



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Sacramento Municipal Utility District
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Sacramento, CA 95817-1899

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SACRAMENTO COUNTY

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Lead Agency: Sacramento Municipal Utility District

Project Title: 30192208 – 12KV Extension Laguna Springs-Sirroco

Project Applicant: Sacramento Municipal Utility District

Project Location: The project site is located in a commercial area near the intersection of Laguna Springs Drive and Longleaf Drive, Elk Grove, California.

Project Description: SMUD is proposing to install approximately 350 feet of new 12kV utility cable within conduit below Elk Grove Creek / Laguna Creek (Laguna Creek). 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 sending and receiving bore pits for the HDD bore under Laguna Creek will be located within upland habitats that are categorized urban land use. The southwestern pit is more than 200 feet from the water's edge, and the northeastern pit is more than 40 feet from the water's edge. The bore pits would each measure no more than 50 square feet in area. Spoils from the pit excavations would be staged and stored on site, a minimum of 30 feet away from the creek banks. The excavated materials would be used to backfill the excavations upon completion of the HDD activity. To complete the boring, a pilot hole will be drilled from the sending pit to the receiving pit along a designated path, passing more than 10 feet below the channel of the creek. The pilot hole will then be enlarged to 16-inch diameter by passing a reamer along the length of the path. Finally, four conduits - two 6-inch and two 4-inch - will be pulled through the bore path under Laguna Creek, completing the installation.

After HDD and conduit installation is complete, a 6' x 8' pull box would be installed within one of the sending or receiving pits. This pull box is buried to existing grade for surface-level access and will be utilized for future maintenance and replacement work to avoid the need for future drilling below the creek. 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 creek. Project equipment and staging

will be restricted to urban, upland habitats and will not encroach upon the banks of Laguna Creek. The Laguna Creek HDD activity is anticipated to be completed by June 2026, after the California Department of Fish and Wildlife Streambed Alteration Agreement is obtained. The work 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 §15303, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures | ☒ |
| Statutory Exemptions; CEQA Guidelines §15304, Minor Alterations to Land Minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored; | ☐ |

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 Project is exempt under CEQA Guidelines § 15303, which reads, "Class 3 consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures... Examples of this exemption include but are not limited to: (d) water main, sewage, electrical, gas, and other utility extensions, including street improvements, of reasonable length to serve such construction." SMUD has also determined that the project description meets the criteria for exemption under CEQA Guidelines §15304, which reads, "Class 4 consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees... Examples include, but are not limited to: (f) Minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored." The Project involves the extension of existing, underground 12 kV distribution lines to connect existing infrastructure on either side of Laguna Creek and will require the excavation of two small, upland excavations which will serve as the bore sending and receiving pits, including one 6' x 8' pull box, that will be restored to pre-project conditions upon Project completion. Therefore, the Project is exempt in accordance with CEQA Guidelines §15303 & 15304.

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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		\$	

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SIGNATURE

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AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE

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