



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Lead Agency: Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD)

Project Title: Hurley Unit 1 Replacement Project

Project Applicant: SMUD

Project Location: The project site is an existing substation located at 2018 Hurley Way in the city of Sacramento, California.

Project Description: The Hurley Unit 1 Replacement Project (Project) consists of replacing an aging 224-megavolt-ampere (MVA) transformer, tertiary structures, and buswork. The existing equipment associated with Unit 1 will be removed, including the surrounding grounding grid which is approximately 18-inches deep. A new 224-MVA transformer will be placed in the same location on a new concrete pad foundation. Additional related infrastructure, such as 12kV tertiary structures, bus support structures, and the drilled piers needed to support them, will also be placed within the same general area. The Project will also include modification and/or replacement of support infrastructure (i.e. switch pole, tap pole, pull box, conduit, grounding, etc.) to service the new transformer. Surface excavation will be required, reaching depths of up to 6 feet for the transformer foundation and up to 14 feet for the drilled piers supporting the tertiary and bus structures. The new substation structures will be similar in height to the existing ones. The overall footprint of the existing substation will remain the same.

Construction is expected to begin in October 2027 and be completed by March 2028.

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 Sections 15301 (Existing Facilities) and 15302 (Replacement or 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 categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to Sections 15301 (Existing Facilities) and 15302 (Replacement and Reconstruction). Section 15301 applies to projects that consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alternations of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination. Section 15302 states that "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..." Thus, the Project will involve the repair and minor alternation of an existing substation facility resulting in no change or expansion of use; and the replacement of an existing transformer in the same location and serving the same purpose and capacity. Therefore, no further environmental review is required.

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