

**Notice of Exemption**

**Appendix E**

**TO:** Office of Planning and Research  
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**FROM:** Central Valley Flood Protection Board  
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**Project Title:** Permit No. 19781: Natomas Levee Improvement Program (NLIP) / Landside Improvements Project Phase 3: Electrical Poles and Overhead Crossing

**Project Applicant (if any):** Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD)

**Project Location/Address/City/County:** This project is located on Garden Highway, approximately 300 feet south from the intersection of Garden Highway and Interstate 5.

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** To authorize existing five (5) electrical poles located along the waterside of the Sacramento River East Levee and existing three (3) levee overhead cable crossing, between stations 446+00 and 452+50 (Stations Reference to Natomas Levee Improvement Program - NLIP). The poles and the overhead cables were required to be installed during the construction of the NLIP. This work is associated with NLIP under Master Permit 18159-4, authorized by the Board on May 3, 2010, and was previously constructed in compliance with California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Division 1.

**Public Agency Approving Project:** Central Valley Flood Protection Board (Board)

**Public Agency/Person Carrying Out Project:** SMUD

**Exempt Status:**

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Common Sense Exemption (CEQA Sec. 15061(b)(3))
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Sec. 15301 Existing Facilities
- Statutory Exemption. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reasons Why Project is Exempt:**

The project is exempt from CEQA under the Class 1, Existing Facilities categorical exemption (CEQA California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15301), because the activity 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. No expansion of existing or former use will occur. Further, none of the exceptions to the exemption in CEQA California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15300.2 apply.

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Signature                      Chris Lief, Executive Officer                      Date

- Signed by Lead Agency                       Signed by Responsible Agency

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Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.  
 Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.