



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Lead Agency: Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD)

Project Title: SMUD Gas Pipeline 700B Electrolysis Test Station Fruitridge/66 Project

Project Applicant: SMUD

Project Location: The project site is located on Fruitridge Road that encompasses a work area from the centerline to the southern landscape corridor that is situated approximately 50 feet east of the Fruitridge Road/66th Street intersection.

Project Description: The Gas Pipeline 700B Electrolysis Test Station Fruitridge/66 Project (Project) consists of installing an “electrolysis test station” to SMUD’s existing 700B 20-inch diameter gas pipeline. The purpose of the test station is to allow SMUD to take electrical measurements for determining the adequacy of SMUD’s cathodic protection system and ensure compliance with NACE SP0169 standards. The installation of the test station will include minor excavation of a 6-foot-by-8-foot area to expose the pipeline near the centerline of Fruitridge Road; installation of a below-grade electrolysis test station unit with traffic rated box (17-inches-by-30-inches) within the southern landscape corridor along Fruitridge Road; and trenching a 12-inch-wide-by-30-inch-deep conduit channel from the pipeline to the test station unit for cable connection. Upon completing the test station installation, the excavated areas will be backfilled and restored to preexisting conditions.

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))
- 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). 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. Thus, the Project will involve the installation of an electrolysis test station that will result in no change or expansion of the existing gas pipeline use. Therefore, no further environmental review is required.

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Signed by Lead Agency

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