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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Lead Agency: Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD)

Project Title: Winding Way and New York Avenue Substation Transformer Replacement Project

Project Applicant: SMUD

Project Location: The project site is an existing substation located at 7841 Winding Way in the community of Fair Oaks in Sacramento County.

Project Description: The Winding Way and New York Avenue Substation Transformer Replacement Project consists of the removal and installation of two transformer/switchgear units. Scope of work to include demo of existing site, new foundation installation, new conduit, and new grounding with (4) ground wells at 135 ft deep. Perimeter wall and internal retaining wall will be maintained, and all internal equipment will be replaced. The substation is currently sized at 25 MVA and will be upsized to 40MVA. Surface excavation will be required for the removal and reconstruction of the new transformer and switchgear concrete foundation pad with a surrounding sub-grade oil containment area. Oil containment will be located under or directly near the transformers. Modifications and/or replacement of support infrastructure (i.e. switch pole, tap pole, pull box, conduit, grounding, etc.) to service the new transformer and switchgear will also occur. Due to the location of the transformer, all construction activities will occur Monday through Friday, 7am to no later than 6pm. Any work that may occur on Sundays shall be between 9am and 6pm to comply with local noise ordinance requirements.

Civil construction is scheduled to begin October 2026 and is anticipated to complete in 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 Section15268)	☐
Declared Emergency (CEQA PRC Section 21080(b)(3); CEQA Guidelines Section15269(a))	☐
Emergency Project (CEQA PRC Section 21080(b)(4); CEQA Guidelines Section 15269(b)(c))	☐
Categorical Examption (CEQA PRC Section 21080(b)(9), 21084; CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301 (Existing Facilties) and 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction))	☒
Common Sense Exemption (CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3))	☒
Statutory Exemptions	☐

Reasons Why Project is Exempt: SMUD has 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 consist 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 alteration of an existing substation facility resulting in no change or expansion of use; and the replacement of an existing transformer and switchgear in the same location and serving the same purpose and capacity. Therefore, no further environmental review is required. The General rule exemption in Section 15061 (b)(3) states that "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 project will serve the same purpose and capacity as the existing transformer. All work will be within the footprint of the site. Thus, the project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

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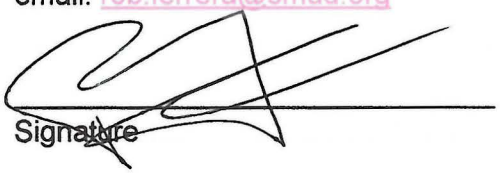

Signature

October 22, 2026
Date

Rob Ferrera
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Sacramento Municipal Utility District
Lead Agency

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