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## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044  
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

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

County of Sacramento Clerk/  
Recorder  
P.O. Box 839  
Sacramento, CA 95812 -0839

**Lead Agency:** Sacramento Municipal Utility District

**Project Title:** Evergreen Royal Oaks Feeder 1203 Extension

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

**Project Location:** Sacramento County - The project is located along the utility line beginning approximately 300 feet south of Lathrop Way along the west side of Commerce Drive, to the southwest corner of 1900 Railroad Drive, near the American River Parkway. The area surrounding the proposed project is primarily light industrial land use and open space associated with the American River Parkway.

**Project Description:** SMUD's existing single electrical circuit is not able to meet the demand for service required by new conditional use permits for adjacent indoor cultivation businesses on Railroad Drive. SMUD is proposing to extend the Evergreen Royal Oaks 1203 feeder circuit to Railroad Drive to be able to serve these customers. Overhead work will consist of reconductoring approximately 1,025 feet of overhead 12 kilovolt (kV) wire, adding a capacitor bank, building approximately 175 feet of new overhead 12kV wire, installing one new pole, and replacing three existing poles. Work on underground circuits near Lathrop Way will consist of approximately 1,675 feet of trenching and 100 feet of directional boring to install two 6-inch schedule 40 conduits. Trenches will then be backfilled with slurry and native soils. Four high voltage pull boxes (48 in. x 72 in. x 42 in) will be installed. When trenching encroaches into the drip line of protected trees, an air tool will be used for excavation under the supervision of an ISA certified arborist. Using this technique, minimal to no impact on valley oaks are expected.

Construction is anticipated to start as early as February 2020 or soon thereafter and last for approximately 22 days.

**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)**

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| Ministerial (CEQA PRC §21080(b)(1); CEQA Guidelines §15268)  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Declared Emergency (CEQA PRC §21080(b)(3); CEQA Guidelines §15269(a))  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Emergency Project (CEQA PRC §21080(b)(4); CEQA Guidelines §15269(b)(c))  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Categorical Exemption (CEQA PRC §21080(b)(9), 21084; CEQA Guidelines §15302, Replacement or Reconstruction, and §15303(d), New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Statutory Exemptions   | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

**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 Evergreen Royal Oaks Feeder 1203 Extension Project is exempt under CEQA Guidelines § 15302 which states that Class 2 Exemptions consist 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 §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 Evergreen Royal Oaks Feeder 1203 Extension Project involves the extension of an existing line for new service by laying a small amount of underground conduit and associated pull-boxes, replacing three existing utility poles, and installing one new pole, and therefore is considered exempt in accordance with CEQA Guidelines §15302 and §15303.

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Date

Sacramento Municipal Utility District  
Lead Agency

Signed by Lead Agency



Signed by Lead Applicant



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