



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Sacramento Municipal Utility District
6201 S Street, MS H201
Sacramento, CA 95817-1899

County of Sacramento Clerk
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SACRAMENTO COUNTY

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Lead Agency: Sacramento Municipal Utility District

Project Title: 30199364 - Cable Replacement S281201 FDR Project

Project Applicant: Sacramento Municipal Utility District

Project Location: The project site is located in a residential area at the intersection of Fair Oaks Boulevard and Old Auburn Road, Citrus Heights, California.

Project Description: SMUD is proposing to install approximately 500 feet of 12kV utility cable within conduit below a tributary of Cripple Creek (stream). The project would employ the use of Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD), a method intended to reduce environmental impacts through the avoidance of surface disturbance in sensitive habitats.

The launch and receiving bore pits for the HDD under the stream will be located within upland habitats that are categorized as residential or urban land use. The pits, located within the sidewalk along the north side of Old Auburn Road, are each more than 100' from the water's edge, and would each measure no more than 25 square feet in area. Spoils from the pit excavations would be staged and stored on site, a minimum of 75 feet away from the stream banks. The excavated materials would be used to backfill the excavations upon completion of the HDD activity. To complete this HDD, a pilot hole will be drilled from the launch pit to the receiving pit along a designated path, passing more than 10ft below the channel of the stream. The pilot hole will then be enlarged to a 9" diameter by passing a larger drilling tool, known as a reamer, along the length of the path. Finally, 6" conduit will be pulled through the bore path, completing the installation. A total of one, six-inch conduit would be installed under the stream.

A pull box (48" by 72") would be installed within one of the launching or receiving pits after HDD and conduit installation is complete. This pull box is buried below surface-level and can be utilized for future cable replacement work in order to avoid the need for future drilling below the stream. All HDD activities will occur at a minimum depth of approximately 60 inches below the ground surface level and at least 10 feet below the bed, bank, and channel of the stream. Project equipment and staging will be restricted

to urban, upland habitats and will not encroach upon the banks of the stream. The HDD activity is anticipated to be completed by May 2026, after the California Department of Fish and Wildlife Streambed Alteration Agreement is obtained. The HDD activity is anticipated to take no longer than five days.

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)

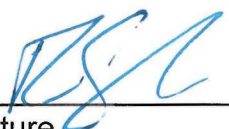
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| Ministerial (CEQA PRC §21080(b)(1); CEQA Guidelines §15268) | ☐ |
| Declared Emergency (CEQA PRC §21080(b)(3); CEQA Guidelines §15269(a)) | ☐ |
| Emergency Project (CEQA PRC §21080(b)(4); CEQA Guidelines §15269(b)(c)) | ☐ |
| Categorical Exemption (CEQA PRC §21080(b)(9), 21084; CEQA Guidelines §15302, Replacement or Reconstruction | ☒ |
| 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 Cable Replacement S281201 FDR Project is exempt under CEQA Guidelines § 15302, 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..." The Project involves the replacement of existing 12 kV lines in the same location with no expansion of service and therefore is considered exempt in accordance with CEQA Guidelines §15302.

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Signature

January 6, 2026

Date

Ranie Shreckengost

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

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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		\$	

PAYMENT METHOD:☐ Cash ☐ Credit ☒ Check ☐ Other**TOTAL RECEIVED** \$ 50.00

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AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE

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