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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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From: Sacramento Municipal Utility District
6201 S Street, MS H201
Sacramento, CA 95817-1899

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Lead Agency: Sacramento Municipal Utility District

Project Title: Galt Substation Project

Project Applicant: Sacramento Municipal Utility District, 6201 S Street, MS H201, Sacramento, CA 95817-1899

Project Location: Sacramento County - The project site is located at 720 A Street in Galt, California, within the median surrounded by 7th, A, and B Streets. The area surrounding the proposed project is primarily high-density residential, mixed-use, and commercial land uses.

Project Description: SMUD owns, and the City of Galt maintains, the entire property - known as SMUD Park. SMUD is proposing to expand the existing substation within the park from 0.11 acres to 0.24 acres to replace the 12.5 MVA transformer and associated substation equipment. The new transformer will be located approximately 54 feet to the east of the old one to meet modern fire protection standards. Approximately 3 to 5 feet of soil will be excavated to install the new transformer and associated substation equipment and will be backfilled with compacted Class II Aggregate Base. The ground conditions in the substation area are made up of crushed gravel. Civil work will be done to move the substation equipment. This work includes adding an oil containment pit, with oil minder sump control and a battery slab. Additionally, some of the underground conduit will need to be relocated which houses the 12kV feeder getaways, capacitor bank cables, and off-site power cables. Lastly, new grounding will be installed throughout the new substation footprint, including grounding around the new equipment, placed 18 inches from the foundations. A new concrete driveway will be constructed from A Street, a decorative precast concrete wall will be constructed to enclose the substation, and the substation gate will be replaced. The substation will also be beautified with drought tolerant landscaping comprised of native plants. Up to 8 trees on the property will be removed. New drought tolerant trees will be replanted outside the substation footprint once construction is complete. The site of the substation is listed as parks in the City of Galt's General Plan.

Construction is anticipated to start in August 2019 or soon thereafter and last for approximately 12 months

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)

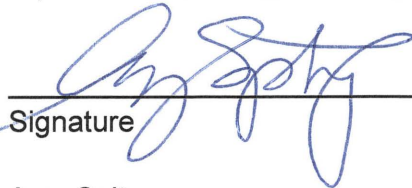
- Ministerial (CEQA PRC §21080(b)(1); CEQA Guidelines §15268)
- Declared Emergency (CEQA PRC §21080(b)(3); CEQA Guidelines §15269(a))
- Emergency Project (CEQA PRC §21080(b)(4); CEQA Guidelines §15269(b)(c))
- Categorical Exemption (CEQA PRC §21080(b)(9), 21084; CEQA Guidelines §15302(d), Replacement or Reconstruction & §15303(d), New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures)
- 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 Galt Substation Project is exempt under CEQA Guidelines §15301(b), New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures which reads "Class 1 consists of 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 "(b) existing facilities of both investor and publicly-owned utilities used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility services"..., § 15302, Replacement or reconstruction, which reads, "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 ..." and "(c) Replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity, and §15303(d), New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures which reads "Class 3 consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure..." and "(d) Water main, sewage, electrical, gas, and other utility extensions, including street improvements, of reasonable length to serve such construction." The Galt Substation Project involves the replacement of existing substation equipment and underground conduit, and construction of an oil containment pit with oil minder sump control and a battery slab within the existing footprint, and therefore is considered exempt in accordance with CEQA Guidelines §15301, §15302, and §15303.

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Signed by Lead Agency
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