



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Sacramento Municipal Utility District
6201 S Street, MS B209
Sacramento, CA 95817-1899

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Lead Agency: Sacramento Municipal Utility District

Project Title: Telecom Fiber Optic Cable Replacement Site 1 Project

Project Applicant: Sacramento Municipal Utility District, 6201 S Street, MS B209, Sacramento, CA 95817-1899

Project Location: The project alignment is located in the Florin neighborhood in unincorporated central Sacramento County. The project alignment extends from a connection point starting at SMUD’s South City substation heading south for approximately 800 feet. At this point the alignment extends west across Franklin Boulevard and then continues for approximately 1,700 feet. At this point the alignment extends south approximately 600 feet ending at 51st street. Between these points, the project is generally located within road right of way and within easements located directly adjacent to and or beneath SMUD utility infrastructure. The project alignment is located within primarily industrial and or commercial and urban residential.

Project Description: The project involves the replacement of existing fiber optic cable installed on transmission poles. The fiber optic cables were originally installed in the 1990’s. All poles are located within existing right-of-way and utility easements. Trucks will be used to pull the cable from pole to pole.

Installation activities would likely take 4-weeks and are expected to begin August, 2021.

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)

- Ministerial (CEQA PRC §21080(b)(1); CEQA Guidelines §15268)
- Declared Emergency (CEQA PRC §21080(b)(3); CEQA Guidelines §15269(a))
- Emergency Project (CEQA PRC §21080(b)(4); CEQA Guidelines §15269(b)(c))

Categorical Exemption (CEQA PRC §21080(b)(9), 21084; CEQA Guidelines §15301(b) Existing Facilities, §15302, Replacement or Reconstruction & §15303(d), New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures)



Common Sense Exemption (CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3))



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 Telecom Fiber Replacement Project is exempt under CEQA Guidelines §15301(b), Existing Facilities which reads “Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration 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” and “(b) existing facilities of both investor and publicly-owned utilities used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility services”..., § 15302, Replacement or reconstruction, which reads, “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 ...” “(c) Replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity, and §15303(d), New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures which reads “Class 3 consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure...” and “(d) Water main, sewage, electrical, gas, and other utility extensions, including street improvements, of reasonable length to serve such construction.” Lastly, the commonsense exemption which states that “CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. 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.” The Telecom Fiber Optic Cable Replacement Site 1 Project involves the replacement of existing telecommunication equipment installed on existing utility poles located within road right of way or within existing utility easements, and therefore is considered exempt in accordance with CEQA Guidelines §15301, §15302, §15303, and §15061.

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