

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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**From:** Sacramento Municipal Utility District  
6201 S Street, MS H201  
Sacramento, CA 95817-1899

County of Solano Clerk  
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Fairfield, CA 94533

**Lead Agency:** Sacramento Municipal Utility District

**Project Title:** SMUD Collinsville Property Debris Cleanup Project

**Project Proponent:** Sacramento Municipal Utility District, 6201 S Street, MS H201,  
Sacramento, CA 95817-1899

**Project Location:** Solano County - The project site is located east and north of Stratton Lane and west of Talbert Lane in unincorporated Solano County, California. The area surrounding the proposed project is primarily non-native annual grassland used for dryland farming and grazing.

**Project Description:** SMUD is proposing to remove and dispose of cement foundation debris which is remaining from EDF Renewables Kennetech wind turbines from the Solano Wind Resource Area. There were approximately 59 Kennetech turbines with 3 to 4 foundations supporting each turbine. The foundations are 1 to 2 feet in diameter and are 8 to 10 feet deep. SMUD is proposing to remove the concrete foundations with a backhoe and backfill the holes with native soil or crushed aggregate. The debris will be hauled offsite using a dump truck and all debris will be disposed of at an appropriate landfill. Other facilities such as transformers, associated electrical equipment, concrete pads, and transformer boxes will also be cleaned up and disposed of in accordance with local and state laws and regulations. The ground surface will be leveled to conform with the surrounding grade. The site will be accessed using existing paved and gravel roads. The project is anticipated to start in July 2019 or soon thereafter and last for approximately 3 months.

**Name of Public Agency Approving the Project:** Sacramento Municipal Utility District

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out the Project:** Sacramento Municipal Utility District

**Exempt Status (Check One)**

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| Ministerial (CEQA PRC §21080(b)(1); CEQA Guidelines §15268)   | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Declared Emergency (CEQA PRC §21080(b)(3); CEQA Guidelines §15269(a))   | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Emergency Project (CEQA PRC §21080(b)(4); CEQA Guidelines §15269(b)(c))   | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Categorical Exemption (CEQA PRC §21080(b)(9), 21084; CEQA Guidelines §15061 (b)(3) General Rule Exemption and §15304 Minor Alterations to Land) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |




**Reasons Why Project is Exempt:**

Under CEQA Guidelines §15062, a lead agency must identify the rationale for making the determination that a project is exempt under CEQA. SMUD has determined that the Collinsville Property Debris Cleanup Project is exempt under CEQA Guidelines §15061 (b)(3) General Rule Exemption which reads "Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA" §15304, Minor Alterations to Land, which reads, "Class 4 consists of minor alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation that do not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes including grading on slopes of less than 10%, landscaping, and minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored..." The Collinsville Property Debris Cleanup Project involves the removal of concrete foundations and minor site restoration, and will not result in any change to the existing landscape and therefore is considered exempt in accordance with CEQA Guidelines §15061 and §15304.

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June 27, 2019  
Date

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Lead Agency

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Signed by Lead Applicant

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