



## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**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

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County of Sacramento  
P.O. Box 839  
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**Lead Agency:** Sacramento Municipal Utility District

**Project Title:** SMUD Reliable, Equitable, and Accessible Charging for multi-family Housing (REACH 2) Phase 2 Project

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

**Project Location:** Sacramento County - Multiple locations throughout Sacramento County, listed below.

**Project Description:** SMUD proposes to construct and operate 400 level 2 Electrical Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations at up to 50 multifamily housing sites located in SMUD's Service Area. This project will provide access for residents in approximately 3500 housing units. The physical addresses are:

- 7575 Power Inn Rd, Sacramento, CA 95828
- 7337 Power Inn Rd, Sacramento, CA 95828
- 6058 Riverside Blvd, Sacramento, CA 95831
- 9201 Madison Ave, Orangevale, CA 95662
- 935 Commons Dr, Sacramento, CA 95825
- 2311 American River Dr, Sacramento, CA 95825

Construction of the electric vehicle charging infrastructure at these 6 locations will consist of digging, trenching, and other construction activities for installation of Level 2 chargers, potential replacement, or installation of 208 to 480 voltage alternating current down power transformers, and installation of power cabinets and switch gear to support the EV charging equipment. The installation of the EVSE chargers and transformers may require installation of conduit and underground cables to connect to existing infrastructure. All electrical conduits will be installed via trenching or underground directional boring. The construction crews will follow established best management practices for soil management during all ground disturbing activities. Where necessary the parking lots will be repaired once all work has been completed. All work completed on traffic paths of travel will utilize traffic management plans. The project is scheduled to begin March 2026 and be completed by December 2026.

**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)**

- 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)(2) & (4); CEQA Guidelines §15269(b)(c)(d))
- Categorical Exemption (CEQA PRC §21080(b)(9), 21084; CEQA Guidelines §15301, Existing Facilities (b) Existing facilities of both investor and publicly owned utilities used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility services; §15304 (f) Minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored)
- 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 REACH 2 Phase 2 Project is exempt under CEQA Guidelines §15301, Class 1 Existing Facilities (b) Existing facilities of both investor and publicly owned utilities used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility services. The Class 1 exemption applies to 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 use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination" and § 15304 (f), Minor Alterations to Land, "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 except for forestry or agricultural purposes. Examples include but are not limited to: Minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored." The REACH 2 Phase 2 Project involves minor alterations to land and the trenching or underground directional boring for installation of conduit and therefore is considered exempt in accordance with CEQA Guidelines §15304 (f) and §15301(b)

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March 11, 2026

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Sacramento Municipal Utility District  
Lead Agency

Signed by lead agency