



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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Lead Agency: Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD)

Project Title: Hedge Battery Energy Storage System Project

Project Applicant: SMUD, 6201 S Street, MS H201, Sacramento, CA 95818-1899

Project Location: The project is located at 9268 Tokay Lane within SMUD's Hedge Training Center in unincorporated Sacramento County.

Project Description: The Hedge Battery Energy Storage System Project (Project) consists of constructing a 6-megawatt (MW) / 12-megawatt-hour (MWh) battery energy storage system within a 100' X 120' area that is located in the upper portion of the southeast quadrant of the Hedge Training Center. The solar array cluster currently occupying and surrounding the project site will be decommissioned and removed before constructing the Project. The Project will include three individual battery containers with associated support equipment (i.e. inverter, transformer, switchgear, metering, etc.). Minor surface excavation will be required for the establishment of two concrete base pads for the energy storage equipment. In addition, up to 150' of trenching at a depth of four to six feet will be required for the installation of electrical conduit from the energy storage system to the utility pole line located along the eastern property line.

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)
- Common Sense Exemption (CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3))
- Statutory Exemptions

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

SMUD has reviewed the proposed Project and has identified that it qualifies for an exemption from CEQA pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) (Common Sense Exemption) of the State CEQA Guidelines (Division 6 of Chapter 3 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations). The activity is covered by the Common Sense Exemption that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. When 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. No special circumstances exist that the proposed Project would create a significant adverse effect on the environment (i.e. no sensitive species or habitats, no hazardous sites, no scenic highways, no historic resources, etc.). Therefore, the proposed project qualifies for the exemption under CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) and no further environmental review is required.

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