



# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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**Lead Agency:** Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD)

**Project Title:** Truxel Substation Unit 1 Transformer and Switchgear Upgrade Project

**Project Applicant:** SMUD

**Project Location:** The project site is an existing substation located at 2951 Truxel Road in the City of Sacramento; APN: 225-0230-018.

**Project Description:** The Truxel Substation Unit 1 Transformer and Switchgear Upgrade Project (Project) consists of replacing an aging 20-megavolt-ampere (MVA) transformer and associated switchgear that is in the southeast quadrant of the substation site. A new 20-MVA transformer and switchgear will be placed in the same area with slight adjustments in orientation. Surface excavation will be required for the removal and construction of a new transformer and switchgear concrete foundation pad. The Project will also include modification and/or replacement of support infrastructure (i.e. switch pole, tap pole, conduit, grounding, etc.) to service the new transformer and switchgear. The existing fuse cubicle will be moved to the northwest corner of the substation and the existing battery system will be moved to the north side of the transformer to make room for the new equipment. Two 69-kilovolt (kV) utility poles located outside and adjacent to the northern substation wall may be relocated to adjust the power line alignment to the new transformer.

**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 Section 15268)
- Declared Emergency (CEQA PRC Section 21080(b)(3); CEQA Guidelines Section 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (CEQA PRC Section 21080(b)(4); CEQA Guidelines Section 15269(b)(c))
- Categorical Exemption (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 transformer and switchgear in the same location and serving the same purpose and capacity. Therefore, no further environmental review is required.

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