



# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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**From:** Sacramento Municipal Utility District  
6201 S Street, MS B209  
Sacramento, CA 95817

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**Lead Agency:** Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD)

**Project Title:** Acquisition of 6650 Asher Lane, Sacramento, CA 95828

**Project Applicant:** SMUD

**Project Location:** The proposed acquisition is 6650 Asher Lane in Sacramento, California

**Project Description:** SMUD intends to purchase the property at 6650 Asher Lane, Sacramento, CA 95828 to proactively support expected future growth in the Elder Creek, Fruitridge, and Florin neighborhoods. In order for SMUD to reliably support long term growth in this area as increased electrification of existing customers continues, along with new customers coming into this area, SMUD is forecasting the need for another distribution substation in this general area. Although there are no immediate plans to construct a new substation, acquiring the property at this time will enable SMUD to respond promptly to future load growth as needed. There is no design, project footprint, capacity, or construction schedule that exists. Future use of the site is speculative; therefore, CEQA review for any project that would occur will be performed at the appropriate time.

**Name of Public Agency Approving the Project:** SMUD

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out the Project:** SMUD

**Exempt Status (Check One)**

- Ministerial (CEQA PRC Section 21080(b)(1); CEQA Guidelines Section 15268)
- Declared Emergency (CEQA PRC Section 21080(b)(3); CEQA Guidelines Section 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (CEQA PRC Section 21080(b)(4); CEQA Guidelines Section 15269(b)(c))
- Categorical Exemption (CEQA PRC Section 21080(b)(9), 21084; CEQA Guidelines Section 15302, Replacement and Reconstruction)
- Common Sense Exemption (CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3))
- Statutory Exemptions


**Reasons Why Project is Exempt:**

SMUD has reviewed and determined that the Project is exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) (Common Sense Exemption). Section 15061(b)(3) states that

“The activity is covered by the common sense exemption that CEQA only applies to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA.” The proposed activity consists solely of the acquisition of real property. No construction, ground disturbance, or operational activities are authorized or approved as part of this action. Any future development of the site would be subject to separate discretionary approvals and independent CEQA review. There is no design, footprint, capacity, or construction schedule that exists. Future use of the site is speculative. CEQA review for any project that would occur will be performed at the appropriate time, therefore this purchase is considered exempt in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3).

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Signed by Lead Agency

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