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SACRAMENTO COUNTY

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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044
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From: Sacramento Municipal Utility District
6201 S Street, MS B209
Sacramento, CA 95817-1899

Sacramento County Clerk/Recorder
3636 American River Drive, Suite
110
Sacramento, CA 95864

Lead Agency: Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD)

Project Title: Leidesdorff-Coloma Substation Project

Project Applicant: Sacramento Municipal Utility District, 6201 S Street, MS B209, Sacramento, CA 95817-1899

Project Location: The project site is located at 300 Leidesdorff Street in Folsom, California, which is located in Sacramento County. The project site is bounded by the American River to the north, Leidesdorff Street to the south, and residential housing to the east and west.

Project Description:

SMUD proposes upgrading the existing Leidesdorff-Coloma Substation, which will primarily involve replacing aging equipment to enhance the reliability and efficiency of the substation.

To complete the substation upgrade, the substation will be deenergized and all the existing equipment will be removed including the grounding grid which is buried approximately 18-inches deep. The only exception is the subtransmission tower, located in the eastern portion of the substation, which will remain and to which only minor upgrades are required.

Prior to replacing the substation equipment, the substation will be graded and leveled by importing soil and gravel to raise the northern half of the substation approximately 5 feet. The driveways within the substation will be replaced, and new substation equipment will be installed including the transformers, switch gear, spill and stormwater containment, and the underground grounding grid. The heights of the new substation structures will be comparable in height to the existing structures in the existing substation. The footprint of the approximately 1-acre substation will not increase; although, the configuration of the fencing will slightly change to accommodate the design. The new substation fence around the perimeter of the substation will consist of 10-foot chain link fence topped by barbed wire with larger entrances for both gates along Leidesdorff Street.

An additional component of the project consists of trimming or removing vegetation within a 27-foot strip of SMUD-owned property located adjacent to the substation's western boundary and

installing a new non-conductive fence along the western property line. If the vegetation is removed rather trimmed, the area will be graveled and used as a secondary maintenance access route to the substation and SMUD's property located north of the substation.

Construction is anticipated to start in the fall of 2026, and the substation will be reenergized in spring 2027.

Name of Public Agency Approving the Project: Sacramento Municipal Utility District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out the Project: Sacramento Municipal Utility District
Exempt Status (Check One)

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| Ministerial (CEQA PRC §21080(b)(1); CEQA Guidelines §15268) | ☐ |
| Declared Emergency (CEQA PRC §21080(b)(3); CEQA Guidelines §15269(a)) | ☐ |
| Emergency Project (CEQA PRC §21080(b)(4); CEQA Guidelines §15269(b)(c)) | ☐ |
| Categorical Exemption (CEQA PRC §21080(b)(9), 21084; CEQA Guidelines §15301(b), Existing Facilities; §15302(c), Replacement or Reconstruction); and §15303(d), New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures | ☒ |
| Statutory Exemptions | ☐ |

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

Under CEQA Guidelines § 15062, a lead agency must identify the rationale for making the determination that a project is exempt under CEQA. SMUD has determined that the Leidesdorff-Coloma Substation Project is exempt under CEQA Guidelines §15301(b), Existing Facilities, which reads "Class 1 consists of 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" and "(b) Existing facilities of both investor and publicly owned utilities used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility services"...; § 15302(c), Replacement or Reconstruction, which reads, "Class 2 consists of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced ..." and "(c) Replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity"...; and §15303(d), New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures, which reads "Class 3 consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure..." and "(d) Water main, sewage, electrical, gas, and other utility extensions, including street improvements, of reasonable length to serve such construction." The Leidesdorff-Coloma Substation Project would not result in any significant impacts due to unusual circumstances as described in the exceptions to the exemption noted in §15300.2. The Leidesdorff-Coloma Substation Project involves the replacement of existing substation equipment, undergrounding of the grounding grid within the existing footprint, and trimming and/or removal of ornamental vegetation outside the current fenceline, and therefore is considered exempt in accordance with CEQA Guidelines §15301, §15302, and §15303.

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Signature

January 6, 2026

Date

Kim Crawford

Printed Name

Sacramento Municipal Utility District

Lead Agency

Signed by Lead Agency ☒
Signed by Lead Applicant ☐

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

**2026 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT**

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LEAD AGENCY

SACRAMENTO MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT

LEAD AGENCY EMAIL

DATE

01/06/2026

COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING

Sacramento

DOCUMENT NUMBER

2026-0002

PROJECT TITLE

LEIDESDORFF-COLOMA SUBSTATION PROJECT

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME

SACRAMENTO MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT

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PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS

6201 S STREET, MAILSTOP B209

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SACRAMENTO

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95852

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)☐ Local Public Agency☐ School District☒ Other Special District☐ State Agency☐ Private Entity**CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:**

☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$4,227.50	\$	0.00
☐ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$3,043.75	\$	0.00
☐ Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,437.25	\$	0.00

☒ 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	\$	0.00
☒ County documentary handling fee		\$	50.00
☐ Other		\$	

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AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE

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