

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

TO: ☒ Office of Planning and Research
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FROM: Department of Water Resources
Division of Safety of Dams
2720 Gateway Oaks Drive, Suite 300
Sacramento, California 95833

LEAD AGENCY: Irvine Ranch Water District
15600 Sand Canyon Avenue
Irvine, California 92618
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(949) 453-5325

SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code

Syphon Reservoir Improvement Project (Syphon Dam, 1029-5)	2019080009
Project Title	State Clearinghouse Number
Kevin Burton	(949) 453-5300
Project Applicant	Phone Number
City of Irvine	County of Orange
Project Location - City	County

The proposed work includes the replacement of the existing 59-foot-high Syphon Canyon Dam with a new 138-foot-high dam, along with the construction of new outlet works and spillway.

Project Description

This is to advise that the DWR Division of Safety of Dams has approved the above described project as ☐ Lead Agency ☒ Responsible Agency and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

1. The Project ☐ will ☒ will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. ☒ An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
☐ A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures ☐ were ☒ were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan ☐ was ☒ was not] adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations ☐ was ☒ was not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings ☒were ☐ were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the negative Declaration, is available to the General Public at:

15600 Sand Canyon Avenue, Irvine, CA 92618

Date received for filing at the OPR: October 29, 2025

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Title

January 28, 2026

Date