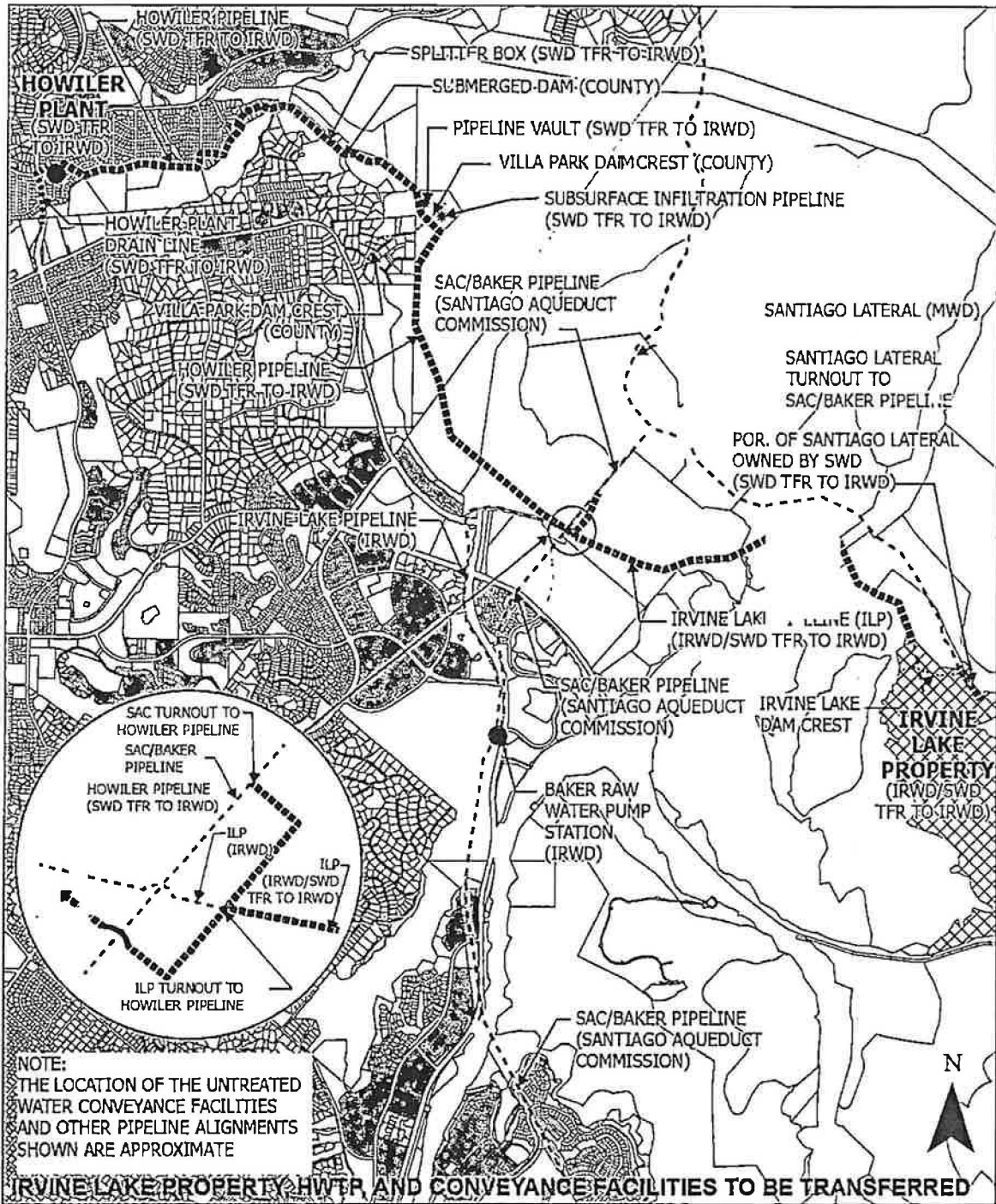
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FIGURE 1: Irvine Lake Property and Conveyance Facilities

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- UNTREATED WATER CONVEYANCE FACILITIES (SWD TFR TO IRWD)
- HOWILER PLANT DRAIN LINE (SWD TFR TO IRWD)
- OTHER PIPELINES SHOWN FOR REFERENCE

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Serrano Water District Transfer of Irvine Lake and Howiler Water Treatment Plant
to Irvine Ranch

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- Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) or Negative Declaration (ND)
- Notice of Exemption (NOE)
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