

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Lead Agency: Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD)

Project Title: Kalamazoo Substation Unit 2 Switchgear Replacement Project

Project Applicant: SMUD

Project Location: The project site is an existing substation located at 7436 Kalamazoo Drive in

the City of Citrus Heights; APN: 233-0081-005.

**Project Description:** The Kalamazoo Substation Unit 2 Switchgear Replacement Project (Project) consists of replacing an aging 12-kilovolt (kV) switchgear unit that is in the northeast quadrant of the substation site. The new switchgear will be placed in the same location. Surface excavation will be required for the removal and construction of a new switchgear concrete foundation pad. A battery system containing 48-volt batteries within a covered enclosure to power the switchgear relays will be placed to the west of the new switchgear unit. The Project will also include modification and/or replacement of support infrastructure (i.e. conduit, telecom, etc.).

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)  |  |  |
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| 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 Facilities) and 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 Sections 15301 (Existing Facilities) and 15302 (Replacement and Reconstruction). Section 15301 applies to projects that consists 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 alternation of an existing substation facility resulting in no change or expansion of use; and the replacement of an existing switchgear unit in the same location and serving the same purpose and capacity. Therefore, no further environmental review is required.

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