

Notice of Determination**Appendix D**

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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21108.

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Project Title: Permit No. 2272-1 American River Watershed Common Features Project / Natomas Post-Authorization Change Report / Natomas Levee Improvement Program / Landside Improvements Project Phase 4b: Utility Pole Replacements

Project Applicant: Sacramento Municipal Utility District

Lead Agency/Address: Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency, 1007 7th Street, 7th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814

Lead Agency Contact Person: John Bassett, Director of Engineering, (916) 874-7606, bassettj@saccounty.net

Project Location/City/County: The project is located approximately 0.50 miles south of the intersection of East Levee Road and W. Elkhorn Boulevard (38.678016, -121.485463), in Sacramento County.

Project Description: Approval of Permit No. 2272-1, under California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Article 3, Section 6, for work within an adopted plan of flood control: To remove an existing SMUD utility pole located at the landside levee toe, relocate it approximately 116-feet away from the existing landside levee toe, re-mount the overhead electric lines that cross the Natomas East Main Drainage Canal (NEMDC) onto the relocated pole, and upgrade an existing pole located at the east bank of the NEMDC to a 75-foot tall, wooden pole set to a depth of 14-feet below grade. The overhead electric lines operate between 12, 000 to 69,000 volts and will maintain a clearance of 27.5 feet above the top of the levee. This utility work is associated with Natomas Basin Civil Works Project, Reach G. The existing poles and the overhead lines were authorized under a Board Permit No. 2272, issued to SMUD on March 28, 1956.

This is to advise that the Board, as the **Responsible Agency**, approved the above-described project on 11/24/2025 and made the following determinations regarding the above-described project:

1. The project [☐ will / ☒ will not] have a significant effect on the environment (This determination is limited to effects within the Board's permitting jurisdiction as a responsible agency).
2. [☒ An Environmental Impact Report (EIR) / ☐ A Mitigated Negative Declaration] was prepared by the lead agency for the original project.
3. Additional mitigation measures [☐ were / ☒ were not] made a condition of the Board's approval of the project.
4. A Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan [☐ was / ☒ was not] adopted by the Board for this project
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations [☐ was / ☒ was not] adopted by the Board for this project.
6. Findings [☒ were / ☐ were not] made by the Board pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

Responsible Agency Statement: The EIR prepared by the Lead agency for the project is available to the public at the Lead agency's office listed above. The Board's administrative record related to the encroachment permit is available for public review at the Board's office.

Chris Lief

11/24/2025

Signature

Chris Lief, Executive Officer

Date

Authority cited: Sections 21083, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 21100-21174, Public Resources Code.