



# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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**From:** Sacramento Municipal Utility District  
6201 S Street, MS B209  
Sacramento, CA 95817

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**Lead Agency:** Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD)

**Project Title:** SMUD Utility Pole 1242 Replacement Project

**Project Applicant:** SMUD, 6201 S Street, MS B209, Sacramento, CA 95817

**Project Location:** The project site is located at the northwest corner of the intersection of 21<sup>st</sup> Street and R Street.

**Project Description:** The SMUD Utility Pole 1242 Replacement Project (Project) consists of replacing an approximately 80-foot high 115-kilovolt (kV) wood utility pole with a new 91-foot high steel pole in the same location. The replacement pole will be at near equal diameter as the existing pole at ground base level. The purpose of the pole replacement is to provide additional height clearance and increase reliability of SMUD's transmission line system.

**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; CEQA Guidelines Section 15302, Replacement or Reconstruction)
- Common Sense Exemption (CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3))
- Statutory Exemptions

**Reasons Why Project is Exempt:**

SMUD has reviewed and determined that the Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to Section 15302 (Replacement and Reconstruction). 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 consists of replacing an existing utility pole with a replacement pole in the same location that would result in no change or expansion of use. Therefore, no further environmental review is required.

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