

Notice of Determination**Appendix D****To:**

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SUBJECT: *Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.*

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): N/A

Project Title: El Dorado Cloud Seeding Program Expansion Project Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration Addendum

Project Applicant: Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD)

Project Location (include county): The existing 444-square-mile cloud seeding area is located primarily in El Dorado County, California, east of Sacramento County and west of the Tahoe Basin, but includes small portions of Placer, Amador, and Alpine counties.

Project Description: The SMUD Board of Directors adopted an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) (State Clearinghouse No. 2017052041) and approved the El Dorado Cloud Seeding Program Expansion Project (Project) on October 19, 2017. The Project increased the cloud seeding area from 190 square miles to 444 square miles, and expanded the mix of techniques used to disperse silver iodide nuclei. The cloud seeding techniques included a combination of stationary ground-based units, aircraft, and mobile units transported to selected sites.

For using aircrafts, the IS/MND only evaluated the use of wing-mounted burn-in-place flare racks that allowed silver iodide flares to be burned in any quantity throughout the flight. Since adoption of the IS/MND, the use of silver iodide ejectable flares as a supplemental method for aerial cloud seeding has been proposed for the Project. As a result, the Addendum discusses only those impacts which have the potential to be affected by the proposed use of ejectable flares. The Addendum does not affect the remainder of the IS/MND and the IS/MND continues to serve as the appropriate document addressing the environmental impacts of the Project pursuant to CEQA.

This is to advise that the Sacramento Municipal Utility District has approved as (Lead Agency or Responsible Agency) the above described Project on 9/15/2020 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project.

1. The project [will will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
 A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
 A Subsequent or Supplemental EIR [was was not] required and an Addendum to a previously adopted MND was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. New or revised mitigation measures [were were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [was was not] adopted for this project.

- 5. A statement of Overriding Considerations [was was not] adopted for this project.
- 6. Findings [were were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the Addendum to the El Dorado Cloud Seeding Program Expansion IS/MND is available to the General Public at:
Sacramento Municipal Utility District, 6201 S Street, Sacramento, CA 95817-1899

Signature (Public Agency): Jerry Park Title: Environmental Management Specialist

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