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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21108.

State Clearinghouse Number (SCH No.): 2009112025

Project Title: Permit No. 19732 – American River Watershed Common Features Project / Natomas PACR / Natomas Levee Improvement Program, Phase 4b Landside Improvements Project, SMUD Utility Relocation

Project Applicant: SMUD

Lead Agency/Address: Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency, 1007 7<sup>th</sup> Street, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Sacramento, CA, 95814

Lead Agency Contact Person: John Bassett (916) 874-7606

Project Location/City/County: The project is located along the Garden Highway beginning from the intersection of Garden Highway and Gateway Oaks drive and ending approximately 375 feet west from the intersection of Garden Highway and Arden Garden Connector, in Sacramento County.

Project Description: Approval of Permit No. 19732, under California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Article 3, Section 6, for work within an adopted plan of flood control: To authorize installation of twenty four (24) new power poles (10 steel & 14 wood poles) along the landside portion of the Garden Hwy, remove forty one (41) existing wooden poles from the landside and waterside portion of the Garden Highway levee, replace-in-place two (2) existing poles (1 steel & 1 wood poles) from the landside portion of the Garden Highway, and three (3) poles (2 wood and 1 steel pole) are to remain on the landside portion of the Garden Highway. The new utility pole line will be installed and then the existing poles will be topped, and the electrical overhead lines will be removed. The bottom portion of the existing pole along with the communication utilities will remain until they are relocated. This utility relocation project is required for the Natomas Basin Civil Works Project.

This is to advise that the Board, as the **Responsible Agency**, approved the above-described project on June 15, 2023 and made the following determinations regarding the above-described project:

1. The project [ will /  will not] have a significant effect on the environment (This determination is limited to effects within the Board’s permitting jurisdiction as a responsible agency).
2. [ An Environmental Impact Report (EIR) /  A Mitigated Negative Declaration] was prepared by the lead agency for the original project.
3. Additional mitigation measures [ were /  were not] made a condition of the Board’s approval of the project.
4. A Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan [ was /  was not] adopted by the Board for this project
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations [ was /  was not] adopted by the Board for this project.
6. Findings [ were /  were not] made by the Board pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

**Responsible Agency Statement:** The EIR, prepared by the lead agency for the project, is available to the general public at the lead agency’s office listed above. The Board’s administrative record related to the encroachment permit is available for public review at the Board’s office.

<i>ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:</i>		June 15, 2023
Signature	Chris Lief, Executive Officer	Date

Date Received for filing at OPR:

Authority cited: Sections 21083, Public Resources Code.  
Reference: Sections 21100-21174, Public Resources Code.